



## FUTSAL ESCOCIA YOUTH WINTER LEAGUE

### LEAGUE RULES 2002/21

The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game have been slightly adapted to suit youth futsal and to make any easy transition from football to futsal.

#### **The Ball**

- All games will be played with a size 3 (youth futsal) ball. A futsal ball is slightly heavier than a football with less bounce, encouraging the game to be played on the deck. Match balls have been provided to all teams.

#### **The Pitch**

- As in football, in futsal you are confined by the lines/markings on a pitch. Players are allowed to enter any area on the field of play.

#### **Team Rules**

- A maximum of 10 players (9 advised) can be used in any match with 5 on the pitch at any time. Each player should be eligible to play at the age group of the tournament. Each Player should wear shinpads and indoor footwear.

Bibs will be used in an event of a colour clash.

#### **Start of Play**

- At the start of play and after each goal, centre is taking. Only 1 player is required. The ball must go back at centre. No shooting direct from kick off.

#### **Substitutions**

- Subs can be made at any time. Players must enter and leave the field of play at the teams allocated bench. **A player cannot enter the field of play until the player coming off has left the field.** Subs to wear bibs.

#### **Retreat Line**

- Liga 6 and Liga 7 ONLY. Once the goalkeeper has the ball, the opposing team must retreat behind the red line around a third of the court back. Should the keeper wish to play quickly and counter-attack before the team retreats they can do so. Teams are to retreat asap.

#### **Kick-ins**

- Kick-ins should be taken as near to where the ball left the field of play as possible.
- The ball must be stationary before the kick in is taken.
- Once the ball is in the players possession, they have 4 seconds to take the kick in. Should the player take longer than the allocated 4 seconds a kick-in is awarded to the opposing team.
- Opposing players must be 5 metres back from the player taking the kick-in.
- Goals cannot be scored from a kick-in.

### **Corners**

- As per a kick-in the player has 4 seconds once in possession of the ball. Opposing players must be 5 metres from the kicker.
- Goals can be scored from corners.

### **Goalkeepers**

- Goalkeepers are allowed out the penalty area but cannot handle the ball out of the penalty area.
- All goal kicks should be thrown or rolled out by hand. GK cannot kick from hand at any time.
- The keeper has 4 seconds for any goal kick once in possession of the ball.

### **Back Passes**

- Pass backs cannot be picked up
- An indirect free kick will be awarded for any deliberate pass back picked up
- Should the goalkeeper roll the ball out to a player, that player cannot pass the ball back to the goal keeper.

The ball must reach another player before going back to the keeper (adapted FIFA rules).

### **Accumulated Fouls**

- Each team will be allowed to give away 3 direct free kicks per half (normally 5). On the fourth direct free kick and any foul thereafter, a 10 metre penalty will be awarded to the opposing team.

### **Penalties**

- Any foul in the penalty area is awarded with a penalty kick. the goalkeeper must remain on the line for the penalty and all players behind the penalty taker.

### **Match Duration**

- Matches will be 2 x 20 minute halves.

TEAMS MUST ADHERE TO ALLOCATED FIXTURE TIMES (45 MINUTES PER GAME)

### **Head Height**

- There is no head height restrictions, however, teams are encouraged to play with the ball on the ground as much as possible.

### **Uneven matches**

- If there is 5 goals between the teams, teams can add a player (losing) or remove a player (winning). We recommend removing a player and keeping players on the court for reduced times. Please report any massive differences in teams for restructuring over the festive period.

### **Cautions**

- During the tournament I'd ask for all coaches to remove any player guilty of a bad challenge or foul language. Yellow or reds cards should not be necessary and have a common-sense approach to each game.

### **Coaches Check List**

- Match Ball (put team name and age on the ball)
- Bibs for substitutes (event of a colour clash)
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to kick off (wait outside the hall)
- Follow venues guidelines
- Sanitise hands at the sanitising stations
- Temperature checks for all players and coaches
- Adhere to allocated fixture times (45 minutes)
- All players to wear indoor footwear and shinpads
- ENJOY THE MATCHES, RESPECT YOUR OPPONENT
- Home team to input match result