

THE ANATOMY OF FUTSAL

FUTSAL

5 PLAYERS

GOALKEEPER, DEFENDER (FIXO),
LEFT AND RIGHT WINGERS (ALA),
AND TARGET (PIVOT)

UNLIMITED SUBS

20-MINUTE HALVES

KICK IN

SIZE #4 BALL (U13 & OLDER)

SIZE #3 BALL (U12-U9)

SIZE #2 BALL
(RARELY USED; U8 & BELOW)

SOCCER

11 PLAYERS

GOALKEEPER, DEFENDER,
MIDFIELDER, FORWARD

THREE SUBS

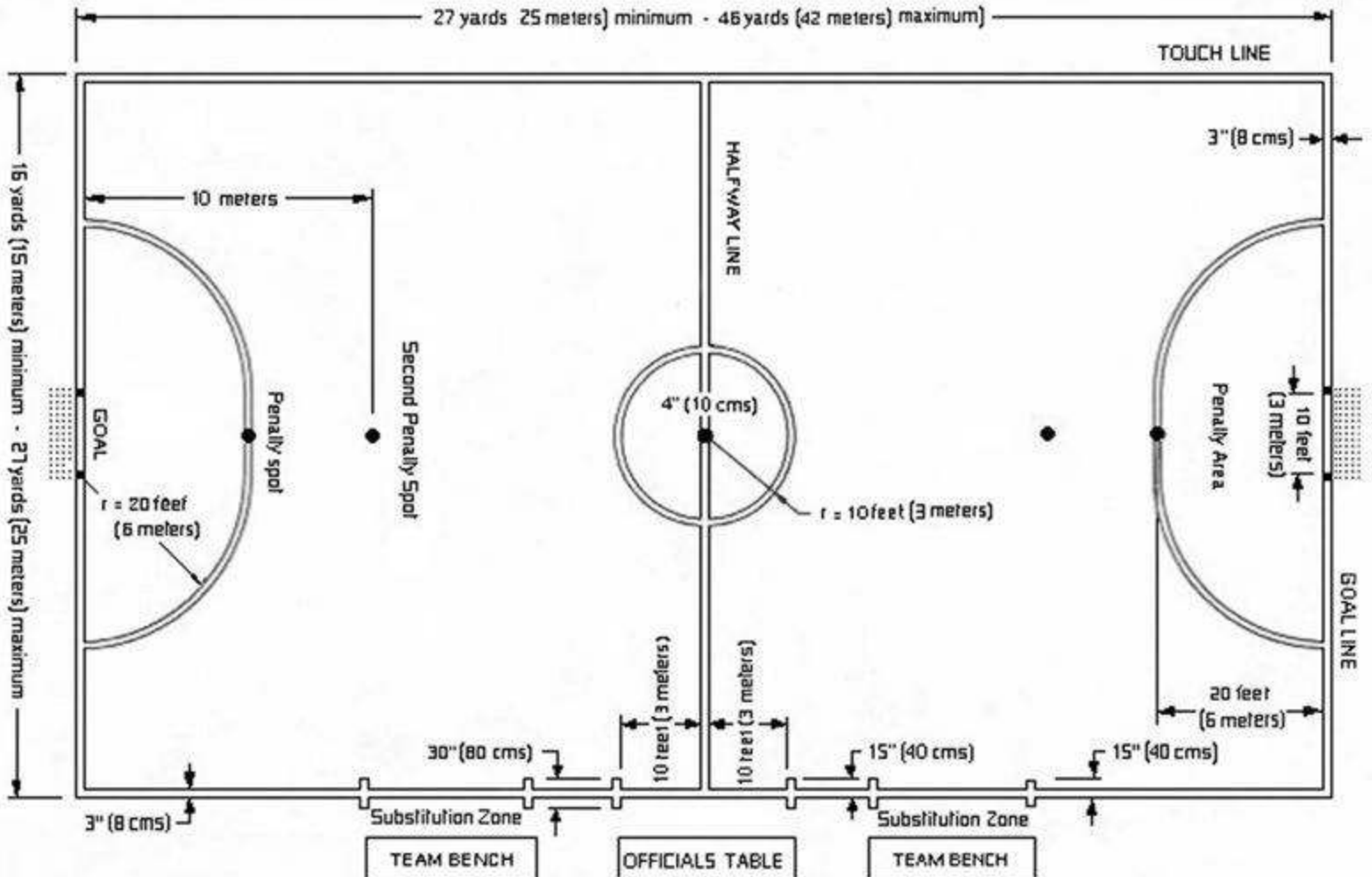
45-MINUTE HALVES

THROW IN

SIZE #5 BALL (U13 & OLDER)

SIZE #4 BALL (U12-U9)

SIZE #3 BALL (U8 & BELOW)



If official dimensions are required, you are advised to use metric measurements.

FUTSAL VERSUS SOCCER

SIMILARITIES

SCORING

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided that no offence has been committed by the team scoring the goal.

BALL IN/ OUT OF PLAY

When the ball has wholly passed over the goal line or touchline on the floor or in the air; the referees have stopped play.

KICK-OFF

Kick-offs occur at the beginning of each half and after a goal is scored.

DIRECT FREE KICK

There are ten identical fouls that result in direct free kicks and if any one of these fouls occur in the penalty area, a penalty kick is awarded.

ADVANTAGE RULE

Allow play to continue when the team against which an offence has been committed stands to benefit from such an advantage and penalize the original offence if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time or within a few seconds.

YELLOW & RED CARDS

Cautions and sending-off offenses are also identical, and the procedure regarding free kicks is the same, although in Soccer all opponents must stay at least 9.15 meters from the ball until it is back in play where in Futsal, all opponents must stay at least 5 meters from the ball until it is back in play.



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DIFFERENCES

SIZE OF THE FIELD

International Matches - Max 42m x 25m; Min 38m x 20m
Non-International Matches - Max 42m x 25m; Min 25m x 16m

FIELD MARKINGS

The court must be rectangular and marked with continuous lines, which are not to be dangerous. These lines belong to the area of which they are boundaries and must be clearly distinguishable from the color of the pitch. When a multipurpose hall is used, other lines are permitted if they are a different color and clearly distinguishable from the futsal lines.

FIELD SURFACE

The surface of the pitch must be flat and smooth, and be comprised of non-abrasive surfaces, preferably made of wood or artificial material, according to the competition rules. Dangerous surfaces for players, team officials, and match officials are not permitted.

REFEREES

Two referees - the referee and the second referee who have full authority to enforce the Futsal Laws of the Game in connection with the match, control each match. Two assistant referees (third referee and a timekeeper) may be appointed to the match.

GAME DURATION

A futsal match lasts for two equal periods of 20 minutes of playing time, which may only be changed if permitted by competition rule.

ACCUMULATED FOULS

The sixth and each successive Direct Free Kick foul committed by a team in a half results in the awarding of a "kick from the second mark (10m spot)" to the opponent, unless committed in the offender's penalty area or if the opponent opts for restart from the spot of the foul.

OFFSIDE

There is no offside in Futsal.

RESTARTS

Kick in from the touchline within 4 seconds; ball over the goal line is a "Goal Clearance" where the goalkeeper throws the ball into play from inside the penalty area within 4 seconds.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitution Zones are the areas on the touchline in front of the team benches. A team's substitution zone is situated in the half of the pitch defended by the said team. Each team's substitution zone changes in the second half of the match and any required periods of extra time. An unlimited number of substitutions may be made during a match. A substitution may be made at any time, whether the ball is in play or not, except during a timeout.

PENALTY KICK

Taken from the penalty mark, 6 meters from the goal line. All players must be at least 5 meters from the kicker, except for the goalkeeper, who must remain in contact with the goal line until the penalty kick is taken.