

Differences between USSF/FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and Long Island Futsal League

FIFA / USSF	Long Island Futsal League
Pitch is marked with 2 penalty marks (1 st and 2 nd)	Only the penalty mark is used (no 2 nd mark)
On all kick restarts (not including Kick off), opponents must be a minimum of 5 yards away from the ball	Opponents must be 3 or 5 yards away from restart point, dependent upon the size of the field. (Smaller fields - 3 / larger fields - 5)
Each half is 20 minutes long and the clock stops when the ball is out of play. Halftime is not to exceed 15 minutes.	Each half is 25 minutes, running clock. Halftime is not to exceed 2 minutes. – Games must start on time
Each team is permitted 1 time-out a half	There are no time outs permitted
Coin toss determines who kicks off and side of pitch defended. Teams Change benches at half time	Home team kicks off, teams defend side of pitch their bench is on. Teams do not change benches at half time
Slide tackling is legal, as long as not performed in a careless or reckless manner.	No slide tackling permitted. Indirect free kick awarded if performed with no opponents within playing distance – Direct free kick / Penalty kick awarded when performed around opponents or within a player's own penalty area – NO SLIDING
An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if after releasing the ball from his possession, the goalkeeper receives it back from a team-mate without the ball first having been touched by an opponent	This only applies to U-13 and above. The U12 and younger age can pass back to the keeper (keeper must use feet) with no restrictions
On the taking of a penalty kick all players other than the kicker and goalkeeper must be behind the ball. After 5 th and subsequent Direct Accumulated Foul in the half, opponent is awarded a penalty kick	On the taking of a penalty kick all players other than the kicker and goalkeeper must be behind the halfway line. Accumulated foul rule is the same
A team who has a player sent off must play with one fewer player for 2 minutes or until the offended team scores	A team who has a player sent off must play with one fewer player for 3 minutes or until the offended team scores

Additional Points of Emphasis for Long Island Futsal

The Home Team is responsible for providing the futsal ball for the match – if the Home team does not have a futsal ball, one can be borrowed from the visiting team or the league if available. If no futsal ball is available, then the game cannot be played and will not be made up – it will be recorded as NG (no game).

ALL TEAMS MUST PRESENT THE OFFICIAL US YOUTH FUTSAL ROSTER (Detail Report), BEFORE EACH MATCH - NO OTHER FORMAT IS ACCEPTABLE IF TEAM CANNOT PRESENT AN OFFICIAL ROSTER, a hand written copy must be completed and submitted by the team and provided to the referee.

A report will be made by the referee and submitted to the League for review. The team will have one point deducted from the standings.

A team must have a certified supervisor. If no supervisor is present, the match cannot start or continue (if supervisor has been dismissed) Sports Googles may be worn if tied around the head and made of plastic. No “everyday” glasses permitted.

A team has a 5 minute grace period from the scheduled game start time in order to field meet all requirements, otherwise that team forfeits.

After gaining possession of the ball with his/her hands, a goalkeeper may **not** throw the ball over the halfway line without it first touching the floor or a player. He/She may not punt or drop kick the ball after making a save (restart at midfield)

NO HAND CHECKING OR SHIELDING WITH THE ELBOW – this will be called a “push” – indirect foul Players who receive a

yellow card must serve a 5 minute penalty in which they may not play

Goalkeepers may dive forward on their knees but may not extend their feet **The GK is allowed to slide with hands first in an attempt to clear or save the ball, if in referees' judgment, his slide is an attempt only to make contact with the ball and not the opponent**

If GK slide is reckless (a foot in air, a hook, rolling tackle) it is a foul and possibly a cardable offense.

RED Cards – player is ineligible for a minimum of one week or next scheduled game, whichever is greater. If the player who receives a red card is on another roster, he/she is also ineligible to play on that team (s); includes the same day if player received a red card is scheduled to play on another team on the same day. **The player still must sit out one full game before being eligible to play in a future match – at the League's discretion, the player can be given credit (time served) for a full game that the player sat out from the previous week. Players receiving a red card can sit on the team bench, if in the referee's opinion he or she is not a negative influence on the game from then on. If the red carded player continues to be disruptive, the referee will ask the player to leave the gym (must be under the supervision of an adult team representative.)**

Coaches receiving a red card, must leave the gymnasium before the match can continue.