

## Cautionable Offences

A player or a substitute shall be cautioned and shown a yellow card if the commits any of the following offenses:

- is guilty of unsporting conduct – celebratory displays by players after a goal or during the match (i.e. high-five or side jump) will be grounds for a yellow card
- shows dissent by word or action
- persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
- delays the restart of play
- fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick, kick-in or goal clearance
- enters or re-enters the pitch without the referees' permission or infringement of the substitution procedure
- deliberately leaves the pitch without the referees' permission
- performs a sliding tackle near an opponent

A player receiving a yellow card must leave the pitch and serve a 5 minute penalty and may only come back into play after receiving a signal from the referee. The player receiving the caution may be substituted for.

A player receiving a third yellow card during the season will sit out (not be eligible to play) during their next match.

## Sending-Off Offences

A player or substitute shall be sent off and shown the red card if he/she commits any of the following offenses:

- is guilty of serious foul play
- is guilty of violent conduct
- spits an opponent or any other person
- denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
- denies an opponent moving towards the player's goal an obvious goal scoring opportunity to by committing an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
- uses offensive, insulting or abusive language
- performs a sliding tackle that endangers the safety of an opponent
- receives a second caution in the same game

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## Indirect Free Kick

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper commits one of the following offenses:

- after releasing the ball from his possession, he receives it back from a team-mate without the ball first having been touched by an opponent or going out of play. This rule does not apply while the goalkeeper is in the opponent's half of the pitch. (this rule applies only to U-13 and above)
  - touches or controls the ball with his hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a team-mate
  - touches or controls the ball with his hands after he has received it directly from a kick-in taken by a team-mate
  - touches or controls the ball with his hands or feet in his own half of the pitch for more than four seconds
  - after gaining possession of the ball with his hands, throws the ball over the halfway line without it first touching the floor or a player (restart where the ball crossed the halfway line)
  - punts or drop kicks the ball after making a save (restart is at midfield)
- An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred, if in the opinion of the referee, a player:
- plays in a dangerous manner
  - attempts a slide or sliding tackle without challenging an opponent
  - deliberately impedes the progress of an opponent while the ball is not within playing distance
  - prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball with his hands
  - commits any other offence, not previously mentioned in Law 12 for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player

The indirect free kick is taken from the place where the infringement occurred, unless the infringement occurred against the defending team in its own penalty area, in which case the indirect free kick is taken from the penalty area line at the place closest to where the infringement occurred.

Players and coaches should use this general rule, if you slide and there is NO player near the play, assume an indirect foul may be called.

## Disciplinary Sanctions

Yellow and red cards may be shown to players, substitutes and bench personnel (coaches/trainers). In the event that a team that has all of its coaches ejected from the match, the game is abandoned and the opposing team is awarded a forfeit.

The referees are authorized to take disciplinary action from the moment players enter the pitch until the moment they leave it after the final whistle.

## Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct

Fouls and misconducts are penalized as follows:

### Direct Free Kick

A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following six offenses in a manner considered by the referees to be careless, reckless or excessively forceful:

- kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- trips or attempts to trip an
- jumps at an opponent
- charges an opponent, even with the shoulder
- strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- pushes an opponent

A direct free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following six offenses:

- holds an opponent ("hand checking" is considered holding)
- spits at an opponent
- slides in an attempt to play the ball when it is being played or attempted to be played by an opponent [sliding tackle]
- sliding when there IS an opponent near the ball
- touches the opponent before the ball when attempting to win possession
- handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper in his own penalty area)

A direct free kick is taken from the place where the infringement occurred, unless the free kick has been awarded to the defending team in its own penalty area, in which case the free kick may be taken from any point inside the penalty area.

The above mentioned infringements are accumulated fouls.

Players and coaches should use this general rule, if you slide near a player, assume a direct foul may be called. 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.

### Penalty Kick

A Penalty Kick is awarded if a player commits any of the aforementioned offenses inside his own penalty area, irrespective of the position of the ball provided that it is in play.

## DIRECT FREE KICK

- Accumulate during each half of play
- Disrupt the flow of play
- Involve physical contact against an opponent
  - Considered careless, reckless, or with excessive force
- The mere attempt of contact may bring a sanction, even if contact is not made.

## DIRECT FREE KICK

- Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
- Tripping an opponent
- Jumping on an opponent
- Charging an opponent
- Striking or attempting to strike an opponent
- Pushing an opponent
- Tackling an opponent

The referee shall report the names of any players, coaches or trainers receiving a yellow or red card. **Ejections - Red Cards** If a player is ejected from a match, the referee will report the incident to the US Soccer/Futsal Referee Assignor, who will notify the Long Island Futsal League's administrator. The minimum penalty for an ejection is that the player shall not be permitted to play in the immediate next match of play. If the player is rostered on two teams and has a scheduled match on the same day after the red card, the player is ineligible to play in that game. If the player who received the red card, does not have another match that day, then the player must sit out the next immediate scheduled match. The League, in consultation with the Head Referee, will then decide if the player or coach will sit out an additional game (s) the following week. **The player or coach receiving the red card must sit out a minimum of one game.** 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. Effective 2016, Coach red cards will result in a loss of one point in their team's standings. The maximum penalty, after review by the Long Island Futsal Competition Committee, may result in the individual players or teams' expulsion from the competition. If a player is ejected from a match the referee will document red card on the back of the score sheet and present it to the Head Referee who will inform the Long Island Futsal League administrator. The league will inform and confirm with the coach prior to the next match of the team of any red cards assessed and penalty. **Coach Ejections** If a coach is ejected from any match, a referee's report of the incident shall be turned over to the Long Island Futsal League administrator by the referee. Effective 2015/16: A coach red card will result in the deduction of one point from the team's standings. The minimum penalty for an ejection is that the coach shall not be permitted to coach, remain on the player's bench or in the gymnasium in the immediate next match. The maximum penalty, after review by the Long Island Futsal Competition Committee, may result in the individual coach or team's expulsion from the League.

If a spectator is causing disruptive behavior, the coach will be asked by the referee to remove the spectator from the gym. The game cannot continue until the spectator has been removed from the gym. If a coach or spectator has been asked by the referee to remove themselves from the gymnasium and they fail to do so timely, the match will be terminated. The game will be then forfeited by the team who coach or spectator refused to leave the gymnasium. The roster with the names of players or coaches who have been carded will be sent to L.I. Futsal. All red cards will also be reported to the appropriate USSF affiliated leagues and associations for their consideration.

## HOLDING

- The act of preventing a player from moving past or around using the arms or body
  - Holding the shirt or arm
- Prevent before ball in play during restarts

“Arm Locking”

## INFRINGEMENTS

- Kicking team must have a fair opportunity to play the ball
- Opponents should not be closer than 5 yards
  - Warn any player within this distance before the kick-in is taken
  - Caution if the player fails to retreat
- Caution if opponent unfairly distracts or impedes the player taking the kick-in

