



RANCOCAS VALLEY FUTSAL LEAGUE



The Rancocas Valley Futsal League will use the United States Futsal Federation Laws of the Game which can be found at WWW.FUTSAL.COM except where modified as noted below. No standings will be kept. The focus of the league is development and fun.

RVFL Rules Modifications – Modified as of 20 January, 2012 (see below)

1. Hard casts are NOT allowed, even with padding (NO EXCEPTIONS).
2. Each team MUST have five players on the court for an official match to start. The number of players may be reduced during the match to a minimum of three for red card offenses (for the length of the sit-out). If fewer than five players are available to start, it will be considered a joint scrimmage with a referee.
3. A size 4 ball will be used for all matches
4. The half time period is two minutes. The clock WILL begin exactly two minutes after the end of the half.
5. To accommodate the schedule, the clock is a running clock and will begin for each half at the designated time, whether teams are ready to play or not. No time will be added except for time outs (see below).
6. Each team is allowed one timeout of one minute per half (the game clock WILL stop for exactly one minute). A timeout may only be called during a dead ball opportunity by the team receiving the restart. Timeouts may NOT be called by the goal keeper after gaining possession in the penalty area.
7. The visiting team by schedule will kick off. Team benches MUST be on each team's respective defensive side. Teams WILL exchange benches at half time.
8. The home team by schedule will wear a WHITE shirt. This does not have to be a numbered jersey.
9. Goals cannot be scored directly from the kick off. On a Kickoff a goal may not be scored unless the ball has been touched by an attacking player OUTSIDE of the basketball court center circle where one exists, or at least five feet from the kickoff spot. In other words, a ball that has not yet exited the center circle that is kicked at the opponents goal, and would have otherwise resulted in a goal because it was touched by second attacker within the center circle or was touched by an opponent as the ball was en route to the goal will result in an indirect free kick for the opponent at the center circle.
10. A match may end in a tie – there are no tie-breaking provisions.
11. When the ball strikes the ceiling or any fixture hanging from the ceiling or projecting over the court, the ball is out of play and a kick-in is awarded to the other team at the touchline closest to where the ball made contact. If, in the opinion of the referee, the ball would have otherwise crossed the goal line, the referee shall award either a goal clearance or a corner kick as appropriate.
12. Players ejected for punching an opponent or fighting will be ineligible to play for the rest of the season.
13. For Single Referee Sites (Eastampton, Special Services, Friends Academy) the RVFL allows ONE retake of an improper Kick-in per team per match for the following violations:
 - a. Ball not stationary
 - b. Ball not on the Touch Line and outside the court
 - c. Plant foot completely on the court.

After the first of any of these violations, ALL subsequent violations by the same team, regardless of type, will result in a turnover. At Two Referee Sites, there will be no warning. When the kick is not taken at the proper location, it shall always be retaken (and subject to accumulated four-second violation).

The RV Futsal league reserves the right to use any photo taken during an RV Futsal match for promotional purposes.

General

All match decisions by the referees are final and binding. The league director reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the league and the director's decisions are final.

All players, coaches and spectators must conduct themselves in a respectable manner. Do NOT bring any soccer balls to the games. The league will provide the balls to be used for each game. There will be no running in the hallways of the school. We wish to continue using the facilities for many years to come.

RVFL Futsal Points of Emphasis

1. There is no charging permitted (even if legal in soccer). A charge is at a minimum a foul. There is no slide tackling permitted (even if legal in soccer). A slide tackle from the front is at a minimum a foul. A slide tackle from behind that does not contact the player before or after is a foul plus a Caution for Unsporting Behavior (yellow card). A slide tackle from behind that makes contact with the player regardless of whether the ball was contacted is a foul plus a Send-off for Serious Foul Play (red card).
2. Defensive players must be five meters (16.4 feet) from all free kicks and kick-ins and three meters (ten feet) from the kick-off. **The basketball center circle where one exists is only a six-foot radius.**
3. All restarts MUST occur within four seconds from when the ball is able to be put into play. Failure to do so results in an indirect free kick for the opponent. This will be strictly enforced.
4. Substitutions are made on the fly, with the exception of the goalkeeper, who must wait until the ball is out of play. Substitutes MUST remain seated until the player substituted approaches the bench (i.e. the areas in front of the benches along the touchline MUST remain clear.) No substitute may enter the court UNTIL the exiting player leaves the court. All entering and exiting of the court for substitutions MUST take place at the substitution area in front of the team's bench. Failure to do will result in a Caution.
5. Balls that cross a touchline must be restarted with a kick-in at the EXACT spot where the ball left the court (as determined by the referee). The ball MUST be stationary and placed on the touchline, and the player's plant foot cannot be completely on the court (inside the touchline) upon striking the ball. **Defenders MUST be 5 meters (16.4 feet) from the kick-in – it cannot be "defended".**
6. Goal clearances (ball over goal line last touched by attacking team) must leave the Penalty Area before any player can touch the ball. Violations result in taking the clearance again (and possibly a Caution for delaying the restart). Goal keepers must distribute the ball within four seconds, but all opponents must be outside the Penalty Area before the four second count begins.
7. When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands and throws the ball, the ball must hit the floor or another player in the defensive half of the field. Failure to do so will result in an indirect kick for the opponents on the half line.
8. After releasing the ball to a teammate while in the Defensive half of the court, the goal keeper may NOT again touch the ball anywhere on the court until an opponent has touched the ball (no passes back to the keeper after a keeper possession). This restriction does not apply to a goal keeper touches in the Attacking Half of the court (as a result of pushing the goal keeper up into the attack).
9. Once a goal keeper touches the ball ANYWHERE in the DEFENSIVE half, the goal keeper must distribute, release, or pass the ball within four seconds. This is even if the goal keeper receives the ball at his or her feet outside the penalty area. The four second restriction does not apply if the goal keeper receives the ball in the attacking half.
10. A player receiving a red card must leave the team bench and the team will play short for 2 minutes, unless a goal is scored while the team is playing short, then one player may return. A second red card while a team is playing short will result in playing two players short. A third red card while a team is playing two players short will result in termination of the match.