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INTRODUCTION

Futsal is the official FIFA version of the indoor 5 a side football. It is played between two teams of five players, one of whom is the goalkeeper and up to seven substitutes per team may be used. Unlike some other forms of indoor football, the game is played on a hard court surface delimited by lines; walls or boards are not used.

Futsal is also played with a smaller ball with less bounce than a regulation football. The ball and rules create an emphasis on improvisation, creativity

and technique as well as refining ball control, passing and dribbling in small spaces.

The Primary Schools competition caters for boys and girls in 3rd and 4th class. The programme delivers a quality fast paced action packed game focusing on skill, speed and technique.

Competitions will run between October and December with the emphasis on fun and participation.

GENERAL INFO

TEAM REGISTRATION

To register for the competition please complete the online form on or before September 30th 2016 by clicking onto www.fai.ie/primaryfutsal

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is €25. Cheques should be made payable to the Football Association of Ireland and posted to **Primary Schools Futsal, FAI Schools, National Sports Campus, Abbotstown, Dublin 15.** Schools will not be allowed to participate

until the online application form and entry fee has been received. Schools participating in the competition will receive one futsal ball per school.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is for third and fourth class students only.
- Only players who were born on or after the 1st of January 2006 are eligible to take part.
- There are separate competitions for boys and girls but girls are permitted to play in the boys competitions.

TEAM REGISTRATION

On the day of competition, schools will receive a player registration list and must follow the procedure below:

- Full name of each player and the players date of birth should be included on the registration list.
- The school does not need to have the full 12 players allowed for but we recommend each team has a minimum of 3 substitutes. (8 players).
- Signature of the teacher in charge should be on the registration list.
- Once submitted, no changes can be made to the squad for that day's competition.
- Player registration lists will be available for inspection by other teachers during the competition.

REFEREES

Official referees will be used where possible. Minimum age limit for a referee is 15 years.

MEDIA

All schools are encouraged to promote the competition in their own area through local press, local radio and social media platforms. All media press releases and reports must bear the title 'FAI Schools Futsal'.



RULES OF THE GAME

It's important to remember that the normal rules of football apply with a few exceptions as follows:

DURATION

- Each game shall consist of a maximum 20 minutes per game (10 minutes per half). Added time at referee's discretion.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- Twelve players per squad. No players, other than those twelve, shall be togged out on the sideline.
- Only five players, including a goalkeeper, may be on the court at any one time.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- Teams are allowed unlimited substitutions during the course of the game.

- The substitutions can only take place at the substitution zones.
- The referee does not have to be notified, however, the substitute can only join the play when his/her team mate has fully left the pitch through the sub zone.

PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

- All players including substitutes must wear shinguards. A player will not be allowed to participate if he/she is not wearing a complete and safe set of shinguards.
- For health and safety purposes, players are not permitted to wear glasses. Please note that only sports goggles are permitted.

GOALPOSTS AND GOALKEEPERS AREA

- Goalposts are 3 metres by 2 metres in size.
- Goalkeepers area is a 6 metre arc around goal area and he/she may only handle the ball in this area.
- There is no restriction on players or goalkeeper entering or leaving this area.

RESTARTS

- Opponents must be 5 metres from the ball for all restarts.
- Normal corner kick rules apply.
- When the ball goes out over the sidelines, the game will restart with a kick-in.
- Players have 4 seconds after placing the ball on the line to take a kick-in, failure to do so will result in a kick for the opposition team.
- A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in, the ball must touch at least one other player before crossing the goal line in order for the goal to stand.
- When the ball goes out wide over the end lines, the goalkeeper must throw the ball back into play.
- All free kicks are direct.

OTHER RULES

In addition to the rules of regular football:

- No sliding tackles are permitted – except the goalkeeper in his/her arc area.
- No shoulder chargers are permitted.
- Goalkeepers are not permitted to kick the ball from their hands and must throw the ball out at all times.



COMPETITION FORMAT

- The competition will be run, where possible, in a blitz format.
- The local competition co-ordinator will notify teams of the groups and fixtures in advance of the competition.
- Three points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
- In the event of two teams being tied on points, the following criteria shall be applied:
 - Result of the game between the two teams.
 - If two teams are still tied, a play-off game shall occur. Maximum of 5 minutes per game.
 - If teams are still tied, a penalty shoot-out will take place with three kicks per team.
- In the event of three or more teams being tied on points, the following criteria shall be applied:
 - Results of the games between the teams in question.
 - If two teams are still tied, a play-off game shall occur. Maximum of 5 minutes per game.
 - If more than two teams are still tied then a round robin penalty shoot-out competition.
- Decisions made by the local competition co-ordinator will be final.

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