***2024 Midwest Regional Futsal Championships presented by Back2Back Ministries www.back2back.org***

We want the games to emphasize skill development & fun. Emphasis on dribbling, passing, ball control and shooting. Pele, Messi, Ronaldo & many of world’s soccer greats developed their game in futsal.  The official indoor game of FIFA.

We use official Futsal Laws of the Game as found here: <https://www.ussoccer.com/referee-program/laws-of-the-game>

Scores will be posted on scoreboard and in the standings at a maximum of 5 goals.

Please be respectful of the opposing team and do not run up the score. Great challenge is to have each player touch the ball before any shot, including keeper, if defense touches start over. Real futsal, skill development and fun

A win is 3 points in the standings and a tie is 1 point in the standings.

Home team sits on side where scoreboard says home. (makes it easier for fans to tell score) Home team responsible to change in case of jersey color conflict Home team will be listed first on the score sheet.

Because we are playing regular futsal rules, kickoffs are DIRECT this year.

Safe sliding is legal according to FIFA Futsal rules

**Futsal is intended to be no contact or limited contact.**  Emphasis on skill, speed and field vision.

Standard FIFA Futsal Rules with these House Rules:

1. If the balls hits ceiling or basketball hoop, it’s a kick in to the team who didn’t touch the ball last.
2. If there is a red card, the team must play short for 5 minutes or until scored on.
3. No timeouts
4. One minute halftime
5. Teams don’t switch benches
6. If there is a yellow card, player must be subbed out
7. Slide tackling that is safe and legal is permitted
8. Overtime is 3 minutes Golden Goal, then shootout.

Kick-in must be touching the color and must be totally **stopped** before it is struck.  (2 yard clearance by defender)

Referee discretion to award change of possession at any time due to delaying restarts.

Goalie Box is 3-pt area (color of court lines)   Penalty mark is foul line, 6 foul pk line is second white line.

1 minute halftime to talk with team and allow referee to reset the 5 foul count.

After 5th direct kick offense, there is a second line pk for each foul of the half. (total restarts at halftime)

4 seconds goalie possession in any situation.  No interference when ball is in keeper’s hands

Goal clearance must be distributed with hands if ball comes from out of bounds. off save, keeper can use hands or feet. Feet clearance from a save can result in a goal. You cannot score off a throw.

\*\*No profanity of any kind at any time for any reason.  (this can get you removed from property/league/tournament)

No intentional fouls, no dissent of any kind, no trash-talking or taunting of any kind.

Corner Kicks, Indirect or Direct kicks must be given ***5 yard*** clearance by opposition.

Subs must enter in front of their team bench.  You may not enter until your teammate is completely off the field.

(no competitive advantage)  Tag in with hand touch on the color of the sideline.

Players must have shin guards and socks covering them.  No jewelry.

There must be one adult/coach (over 21) on the sideline the whole game, every game. (except Adult Open Divisions)

At the end of the game if there is a foul, the kick will be taken even if time expires.  (referee discretion)

Do not foul intentionally.   Set the wall quickly at 5 yards without being warned.  Play ends at referee discretion.

Kicking or throwing the ball into other courts to delay or end game may be cautioned and can add untimed play

Coaches, players and parents, please clean up after the game.  (Coaches must sign on score clipboard after each game)

If a player receives a yellow card, the player must be subbed for. If they receive a red card they cannot return that game and the next game. Further action based on severity is up to Tournament Director. Play short 5 minutes and replace with substitute or if other team scores, whichever comes first.

Please do not ever talk to officials in a negative way and don’t talk to them after a game.

Any complaints, please see Coach McCollum immediately.

Officials only have a few minutes before their next game and they will not discuss the game with you. Any issues with dissent or disrespect by players, coaches or fans can result in removal from the league/tournament without refund.

No arguing or yelling at officials or coaches or players.  We are all working together to have a positive & encouraging atmosphere of skill development and fun! We want this league/tournament to be family-friendly.

***I Corinthians 10:31 “If you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God!”***