

FC DULLES FUTSAL LEAGUE RULES

Play in FC Dulles' Futsal League will be in accordance with the current edition of the United States Futsal Federation Laws of the Game and these operating procedures.

All teams and individuals participating in FC Dulles Futsal League are bound by these rules and operating procedures. Lack of knowledge of FC Dulles' Futsal League Rules and Procedures will not relieve any coach, team official, parent, or player participating in the FC Dulles Futsal League from their responsibilities

Laws of the Game

The FC Dulles Futsal League's modifications to the Laws of the Game are:

Law 1: The Playing Court

- The playing court is modified to the court sizes (64' x 35') at Cassel's Sports Complex in Herndon.

Law 2: The Ball

- For all divisions and age groups FC Dulles will provide and determine the ball to be used for all matches. The current ball is the Adidas Context 19 Futsal Match Ball- Sala 65.

Law 3: Number of Players

- U5 - U8 age groups: 3 v 3 or 4 v 4
- U9 - U19 age groups: 4 v 4 including keepers
 - At the start of a game, each team must have a minimum of 3 players. Failure to start the game with 3 players will result in a forfeit. The score will be recorded as 3-0.
 - If in the event of players being sent off, fewer than three players (including the goalkeeper and substitutes) are left in either of the teams, the game must be abandoned. Competition officials will determine the outcome on a case by case basis.

Law 4: The player's equipment:

- **Players are required to wear non-marking futsal shoes (referee will check prior to the game)**

Law 5: The Main Referee

- The U9-U19 and adult age groups will have a Main Referee. There is no referee for the U5-U8 age groups.

Law 6: The Second Referee

- There is no second referee.

Law 7: The Time Keeper and Third Referee.

- The Main Referee keeps the time for all U9-U19 and adult matches. The main referee keeps time for red card offenses. Coaches keep the time for the U5-U8 age groups. There is no timekeeper or third referee for any FC Dulles Futsal League matches.

Law 8: The Duration of the Game:

- U5-U6 age group: 3 periods- 10 minutes each; a 2-minute break between periods.
- U7-U8 age group: 3 periods- 12 minutes each; a 2-minute break between periods
- U9-U19 and adult age groups: The game lasts two equal periods of 25 minutes
 - The half-time intervals must not exceed 2 minutes.
 - There are no time-outs

Law 9: The Start and Restart of Play:

- Kick-off:
 - The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. The kicker may not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player.
 - the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least 2 yards from the ball until it is in play
 - **Reminder:** A goal can be scored from the kick-off

Law 11: The Method of Scoring:

- Competition Rules:
 - Regular season games can end in a tie.
 - Playoff games ending in a tie:
 - Championship game: because of facility rental time constraints, competition officials will have the right to determine how the final result is determined.
 - All other playoff games will be determined by a coin toss.
 - Because of time restraints, any conflicts arising outside normal referee decisions will be resolved by the competition officials.

- All decisions by the referees and competition officials are final.

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct

- When the keeper controls the ball with their hands during the run of play they have four seconds to release the ball. Keepers can play the ball to themselves, but cannot punt or drop-kick the ball. An indirect free-kick will be awarded at the point of infraction.
- The half-way line restriction is not in play. Keepers may receive the ball unlimited times from their teammates before the ball crosses the half-way line. Keepers cannot play the ball with their hands a ball played to them by a teammate with an intentional pass.
- **Reminder:** Sent off players with red cards (straight red or two yellow card offenses) cannot return and must leave the playing court and bench area immediately. Teams can substitute sent off player(s) after three minutes or a goal is scored against them- whichever comes first. Penalty time for red cards carries over from the first to the second half. Players receiving red cards will automatically be suspended for the following game. Competition officials, at their discretion, may levy addition suspensions for behavior deemed detrimental to the league.

Law 13: Free Kicks

- **Position of Free Kick:** All opponents must be at least 3 yards from the ball until it is in play.
- **Reminder:**
 - **Direct Free Kick:** If a direct free kick is kicked directly into the opponent's goal, a goal is awarded.
 - **Indirect Free Kick:** A goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal.

Law 14: Accumulated Fouls

- There is no accumulated fouls provision.

Law 16: The Kick-In

- **Position of the Ball and the Players**
 - **The players of the defending team:** are at least 3 yards from the place where the kick-in is taken.
 - **Reminder:** A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in.

Law 17: The Goal Clearance

- All goal clearances must start with the keeper throwing or rolling the ball into play. On the keeper throw, the ball cannot go past the half-way line in the air but can roll on the floor past the half-way line. A goal can be scored from a keeper throw as long as the throw touches the court before his/her half-line.

- Once the ball is in play outside the penalty area the keeper can receive an intentional pass back from the keeper's teammate with their feet only.

Law 18: The Corner Kick

- **Procedure:** opponents remain at least 3 yards from the ball until it is in play
- **Reminder:** A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team.

Operating Procedures:

Roster:

All teams and individual players must first register with FC Dulles to apply and pay the league entrance fee. After acceptance, teams will be directed to their team page(s) on the FC Dulles website and required to input player data including player's name and jersey # and team official contact info. Teams will be sent a spreadsheet to fill out and **return one week prior to the first game** with player and team official data sent for membership into the United States Futsal Federation. Players not entered on their team page roster or included on their spreadsheet submission will be prohibited from playing until completed. Adult players and a parent/guardian of each youth player are required to sign FC Dulles's and Cassel's Sports Complex's Waiver of Liability before their player is allowed to play in FC Dulles Futsal League. Both waivers must be returned prior to the first game- either sent via email to fcdulles@gmail.com or in-person at check-in prior to the first game. Teams will not be allowed to play without all forms being completed and turned into the Tournament Director.

Roster size: There are no maximum roster sizes. Teams are encouraged to form a sister team if each team's roster is eight or more players. Teams who have more than 10 players on their roster will be billed an additional \$8/player for USFF fees. Teams with more than one team official (coach or team manager) will be billed an additional \$25/official. Fees will be due prior to the first game.

The age group is determined by the oldest player on the team.

Playing up (maximum years up):

- U9-U12 age group divisions: Boys & girls- 2 years up (any gender);
- U13-U15 age group divisions: Boys & girls- 2 years up (same gender);
- U16-U19 age group divisions: Boys & girls- 3 years up (same gender);

Exceptions might be made after consultation with FC Dulles's Technical Director.

FC Dulles's Technical Director will determine the division structure and may combine competitive levels and age groups based on the teams entered in the tournament.

Players cannot play down unless they obtain a waiver from FC Dulles's Technical Director.

Guest Players: Teams may use up to 2 guest players from players registered on teams participating in FC Dulles's Winter Futsal League provided they abide by the roster rules stated above. Guest players must be approved to play in the Championship game by FC Dulles's Tournament Director.

Uniform Color Conflict: The home team must change. The visiting team can change if agreed by both coaches. Pinnies will be available to resolve color conflicts.

Regular Season Standings:

- Points: 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie; 0 points for a loss
- Goal differential: Maximum +5 goals for a win; -5 for a loss.

Playoff Rankings: In case of a tie in the regular-season standings, playoff rankings will be determined in the following manner:

1. Head-to-head;
2. Goal differential
3. Coin toss.

Regular Season Scheduling: Will be determined by the FC Dulles Tournament Director.

Playoff Format: Will be determined by FC Dulles's Tournament Director based on the number of teams in each division.

Refunds: Refunds will be made in full only if a team cannot be placed into a division and if an individual cannot be placed on a team.