



Amendments

Futsal Laws of the Game 2006



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**FIFA Futsal Committee, Sub-Committee of
International Football Association Board (IFAB)
and
FIFA Referee Department**

**Amendments to the Futsal Laws of the Game
Instructions and Directives**

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Laws 7 and 8 – Time-out and a team official

The current text stating that only team officials are authorized to request the timekeeper for a time-out has been changed to allow any team official to take this step in the event that the coach is prevented from doing so himself/herself.

LAW 1 – THE PITCH

New Text:

The goals must have a stabilizing system that prevents them from overturning.

Portable goals may be used as long as they are as stable as fixed goals.

Reason:

There are various systems for anchoring goals to the ground to improve safety and ensure that the goal does not overturn while allowing some mobility, and thus avoiding serious injury to players if they collide with the posts.

LAW 1 – THE PITCH

New Text:

A mark **must** be drawn outside the pitch, 15 feet from the corner arc and at right angles to the goal line to ensure...

Reason:

This will help both players and referees observe the mandatory distance when a corner kick is taken.

LAW 1 – THE PITCH

New Text:

Two additional marks, each at a distance of 15 feet (5 m) on either side of the second penalty mark, must be made on the pitch to indicate the distance to be observed when a penalty is being taken from the second penalty mark. The width of this mark is 2 inches (6 cm).

Reason:

This will help both players and referees observe the mandatory distance when a penalty kick is taken from the second penalty mark.

LAW 4 – PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

New Text:

The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following **separate** articles:

Referees are expected to enforce this requirement strictly.

Reason:

Excludes so-called “one-piece” uniforms (shorts joined with jersey)

LAW 4 – PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

Text deleted:

- ~~Numbers between 1 and 15 must appear on the back of the shirts.~~
- ~~The colors of the numbers must contrast clearly with the colors of the jersey.~~
- ~~For international matches, the number on the back must also appear on the front of the shirt or shorts in a smaller size.~~

Reason:

This is a technical provision to be included in competition regulations and not the Laws of the Game.

LAW 5 – THE REFEREE

New Text:

**Stops, suspends or terminates match
...when he/she considers it appropriate;
...as a result of any kind of outside
interference;**

Reason:

To distinguish between the options open to referees with regard to stopping, suspending or terminating a match.

LAW 5 – THE REFEREE

New Text:

- **takes action against team officials who are guilty of misconduct and, if necessary, dismisses them from the pitch and surrounding area;**

Reason:

To include in the Laws the option of taking disciplinary action against team officials.

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LAW 7 – THE TIMEKEEPER & 3RD REFEREE

New Text:

These duties are in addition to the others listed in the laws.

- **monitors the replacement of balls...;**
- **checks substitutions before they enter pitch;**
- **signals when an official's mistake is made on cautions or red offs; or reports violence not seen by referees;**
- **monitors conduct of others on sub bench...;**

Reason:

To incorporate the duties that the third referee was already carrying out at the referees' request.

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LAW 7 – THE TIMEKEEPER & 3RD REFEREE

New Text:

If the third referee is absent, the timekeeper will also assume the third referee's specific duties.

Referees should try to ensure pre-game communication of duties and all game responsibilities to the timekeeper in this case. These should include collection of data on accumulated fouls and how those will be indicated to them by the referees, especially after an advantage.

LAW 8 – DURATION OF THE GAME

New Text:

When time-out is granted, the subs must stay off the pitch. Players may only be substituted at the end of time-out. The Official issuing instructions...

Reason:

To allow players to now rest by sitting on the benches during time-outs and avoid problems for referees, who are obligated to ensure teams comply with rule.

LAW 10 – BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

New Text:

The minimum height of ceilings must be 12 feet and is stipulated in the competition regulations.

Reason:

The minimum height of ceilings much be specified to ensure smooth flow of play.

LAW 11 – METHOD OF SCORING

New Text:

When competition rules require there to be a winning team after a match **or home-and-away tie** has been drawn, only the following procedures

Reason:

Technical change, expands types of ties that may need to be broken

LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

New Text:

- charges an opponent ~~even with shoulder~~

Reason:

Bumping into an opponent with the shoulder is sometimes regarded as unavoidable physical contact and is not cautionable. If it is not reckless, foolish or excessively forceful, it counts as a sporting kind of physical contact.

LAW 13 – FREE KICKS

New Text:

The referees indicate an indirect free kick by raising one arm above their head, maintaining the arm in that position until...

Reason:

As such fouls occur less frequently and may lead to confusion among the public, a simultaneous signal from both referees would enable the public, players and coaches to understand the situation better.

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This signal should always be used to indicate accumulated fouls. Only when advantage is used should it be delayed until ball is out of play.

New Text.

When applying advantage, the referees must use the mandatory signal to indicate an accumulated foul to the timekeeper...as soon as the ball is out of play.

Reason:

The new signal, which will be included in the new laws, must be used to indicate an accumulated foul after applying the advantage rule so that the public understand the situation.

LAW 16 – KICK-IN

New Text:

- **and kicked-in** from the place where it crossed the touch line.

Reason:

The existing text was unclear.

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Referees should anticipate this behavior and make every effort to prevent it

New Text

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Referees should consider a caution if, in their opinion, the player intended to interfere or hinder the kick-in and/or it was done for a tactical reason.

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behavior and shown the yellow card.

Reason:

To ensure the kick-in can be taken properly and to explain the sanction to be given if this Law is infringed.

LAW 18 – THE CORNER KICK

New Text:

- opponents remain at least 15 feet **from the corner arc** until it is in play.

Reason:

This now specified that on a corner kick the 15 feet is measured from the corner arc, not from where the ball is placed.

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PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE WINNER OF A MATCH

New Text:

Away goals, extra time and taking of kicks from the penalty mark are methods of determining the winning team...

Reason:

To adapt the text to the changes in Law 11.

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PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE WINNER OF A MATCH

New Text:

Competition regulations may stipulate that if the teams' score is level after playing one home and one away game, the goals scored in the away game count as double.

Reason:

To adapt the text to the changes in Law 11.

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PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE WINNER OF A MATCH

New Text: extra time

Where a team does not score more than the opposing team, the winner of the match is decided by kicks taken from the penalty mark.

Reason:

New wording clarifies any confusion.

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Referees should anticipate this behavior and make every effort to prevent it

New Text:

- D Referees should consider a caution if, in their opinion, the player's action is:
- disputed by opponents
 - performed in a provocative manner
 - persists despite the referee's instructions
 - likely to lead to a confrontation

An amendment approved by IFAB to curb time-wasting and player confrontations.

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These additional amendments to the Futsal Laws of the Game are in effect **immediately.**

They are to be applied in their entirety by all of the member associations.