***2023 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> ***Below will be how we use these in our facility.***

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. Try only scoring off head balls. All players touch…

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. *Slide tackles are illegal.*

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

Kick-in (indirect) must be touching the color & 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 Area is 3-pt arc (color of court lines)   Penalty mark is foul line, 6 foul pk line is second white line.

20 minute running clock halves. 1 minute halftime to talk with team and allow referee to reset the 5 foul count.  (we will NOT switch sides) (No timeouts)

When 6th foul is committed, 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.

According to FIFA Futsal rules, no limits on where ball can be distributed in bounds off a keeper save but cannot score directly 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.

If ball hits the basket, it is a kick-in from the nearest point by team that did not touch the ball last.

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 period, 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.

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 leave the floor and may 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.

Playback rule to the keeper is now FIFA Rules  Must cross half court or be touched by a defender. (Indirect kick on goal area arc) unless keeper is outside goal area arc with then is spot of foul.

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 and 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!”***