



Devon County FA National Youth Futsal Festival Competition Rules – SCHOOLS

2018-19

Pitch - Futsal is played on a marked pitch and the ball can go out of play and be restarted with a kick in

Head Height - There are no height restrictions, if the ball hits the ceiling the game will be started with a kick in to the opposing team.

Ball - A Futsal ball will be supplied.

Equipment - all players must wear shin pads and trainers. Any player without the correct equipment will not be allowed to play.

Eligibility and Number of Players - It is crucial that you adhere to the following eligibility criteria as any teams that qualify for the National festival but do not meet the criteria will be removed from the festival:

- a. Players must be students at the named school
- b. ALL players are eligible, there are no rules on academy/Centre of Excellence players for the schools competition
- c. Teams MUST enter players at the correct age group for the 2018-19 season. Player age qualification is as follows:

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Category	School Years
Under 11's	5 & 6
Under 13's	7 & 8
Under 15's	9 & 10

All sections will play 5v5 - one player shall be the Goalkeeper. A squad of up to 12 players may be used.

Substitutions - up to 12 players can be used in one match and there is no limit on how long a player must stay on or off the pitch. Players must enter and leave the field of play from in front of their respective team's bench.

Kick In - In order to restart the game, the ball is kicked back into play from the touchline and from corners. The ball must be placed stationary on the touchline at the point where the ball left the pitch.

Four Second Rule - For kick ins, free kicks, goal clearances and corner kicks; the player in possession of the ball has four seconds to restart play, which the referee will count with their fingers in the air. If play isn't restarted within four seconds an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team, except for corners when play is restarted with a goal clearance.. The goalkeeper is not allowed to control the ball for more than four seconds in their own half.

Five Metre Rule - Players are required to keep 5m from the player in possession of the ball on free kicks, corners, kick ins and penalties.

Goalkeepers - Goalkeepers are allowed to come out of and players are allowed to go into the penalty area.

Goal Kicks and Back Passes - A goal clearance must be thrown out and the goalkeeper cannot touch the ball again until, a member of the opposition has touched the ball or the goalkeeper is in the opponents half.

Sliding Tackles - Sliding tackles are allowed in Futsal

Accumulated Fouls (number of fouls depends on length of game) – EXAMPLE - Each team will be allowed to give away three direct free kicks in each game, then on the fourth foul (and all subsequent direct fouls in that half) a 10 metre penalty will be awarded to the opposing. The kick may be taken from the 10m mark or, if the foul was committed closer to the goal than the 10m mark, then the kick may be taken from the position where the foul took place.

Duration of Game for Festival - All matches will be played with a running clock whereby the clock will not be stopped whenever the ball out of play. The duration of the match will be determined by the competition organiser of each heat.

Determining Places - 3 points for a win, 1 points for a draw and 0 points for a loss. In the event of two teams having the same number of points then goal scored shall count, then goals difference, and finally the result of matches between the teams. If there is still a tie the winner shall be determined by kicks from the Penalty Mark.