

# Princeton Futsal League Rules and Procedures

## INTRODUCTION

These rules and procedures are provided to help players, coaches, and spectators better enjoy futsal by setting forth procedures, operations, attitudes and courtesies to be observed. It is our goal to promote good behavior among our players, coaches and spectators. This document is not a definition of rights. PSA shall be the sole interpreter of the provisions of this handbook. The rules and procedures apply to play in all Divisions within the Princeton Futsal League.

## GENERAL RULES

All decisions of the referee are final and binding. The League Director, the Princeton Soccer Association, and the New Jersey State Youth Soccer Association will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team or club if the league is cancelled in whole or part. The League Director reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the league and its judgment is final. Any team that disregards any decision by the League Director will be automatically dropped from the league and forfeit all remaining games. As a NJYSA sanctioned facility, all players, coaches, parents, and spectators are to comply with all NJYSA procedures and policies and all Princeton Soccer Association policies and procedures including the PSA Code of Conduct. Failure to do so will result in sanctioning of the player, coach, parent, and/or spectator by Princeton Soccer Association, Princeton Futsal League, New Jersey Youth Soccer, and/or any combination of these organizations. Princeton Soccer Association reserves the right to use photos for promotional purposes. Princeton Soccer Association also reserves the right to modify these rules at any time with or without notice.

## PLAYER PASSES

Each team must be registered with a state soccer association affiliated with USYSA or registered by US Club Soccer and must submit an official Princeton Futsal League Roster. Player registration cards duly authorized by a state registrar will be required as proof of age. **PLAYER PASSES MUST BE PRESENT AT THE GYM FOR THE DURATION OF EACH GAME.** Any player that does not have a player pass can purchase a New Jersey Youth Soccer Indoor Pass for \$10.

## ROSTERS

All teams shall provide an official Princeton Futsal League Roster on or before the designated date determined by the League Director with all information filled out completely. Any roster with incomplete information will be rejected and the team will be ineligible to compete until the roster has been completed in full. Once the official Princeton Futsal League Roster has been approved by the League Director, no changes shall be made to the roster without the written permission of the League Director. Any team found in violation of this policy is subject to removal from the Princeton Futsal League with no refund.

### Roster Size

Players must have been born during, or subsequent to, the divisional year.

1. U16, U17 & U19 - 22 players max. (only 12 may be in uniform and eligible to play in each match)
2. U11 to U15 – 18 players max. (only 12 may be in uniform and eligible to play in each match)
3. U8 to U10 – 14 players max. (only 12 may be in uniform and eligible to play ion each match)

## NUMBER OF PLAYERS

U8-U18 will play 5v5 (4 field players and 1 goalkeeper)

## SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitutions in the teams own half on the fly or at the referees' discretion.

## UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

- A. Players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms and these numbers shall coincide with those listed on the team's Official Princeton Futsal League roster.
- B. **PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR SHIN GUARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME.**
- C. Where uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change colors. Home team is listed first on the schedule.
- D. Check-in time is immediately prior to the scheduled kick-off.
- E. Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear on the court, ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the game. Only referees and/or the League Director can postpone or cancel a game.
- F. All ages will play with a size 4 Futsal ball.

## DURATION OF GAMES

All games are 30 minutes long with a running clock. Games are played back-to-back and there is no time in between games. The referee will have final discretion as to when the game begins and ends. Games start and end at the specified time on the schedule, players are expected to be on the court ready to begin at the specified time. Game times cannot be adjusted for lateness.

## STANDINGS AND SCORES

Princeton Futsal league does not keep standing or scores for any of its games. The league is designed as a competitive skill development league and does not view winning and losing as important. **If teams are mis-flighted or non-competitive in their flight, the League Director shall have the authority to move or change the team's flight or schedule.**

## CONDUCT

- A. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the Law as well as the letter of the Law. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding gym area.
- B. Both teams (players and coaches) will be on the same sideline. Spectators of both teams will sit in the bleaches. No one will be allowed behind either end line.
- C. A player or coach receiving a red card will not be able to participate in the league game following the game the card is issued. The Princeton Soccer Association reserves the right to **SUSPEND ANY PLAYER, COACH, PARENT, SPECTATOR, OR TEAM FROM THE TOURNAMENT FOR UNRULY CONDUCT.**
- D. In the event of assault/abuse on a game official, a judiciary hearing shall immediately be convened at a site to be designated by the League Director. All terms described in the USSF Official Administrative Rule Book under Rule 3.2.8, Suspension for Assault on Official, shall apply. In any event, a player, coach, or other team official who is charged with assault on a game official is suspended from further participation in the league.

F. Any team disregarding a decision by the referees and/or the league director to either suspend or cancel league play, will be disqualified for the remainder of the league. Also, a written complaint will be filed with both the NJYSA and the team's state association (if different).

#### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PETS**

The use and presence of alcoholic beverages is prohibited near and at all game sites, including parking areas. Pets are not permitted in the gyms.