



YMCA

Futsal League 2023





General Information Regarding the league

The league is usually split into two divisions as below, but if we do not have enough of each type of team we will run the league as one division.

Competitive Division - is aimed at teams who have played in the League previously or have experienced and confident players

Social Division - is aimed at teams who are new to Futsal or the League and have less experienced or confident players

The League takes place each term on Wednesday nights from 6.00 pm - 9.30 pm and will run for 9 - 10 weeks depending on the number of teams entered.

We have a limit of 14 teams and spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The individual who is named as the main contact on your team registration form will be the person responsible for the collection of all monies for the team, all registration fees must be paid in full by the second week of the league.

There are no refunds if your team withdraws from the league once it has commenced.

The first two teams on the draw each week will be responsible for the setting up of the goals and the last two teams will be responsible for putting them away. (there are instructions on the stadium wall on how to do this)

The Court and the Ball

- Games will be played in the Stadium at the YMCA New Plymouth
- The boundaries are the red sidelines, red back (goal) lines. The red half circle designates the goalkeepers area
- Regulation size 4 futsal balls will be used (supplied by the YMCA)

The Players

- Teams may have a maximum of 5 players on the court at one time , 4 court players and goalkeeper
- The minimum age allowed of players is 16, for the purposes of health and safety under 16's will not be allowed to play in any game.
- There are unlimited substitutions, but the exiting player must leave the court before the replacement player joins the match
- The referee must be notified when the goalkeeper is changed. Look for the referee's acknowledgement of your change.

The Players Equipment

- All players within a team must wear the same colour playing shirt and each team is required to register their official team colours.
- All players must wear non-marking, athletic footwear
- Shin pads are recommended but not mandatory
- Players may not wear jewellery or anything else that may be deemed by the referee as dangerous to themselves or other players.





The Duration of the Match

- 24 minutes per game - there is no halftime and no stoppages.

The Start and Re-start of Play

- The team first named in the draw has the kick-off for the start of the match
- From the kick-off, the ball may be played in any direction - sideways, forwards or backwards
- A goal cannot be directly scored from the kick-off
- The players must be positioned inside their own half at the kick-off

The Ball In and Out of Play

- When the ball goes out over the sideline, it is then placed at the same point on the sideline and kicked into the court by the team that did not play it out. There are no re-takes - if the kick-in is not played directly into the court, the kick-in is overturned and awarded to the opposition.
- Corner kicks are awarded if a defending player is the last to touch the ball before it crosses the backline
- A goal kick is awarded if an attacking player is the last to touch the ball before it crosses the back line.
- All restarts of play must be completed quickly, with time-wasting offences determined by the referee and penalised by a free kick to the opposition.
- A goal cannot be directly scored from a sideline kick-in.
- If the ball hits the roof or light fittings, play is re-started by the awarding of a free kick to the non-offending team, to be taken from within the red centre circle.

Free Kicks

- All free kicks are direct (except for kick-ins from the sideline)
- All opposing players must be 1.5 metres away from the ball at all free kicks

Fouls and Misconduct

- Slide tackles, trips, pushes and the tugging or holding of shirts are not permitted
- Physical contact is expected but only reasonable force should be used - shoulder-to-shoulder contact is allowed
- What constitutes excess force will be judged by the referee
- The referee may show a yellow card to remove a player from the game for reckless fouls or unsporting conduct. A 'sin-bin' follows and a player is removed from the game, with no substitution allowed for a period of at least one minute.
- The referee has the discretion to apply a longer 'sin-bin' period if he feels it appropriate (for back-chat, swearing or adopting an aggressive attitude for example)
- A red card may be shown in extreme cases (for punching or threatening behaviour, for example) and the stream of the offending player must finish the game with only four players
- A player sent off with a red card remains also banned from the following weeks match
- There are no off-sides.





Competition

- Defaults will be recorded as a 3-0 victory to the non-offending team
- Drawn games will be recorded as such unless they are in a significant semi-final or final
- If a major semi-final or final results in a drawn match, a penalty shootout may take place.
- Three (3) yellow card sanctions results in the deduction of two (2) competition points.
- A red card results in the immediate deduction of three (3) competition points

Fairplay Points

Good sportsmanship is encouraged and acknowledged by the awarding of Fairplay points by the referee. For each occasion that a team accumulates three (3) "Fairplay Points" during the league, the team will be rewarded with one (1) bonus competition point.

Mercy Rule

The Mercy Rule is applied when one team is five goals ahead of their opposition, the Mercy Rule is imposed and it means that they are thereafter restricted to two-touch futsal ... until the differential is less than 5 again.

Defaulting of Games

We understand that sometimes, in unavoidable circumstances, a team may have to default a game. On these occasions, you MUST advise the YMCA, either via email or by phone by 10.00 am on the day of the game. This allows us to give plenty of notice to the opposing team manager and for the information to be passed on to the affected team members. Failure to notify the YMCA of your intended default before the deadline will result in a one-point deduction.

Please remember that our League is a Social League intended for all teams to enjoy the game of Futsal and have good clean competitive matches.

