**Tournament Rules Overview**

- 16-minute halves for all games (2-minute halftime break)
- Away team is required to change uniform in case of colour clash

- C*hange* of benches at halftime - substitutions/interchange on defensive side of pitch

- Maximum 10 players per squad

- Only 2 team officials allowed in the technical area

- Only players registered in the team sheet are eligible to play

- Players can only play for one team in the same age group
- No overage players will be permitted (except for girls playing in younger age groups)
- Play-off games and finals will be decided by a penalty shoot-out (5 penalties from the 6m mark) in case of a draw at full time (no extra time is to be played)
- 10 goal mercy rule applies for U8s competition only

- *Forfeit after 5 minutes* – teams that aren’t on the pitch ready to play after 5 minutes form the scheduled kick-off time will forfeit the game. (this requires referee’s to whistle for the start of the match and start the clock)

***Important***

* Restarting play for the kick off, defending players must be behind the netball third line (roughly 5m from the halfway line – as it’s the only consistent marking on every pitch)
* When the ball leaves the pitch along the side lines, restart of play is by a kick in. Ball is to be placed on the line and played.
* Goal clearance/keepers’ ball, restart will be by hand (throw or roll). The Goalkeeper has 4 seconds to release the ball.
	+ To promote an attacking game, the ball can’t be passed back to the GK until an opposition player has touched the ball.
	+ When the GK takes possession of the ball in their defensive half, the must pass the ball within 4 seconds. Even in general play.
* All restarts of play – Kick off, Kick in, Goal clearance and free kicks must be taken within 4 seconds.
* Restarting play for the kick in, defending players must be 5m from the ball to allow for play to restart in a timely manner.
* No slide tackling – this is to take a responsible approach to player safety.

Exception is the Goalkeeper who can slide to save a shot.

All other rules will be in line with FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and FV competition regulations
<https://static.cupmanager.net/uploads/b/r/zn1/fv-futsal-roc.pdf>

The referees will work with players and coaches to assist them in understanding the rules to support the natural flow of the match in the spirit of the game.