Basic Futsal Rules - League

- Game Duration - Two 25-minute halves with running clock.
- Each coach has the right to request one time-out per half (1 minute).
- Each team plays with 5 players on the court (4 field players + 1 goalkeeper).
- Substitutions are unlimited and can be made on the fly:
    - Important: A player must completely leave the court before the substitute enters.
    - If this does not happen, the referee will issue a yellow card.
- Restarts of Play
    - Kick-ins, corner kicks, and goalkeeper possession must be taken within 4 seconds.
    - Kick-in replace the throw-in: the ball must be placed on the line and kicked.
    - Fouls: All infractions are a direct free kick except the 4 second violations, kick ins, ball handling by GK on pass back, and throws by GK past midfield.
    - Accumulated fouls: After the 3rd accumulated foul (per half), every foul becomes a direct free kick without a wall from the second penalty spot.
- Goalkeeper Rules
    - When the goalkeeper has the ball in their hands or at their feet, they must release it within 4 seconds.
    - Goalkeepers can play with their feet but cannot hold the ball again in their own half (double touch rule) unless it was touched by an opponent.
    - Goal Clearance Rule:
        - On a goal clearance (when the goalkeeper restarts play with their hands after the ball crosses the end line – goal kick), the goalkeeper is not allowed to throw the ball directly over the halfway line.
        - In all other situations (saves, interceptions, or open play), the goalkeeper is allowed to throw or kick the ball beyond the halfway line.
    - Exception 1: If the opposing team is playing with a flying goalkeeper, the goalkeeper is allowed to kick or throw the ball directly in order to score a goal.
    - Exception 2: The 4-second rule does not apply once the goalkeeper has crossed the halfway line.



    - Extra Note: If the goalkeeper delays more than 4 seconds in their own half, the referee will award an indirect free kick from the place of the infringement (or from the penalty area line if inside).
- Other Important Points
    - The ball is considered out when it has completely crossed the line, whether on the ground or in the air.
    - Substitutions must be made through the substitution zone.
    - Respect referees, opponents, and teammates at all times.