







INTRODUCTION

Futsal is the official FIFA version of the indoor 5 a side football. It is played between two teams of five players, one of whom is the goalkeeper and up to seven substitutes per team may be used. Unlike some other forms of indoor football, the game is played on a hard court surface delimited by lines; walls or boards are not used.

Futsal is also played with a smaller ball with less bounce than a regulation football. The ball and rules create an emphasis on improvisation, creativity and technique as well as refining ball control, passing and dribbling in small spaces.

The Primary Schools competition caters for boys and girls in 3rd and 4th class. The programme delivers a quality fast paced action packed game focusing on skill, speed and technique.

Competitions will run between October and December with the emphasis on fun and participation.

GENERAL INFO

REGISTRATION

To register for the competition please complete the online form on or before September 27th 2019 by clicking onto www. fai.ie/primaryfutsal

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is €25. Cheques should be made payable to the Football Association of Ireland and posted to Primary Schools Futsal, FAI Schools, National Sports Campus, Abbotstown, Dublin 15. Alternatively schools can issue payment by electronic bank transfer. Please reference your roll number and the word FUTSAL on the cheque or online payment information.

FAI Account | Bank of Ireland | College Green | Dublin 2 IBAN: IE32 BOFI 9000 1749 1489 38 BIC/Swift: BOFIIE2D

Schools will not be allowed to participate until the online application form and entry fee has been received.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

• The competition is for 3rd and 4th class students only.

• Only players who were born on or after the 1st of January 2009 are eligible to take part.

• There are separate competitions for boys and girls but girls are permitted to play in the boys competitions.



TEAM REGISTRATION

On the day of competition, schools will receive a player registration list and must follow the procedure below:

• Full name of each player and the player's date of birth should be included on the registration list.

• The school does not need to have the full 12 players allowed for but we recommend each team has a minimum of 3 substitutes (8 players).

• Signature of the teacher in charge should be on the registration list.

• Once submitted, no changes can be made to the squad for that day's competition.

• Player registration lists will be available for inspection by other teachers during the competition.

REFEREES

Official referees will be used where possible. Minimum age limit for a referee is 15 years.

MEDIA

All schools are encouraged to promote the competition in their own area through local press, local radio and social media platforms. All media press releases and reports must bear the title 'FAI Schools Futsal'.



RULES OF THE GAME

DURATION

• Each game will consist of a maximum of 20 minutes per game (10 minutes per half). Added time will be at the referee's discretion.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- Twelve players per squad. No players, other than those twelve, shall be togged out on the touchline.
- Only five players, including a goalkeeper, may be on the pitch at any one time.

SUBSTITUTIONS

• The number of substitutions that may be made during a match is unlimited.

 The substitution is completed when a substitute enters the pitch via his/her own team's substitution zone, after handing his/her bib to the player being replaced.

PLAYERS EOUIPMENT

- All players including substitutes should wear shinguards. A player will not be allowed to participate if he/she is not wearing a complete and safe set of shinguards.
- For health and safety purposes, players are not permitted to wear glasses. Sports spectacles are permitted if they pose no danger to players.
- . The two teams must wear colours that distinguish them from each other and also the referees and the assistant referees.
- · Each goalkeeper must wear colours that distinguish him/her from the other players, the referees and the assistant referees.

GOALPOSTS AND GOALKEEPERS AREA

- Goalposts are 3 metres by 2 metres in size.
- · Goalkeepers area is a 6 metre arc around the goal area and he/she may only handle the ball in this area.
- There is no restriction on players or goalkeeper entering or leaving this area.

OTHER RULES

RESTARTS

 All restarts should be delivered within four seconds of the player being ready to do so. Failure to do so will result in an indirect freekick to the opposing team.

KICK-OFF

• The opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least 3 metres from the ball until it is in play.

 A goal can't be scored directly from a kick-off.

CORNER KICK

• The opponents must be on the pitch at least 5 metres from the corner arc until it is in play.

 A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team.

KICK-INS

• The opponents must be at a distance of no less than 5 metres from the place on the touch line where the kick-in is taken.

 A goal may not be scored directly from a kick-in.

• At the moment of delivering the ball, the kicker has one foot on the touch line or on the ground outside the pitch.

• The ball must be stationary, either from the point where it left the pitch or on the ground outside it at a distance no greater than 25cm from that point.

INDIRECT FREE KICKS

 An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if the goalkeeper commits any of the following four offences:

- o controls the ball with his/her hands or feet in his/her own half for more than 4 seconds.
- o after playing the ball he/she touches it again in his/her own half of the pitch after it has been deliberately played to him/her by a teammate without an opponent playing or touching it.
- o touches the ball with his/her hands



inside his/her own penalty area after it has deliberately kick to him/her by a teammate.

• An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if, in the opinion of the referees, a player:

- o plays in a dangerous manner in the presence of an opponent.
- o impedes the progress of an opponent.
- o prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his/her hands.

• An indirect free kick conceded in the penalty area by the defending team, is taken from the penalty area line nearest to where the offence was commited.

DIRECT FREE KICKS

• A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following seven offences in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or using excessive force: kicks or attempts to kick, trips, jumps at, charges, strikes or attempts to strike, pushes and or tackles an opponent.

• A direct free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following three offences: holds an

opponent, spits at an opponent or handles the ball deliberately (except the goalkeeper within his/ her own penalty area).

• All above offences are accumulated fouls.

ACCUMULATED FOULS

• Accumulated fouls are those penalised with a direct free kick or penalty kick.

• If a player commits his/ her team's sixth accumulated foul of the game a penalty is awarded to the opposition from the second penalty mark (10m from goal).

• Each subsequent accumulated foul also results in a kick from the second penalty mark. This 10m kick can't be passed on to a team-mate, it must be a shot directly on goal.

PENALTY KICK

• A penalty kick is awarded for a direct foul committed inside the penalty area and results in a kick from the 6m penalty mark.

 Opponents must be 5m metres from the ball and behind the penalty mark until the ball is kicked.

GOAL CLEARANCE

• A goal clearance is awarded when the whole ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and the corner arc.

• The goalkeeper must throw the ball back into play from any point inside the penalty area.

• The goalkeeper must take the goal clearance within four seconds of being ready to do so.

• A goal may not be scored directly from a goal clearance.

OFFSIDE

• There is no offside in Futsal.



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EVENT FORMAT

- The competition will be run, where possible, in a blitz format.
- The local competition co-ordinator will notify teams of the groups and fixtures in advance of the competition.
- This is a participation initiative with the emphasis on fun and enjoyment.
- No scores will be recorded and no trophies or medals will be awarded.
- Each student will receive a FAI Participation Certificate.
- Decisions made by the local competition co-ordinator will be final.





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Please contact the local co-ordinator for specific details on your competition date, venue and times. For further information please email primaryschools@fai.ie or click on www.faischools.ie



PRIMARY SCHOOLS CALENDAR LEINSTER



DUBLIN

September 24: Boys & Girls Aughrim Street Sports Hall

Contact: Ian Hill/Tommy Carberry

October 2 & 3: Boys & Girls National Basketball Arena

Contact: JJ Glynn/Robert De Courcy/Mark Connors

October 17: Boys & Girls Lucan Leisure Centre

Contact: Stephen Rice

October 23: Boys & Girls Corduff Sports Centre

Contact: Paul Breen

October 23: Boys & Girls Leicester Celtic

Contact: Thomas Morgan/ Rory O'Hare

October 24: Boys & Girls Darndale Community Hall Contact: Jimmy Mowlds October 25: Boys & Girls Irishtown Stadium Contact: Jonathan Tormey

October 25: Boys & Girls Clogher Road Sports Centre Contact: Marc Kenny

December 6: Boys & Girls Inchicore Sports Hall Contact: David Rake

November 25: Boys December 2: Girls National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown

Contact: Paul Keogh/ Jamie Wilson/ Sharon Boyle

Ballymun TBC Contact: Neil Keoghan







LEINSTER

CARLOW

October 9, 10 & 16: Boys St. Fiaccs Hall, Graiguecullen

October 17 & 18: Girls St. Fiaccs Hall, Graiguecullen

October 23: Boys Ballon Community Hall

Contact: Garry Coady

LAOIS

December 3: Boys & Girls Portarlington Contact: Nichole Doyle

MEATH

October 15-18: Boys & Girls Venue MDL Grounds, Navan Contact: Barry Ferguson

WESTMEATH

November 21: Girls November 28: Boys Multyfarnham Community Centre

November 25: Girls November 26: Boys Moate Community Centre

Contact: Glen Byrne

KILDARE

November 20 & 26: Boys & Girls Kilcullen Community Centre

Contact: Pat Behan

LONGFORD

October 21 - 23: Boys & Girls Kenagh Community Centre

Contact: Graham Kane

OFFALY

November 25-29: Boys & Girls Mucklagh Community Centre, Tullamore

Contact: Gary Seery

WEXFORD

October 2: Boys & Girls Bunclody AFC

October 24: Boys & Girls St. Joseph's Community Centre, Wexford

November 11: Boys & Girls Naomh Eanna GAA Complex

November 11: Boys & Girls Craanford GAA Complex

November 13: Boys & Girls St. Joseph's Community Centre, Wexford

November 27: Boys & Girls Horeswood GAA Club

Contact: William Doyle

KILKENNY

November 12, 14 & 19: Boys & Girls The Watershed, Kilkenny

Contact: Dean Broaders/ Will Kinsella

LOUTH

October 22 & 23: Boys & Girls DkIT Sports Centre, Dundalk

Contact: Michael Neville

WICKLOW

November 5: Boys & Girls Shoreline Leisure Centre, Greystones

November 6: Boys & Girls Aughrim Community Hall

November 7: Boys & Girls St. Mary's NS, Blessington

November 12: Boys & Girls Ballywaltrim Community Centre, Bray

November 13: Boys & Girls Shamrock Park, Rathnew AFC

November 14: Boys & Girls Coral Leisure Centre, Arklow

Contact: Richard Fitzgibbon



GALWAY

October 8: Boys & Girls Tuam Celtic FC

Contact: John Morris Burke

November 11-13: Boys & Girls Kingfisher, NUI Galway Contact: Nigel Keady

LEITRIM

October 8: Boys Ballinamore Sports Hall

October 10: Boys Mayflower Centre, Drumshambo

October 16: Girls Ballinamore Sports Hall

October 17: Girls Mayflower Centre, Drumshambo Contact: Damon Kearney

ROSCOMMON

November 19: Boys & Girls Creggs NS

November 20: Boys & Girls Loughglynn NS

November 21: Boys & Girls Ballybag NS, Kiltoom

November 26: Boys & Girls Tarmon NS, Castlerea

November 27: Boys & Girls Kilbride Community Hall, Fourmilehouse

Contact: Adrian Carberry

SLIGO

November 6: Girls IT Sligo

November 13: Boys IT Sligo

Contact: Nigel Keady



ULSTER

CAVAN

November 15: Boys & Girls November 22: Boys & Girls November 29: Boys & Girls December 6: Boys & Girls Cavan Leisure Centre, Drumalee

Contact: Thomas Heffernan

DONEGAL

November 18-22: Boys & Girls Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny

Contact: Dessie McGlinchey

MONAGHAN

October 23: Boys & Girls Coláiste Oiriall, Monaghan

October 24: Boys & Girls The Phoenix Centre, Carrickmacross

October 25: Boys & Girls The Peace Link, Clones

Contact: John Crudden



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November 12-13: Boys & Girls Breaffy House Sports

Centre

MAYO

November 13: Boys & Girls Our Lady's Secondary School, Belmullet

November 15: Boys & Girls CBD Complex, Charlestown

November 15: Boys & Girls Lakeside Sports Gym, Ballinrobe

November 19: Boys & Girls Killala Sports Hall

November 19-20: Boys & Girls Barnacarroll Sports Hall

November 20: Boys & Girls Ballina Sports Complex Contact: Paul Byrne

MUNSTER

CLARE

October 7: Boys & Girls North Clare Amenity Park, Lisdoonvarna

October 8: Boys & Girls Tulla United

October 9: Boys & Girls Clare Leisure World, Ennis

October 10: Boys & Girls Kilrush Astro Turf

October 11: Boys & Girls Ennistymon Community Centre

October 18: Boys & Girls Shannon Leisure Centre

Contact: Denis Hynes

KERRY

November 15: Girls IT Tralee

November 22 & 29: Boys IT Tralee

Contact: Darren Aherne

LIMERICK

October 21 & 22: Boys & Girls Newcastlewest Community Centre

October 24: Boys & Girls Cappamore Community Centre

Contact: Barry McGann

November 14 & 15: Boys & Girls The Factory Youthspace

Contact: Barbara Bermingham/ Jason O'Connor/Declan Considine

CORK

October 14, 17 & 18: Boys & Girls Blarney

October 15: Boys & Girls Mitchelstown LC

October 16: Boys & Girls Dunmanway Community Hall

Contact: Ray Claffey

November 12, 14 & 26: Boys & Girls Mayfield Sports Centre

November 19 & 21: Boys & Girls Whitechurch & Waterloo Community Hall

Contact: Stephen O'Mahony

TIPPERARY

NORTH September 30: Boys & Girls Killavilla United AFC, Roscrea

October 1: Boys & Girls Borrisokane FC

October 2: Boys & Girls Ballymackey FC, Nenagh

October 3: Boys & Girls Newport Town AFC, Nenagh

October 4: Boys & Girls Peake Villa FC, Thurles

Contact: James Scott

SOUTH October 22: Boys & Girls Canon Hayes Complex, Tipperary Town

October 23: Boys & Girls Cahir Park AFC, Cahir

Contact: Stephen Quinn











WATERFORD

November 26-28: Boys & Girls Waterford IT Arena

Contact: Gary Power

November 27: Boys & Girls Whitechurch NS, Cappagh

Contact: Michael Looby

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