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2026 BY-LAWS

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The regulations that govern participation in the 2026 Liga Futsal are outlined in this document.

All rules, contained herein are based on FIFA Futsal laws of the Game and the regulations may only be varied with the consent of Liga Nacional de Futbol Sala (LNFS) in Spain.

All games will be played in accordance with the FIFA Futsal rulebook, unless stated below. Here you can download the current FIFA Rules:

2024-25 FIFA FUTSAL LAWS OF THE GAME: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Match Rules & By-Laws

Liga Futsal will be played under the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game. However there are some by-laws changes to adapt to the Liga Futsal format.

1. Eligibility

- All players must be registered to play in the Liga Futsal competition (player insurance cover), and they must do this individually through the Liga Futsal Registration Portal for the current 2026 season. *Players not Registered will not be able to take the court till they register.*

Player Registration Portal: <https://intersportmanagement.com/liga-futsal-rego/>

- All players must be listed on the official Liga Futsal Club Nomination Form to play for that Club in the Liga Futsal competition.
- All players must be playing in their correct age groups as deemed by the competition.
- All Club nominations forms must be completed and submitted to Liga Futsal Management by the due date as stated on the form via Email: info@intersportmanagement.com
- Each Club can nominate up to 12 players per team to compete in the Liga Futsal Competition.
- Only players whose names appear on the official team nomination form with full details are eligible to play.
- Any players name not entered on the score sheet prior to that game commencing shall not play in that Game.
- Any team playing an ineligible player will forfeit that match with points and goals being awarded to the opposition.
- Only Players that have played a minimum of three (3) games throughout the season will be eligible to play in the Quarter, Semi or Grand Finals.

3. League Draws

- The competition will run for 14 to 16 weeks, with games played weekly, with the top 4 teams based on points at the end of all regular round games progressing through to the Liga Futsal Finals.
- League draws will be available on the Liga Futsal website at least 10 days before the league commences.
- League results and points will be updated regularly on the Liga Futsal Website at least 1 day after the matches are played.

Liga Futsal Official Website: <https://intersportmanagement.com/ligafutsal/>

4. Point Scoring

- (a) Win = 3 points
 - (b) Draw = 1 point
 - (c) Loss = 0 points
 - (d) Forfeit = 3 points + 5 goals for the non-forfeiting team and 5 goals against will be given to the forfeiting team.
- If a team forfeits any matches throughout the League without at least 48 hour's notice an official warning will be handed to that team/club
 - If a Club forfeits 2 matches throughout the League without at least 48 hour's notice a second official warning will be handed to that team/club with possible expulsion from the league if the club cannot show cause as to why they should be allowed to continue in the league.
 - If a Club withdraws from the League at any stage after official nominations, payments and or after the Draw for the season has been released, that club will not be eligible for any refunds, and will need to show cause why they should be allowed to participate in any Future Liga Futsal or Intersport Management Leagues, Tournaments or Events.

5. Determining Group Positions and/or Placing

- Should two (2) or more teams be equal on points then the team with the best goal average (for and against) will be placed first.
- Should teams still be equal, the winner of the game between the two teams, will be placed first. If this game has not occurred or was a drawn game, then the team with the least amount of disciplinary points accumulated will be placed first. If this is equal then a penalty shootout between the two teams will need to take place, with the winner of the penalty shootout going through to the next stage.

6. Elimination rounds, Play-Offs and Grand Final

- Should the teams be drawn at the completion of ordinary time in an elimination game such as a Quarter Final, Semi Final or Grand Final, a 2 by three (3) minute period of extra time will apply, with the team that finishes with a greater number of goals at the end of this extra time being declared the winner.
- If at completion of extra time the teams are still drawn then a penalty-shoot out shall be used to determine the winner. Such penalty shoot out will be conducted under the rules laid down in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

7. Playing times

- All games will be 2 by 15 or 2 by 18 minute halves (depending on how many teams are in the league) Run of the clock, with 3 minute half time break.
- Games will not stop for injuries unless where it is accepted that the injury requires treatment before leaving the court. In this event, the Referee will stop the clock until that player has left the court or has been substituted.
- Time outs will only be permitted during the play-off games

8. Match Balls

- Liga Futsal will provide official Match balls for all Matches.

9. League Regulations & Completion of Match Sheets

- Official Match sheets will be provided for all games by Liga Futsal Management.
- All players must be listed on the Official match sheet at least 10min prior to the scheduled kick-off time.
- **SHIN PADS ARE COMPULSORY with long socks covering the shin pads.** Players without shin pads will not be allowed to take the court!
- Coaches, Managers, and all technical staff in the technical area must be well dressed with shoes and socks. Sandals or thongs are **NOT** permitted in the technical area.
- Only 3 Club Staff members are permitted in the technical area and must be listed on the official match sheet before each match. (Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager).
- All games must start with a minimum of 5 players per team on the court.
- Match Sheets will be located in an area accessible to all team officials and will be available for completion until 10 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off.
- Team officials are required to complete the match sheets at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off (earlier if possible) and include all relevant details such as: Players First Name and Surname of players and shirt numbers + all Officials full Names.
- Only the names of players listed on the official nomination form will be eligible to participate in the match.
- Players not entered on the match sheets in the allocated time, will be deemed ineligible to participate in that match.
- If a player has been suspended for a match their name must NOT appear on the match sheet.
- If a team is found guilty of playing an ineligible player, that team will be deducted all points in which the ineligible player has played with the points and 5 goals going to the opposition team. If the goal difference was less than +5. If the team not playing the illegal player wins by more than 5 goals then that score will remain.
- If a team is found guilty of playing an ineligible player the Club must show cause as to how this happened, if the club cannot show cause as to why this occurred then the club may face further sanctions or even possibly expelled from the competition.
- At the completion of each match the Club officials/Staff from both teams must sign the match sheet to confirm the final result.
- If a club wishes to question any final results an official appeal must be sent in to Liga Futsal Management with a payment of \$200 at least 12 hours after the match has completed. If an appeal is lodged after the 12 hours has lapsed, then the appeal will be null and void.
- If a Player or Official is shown a Red Card by a Referee then they are sent off and will take no further part in that game and will be suspended for their following match.
- If a Player has been shown a Red Card during the game, a two (2) minutes period must elapse before that player can be replaced, or if the opposition scores before the two minutes period.
- If Players from both teams are sent off simultaneously then the full two minutes must elapse before any players can be replaced.
- If a Player or Official is shown a Red Card by a Referee then they are sent off and will take no further part in that match, it will also carry a mandatory 1 match suspension and the player or official may need to front a judiciary panel if asked to do so.

10. Uniforms & Equipment

- **SHIN PADS ARE COMPULSORY with long socks covering the shin pads.** Players without shin pads will not be allowed to take the court!
- Players must be in the full Club uniform, same coloured Shirt, Shorts and Socks. If teams clash in colour as deemed by the Match Referee's or League Director, then the away team (as listed in the official draw) must wear their away kit or Bibs if they do not have an Away Kit.
- Teams must distinguish their goal keeper from the rest of their players with a different coloured shirts or bib. If the Goalkeeper kit is the same or similar to the oppositions team, then the away team must change their Goalkeeper kit.
- If substituting the goal keeper during the game, the new goalkeeper must be wearing the different coloured shirt with their own number as listed on the game score sheet.
- All teams must have numbered shirts so that selectors and referees can distinguish the players.
- Goalkeepers may also wear: knee and/or elbow pads, and goal keeping gloves (they can be different colours to their kit).
- A player must not use equipment or wear anything, which is dangerous to himself or herself or another player, including any kind of jewellery.
- The referee's decision to exclude players using or wearing dangerous equipment is final.

11. Disciplinary Actions

- Where a player/Official accumulates disciplinary cards the following shall apply.
 - Four (4) Yellow Cards accumulated throughout the League = automatic suspension of one (1) match, (this will be cleared at the start of the play-off games).
 - One (1) Red Card = suspension for the remainder of that game with of a mandatory suspension of the next game, and possible further suspension and must appear before the judiciary depending on the referee's report. Red Cards will carry into Quarter/Semi or Grand Finals.
- Where a player has been dismissed with a Red card, and the expulsion warrants reporting by the referee then the player may be required to report to the chairperson of the judiciary Committee.
- Once expelled (Red carded) the player or official concerned MAY NOT re-enter the game in progress nor may he/she remain in the court area as deemed by the tournament coordinator.
- A suspended player or official may not enter the court area as deemed by the League coordinator until the suspension has been carried out in full.
- Any person/persons involved in fighting either on or off the court, regardless of whether he/she instigated the fight or retaliated, must front the administrator/manager to show cause as to why they should not be expelled from the centre or League.
- The court administrator/manager has the right to deal with such people.
- Any person who is found guilty of causing damage to the centre or courts, its facilities or car park area will be thrown out of the League and reported to the Owner and or the Police. All costs will be forwarded to the person or persons found guilty of causing the damage.
- The League Director has the right to deal with such people.

12. Appeals

- No appeals will be entered into from a decision of a referee or matters relating to the conduct of the League except where it can be demonstrated that a decision by the organizing committee is in error. All appeals must be lodged in writing, complete with the appeal fee of \$200.
- Should the appeal be upheld the appeal fee will be refunded in full – if lost the fee is non-refundable.
- A time period of 12 hours to lodge an appeal is in effect from the end of the match in question.

13. Abandoned Games

- Should the referee have cause to abandon or postpone a match, subject to the referees report, neither team will receive match points except:
 - If a match is abandoned because a team is unable to field sufficient players to remain on the court (as per the rules) then the team remaining on the court shall receive the winning points and any goals scored up to the point of the abandoned match – but no goals scored against. This will be the regulation even if the team awarded the match was the losing team at the point of abandonment.
 - If a match has to be halted due to safety concerns and can no longer continue, then the match will be played at a later time if possible, if this is not possible the team that was leading at the time of halting the game will be declared the winner with the goals for and against recorded as the official score.

14. Club/Team Representative and Responsibilities

- The Club Representative, coach and/or manager of each team is responsible for all matters relating to the team including the conduct of the team members and supporters, disciplinary matters, adherence to local regulations and appropriate use of the venue.

15. Codes of Conduct/Ethics

- Individual Clubs, Coaches and Managers are required to issue and enforce their respective codes of Conduct/Ethics. The conduct of all players, team officials, referees, tournament officials and spectators who participate in the Liga Futsal competition is governed by Codes of Conduct/Ethics generally accepted as endorsing the values of fair play, respect and tolerance including but not limited to:
 1. Co-operation with the league, venue and match officials, or their delegates
 2. Compliance with venue rules and guidelines
 3. Behaving in a professional, responsible and courteous manner towards participants, team officials, referees, tournament officials and spectators
 4. Adherence to the Laws of the Game
 5. Participation in the spirit of the game
 6. Refraining from the use of offensive, abusive or insulting language and/or gestures
 7. Refraining from behaviour that is violent or offensive
 8. Refraining from engaging behaviour that aims to harass or discriminate against another person on the grounds of race, sex, religion or for any other reason
 9. Abstaining from the use, possession or promotion of any banned substance or drugs of dependence
- Failure to comply with the Codes of Conduct as set out in this document may result in the offender/s being dismissed from the venue or suspended from play or officiating for a fixed period of time and/or indefinitely.

16. Awards

- The Grand Final Winners of the Liga Futsal will be awarded with Championship Medals, the League Trophy and Special Invitation to participate in an International Tournament in Spain the following year.
- Second place teams in the League will also receive Runner-Up Medals and Special Invitation to participate in an International Tournament in Spain the following year.

All awards will be presented at the end of the Grand Final Matches.

17. Contact Details

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