

# Planet Futsal Youth Winter League



Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Planet Futsal Winter League.

**FORMAT** – All teams will be guaranteed 8 games. Teams will play every other team at least once. Standings after the completion of league will determine playoff ranking. (Please Note: The exact format of the league will be determined by the number of teams registered in the event. A minimum of 4 teams will constitute a league.)

**LOCATION** – Games will be played at the following locations: Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave, Sunnyvale; Mountain View Sport Pavilion, 1185 Castro, Mountain View; St Lawrence Academy, 2000 Lawrence Ct, Santa Clara, Santa Clara Community Church, 23536 Monroe St, Santa Clara.

**CREDENTIALS** – At the Mandatory registration before the first game, teams must provide USFF cards for players and coaches. All Players' in addition must provide a copy of their Birth Certificate or Passport to verify DOB. Players must also have a completed Player Participation Agreement before participating in any game. All player and coach passes will be checked prior to the beginning of each and every game at their scheduled court 30 minutes before the scheduled game time by the Planet Futsal staff at the check-in desk.

**ROSTERS** – Teams may register up to 10 players. Players can be added up to the second week of games. No guest players allowed.

**RULES OF PLAY** – FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game will apply, with the exception of Planet Futsal modifications. The rule modifications have been made to benefit the players. Please see the modifications below:

- **Duration of Game** - Running time may be used. (No stoppage of clock unless injury and No timeouts)
- **Size of Balls** - Under 12 players will use a Size #3 Futsal Ball, Under 13+ will use a Size #4 Futsal Ball
- **Rosters** - The maximum roster size is 10 players
- **Size of Field** - Fields will be adapted to the space available
- **Goalkeepers** - They may not throw the ball over the half way line
  - The Goalkeeper may not volley or half volley the ball
- **Kick Off** - Scoring from the kick off is only allowed on an International field (124 feet or greater)
- **Penalty Kicks** - Position and movement of goalkeeper for a kick from 2nd Penalty spot is the same as from the regular penalty spot (Goalkeeper must be on goal line until ball is kicked).
- **Red Cards** - If teams have a player sent off they must play with a man down for the remainder of the game.

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**PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT** – It will be the Referee's discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment including the wearing of a hard brace. Hard Casts are not allowed. Shin guards and indoor footwear are mandatory for all players.

**HOME TEAM** – The Home Team will be the team which appears first, or is designated in the schedule as the home team. The home team will be required to switch to alternate jerseys to accommodate a color conflict as declared by the referee. Home teams are also responsible for bringing game report card. Only the properly credentialed players and team officials may be present on the team's sidelines.

**GAME BALLS** – Planet Futsal will supply all game balls. The game ball will be subject to Referee approval. No outside balls allowed!

**AWARDS** – Individual player medals will be awarded to each player and coach on the teams reaching the Gold finals. A Championship trophy will be awarded to the winning team at the Gold level.

- Gold 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Championship Game Winner Trophy and individual Trophy
- Gold 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Championship Game Finalist Individual Award Trophy

**GAME CHECK-IN/ START TIMES** – Teams must be at the gym 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game in order to be checked in by referees or Planet Futsal officials. A team representative must present the teams player and coach credentials so the team may be checked in to play, allowing the game to get started on schedule. Each team manager or team official will be required to initial the game card area for that game before the player cards will be returned. A team who fails to properly check in will forfeit that game. Pending unforeseen circumstances, games will be started within five (5) minutes of the designated start time. If a team has not taken the field with a minimum of five (5) players within the five (5) minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team that has taken the field with at least (5) players. If neither team takes the field within the five (5) minute grace period, no points will be awarded to either team and the game will be declared a double forfeit. The referee and/or Planet Futsal may terminate a game and award a forfeit if a teams leaves a field during the game without approval of the referee, the referee abandons a match due to excessive violent conduct and/or misconduct by the players, coaches or fans, or a team is deemed to be in gross violation of FIFA Futsal Laws or rules of this league.

Duration of Game will be two (2) periods of 20 minutes

\* In regular league games ties will stand

\*\* Playoff & Final games tied after regulation will play over time of two (2) minutes each way. If a tie still exists after overtime in Final games, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure laid down and published by FIFA. Penalty Kicks will immediately follow the game. At the discretion of Planet Futsal, overtime periods maybe shortened or eliminated if the game has been significantly delayed at the start.

**SUBSTITUTIONS** – Substitutions are done on the fly. Players must leave the field before the substitute is allowed to enter the field of play. There is no limit to the number of substitution made.

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**COACHING** – All coaches have a total responsibility for the conduct of their players, substitutes, friends and spectators at all times. Coaching from the sidelines (giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position) is permitted,

Provided:

- No mechanical devices are used
- The tone of the voice is instructive and not derogatory
- Each Coach or substitute remains within eight (8) yards of the half way line
- No coach, substitute, or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other coaches, players, substitutes or spectator
- No coach, substitute, or spectator uses profanity or incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior

**CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS** – A player or coach receiving two cautions (yellow cards) in a single game is considered to have been given an Ejection (red card). A player or coach who has been ejected (sent off), will not be replaced. A player or coach who has been ejected will not return for that game and will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game. A player or coach who is ejected for violent conduct or serious foul play will not be allowed to participate in the next TWO scheduled games. Any player or coach who assaults a referee will be expelled from the League without a refund. A team will be disqualified from the league if any player or coach fails to comply with the provisions of this section. If a coach is ejected he must leave the facility. If there is no other registered coach to fill the void, the team must forfeit the game.

**SUSPENDED AND TERMINATED GAMES** – If in the opinion of Planet Futsal officials a game must be suspended (for reason); the game may be resumed, but is subject to being ended not less than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game. If in the opinion of Planet Futsal officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, bench coaches, or spectators, the offending team could be suspended from further play and forfeits that game and all remaining games. All previous points earned remain as played. Additionally, the home league and State Association will be contacted as appropriate. If a game is terminated due to problems associated with the fields, including lighting, or due to serious injury of a player (see the next section entitled 'Injury') the resumption of play for that game will be at the discretion of Planet Futsal Officials. Planet Futsal officials may at their option conclude the game, require completion of the game, replay the game or even utilize penalty kicks to determine a winner of the game depending upon the circumstance and taking into account the potential effect of the game results on the standings of the teams.

**INJURY** – Delays of the game will only be allowed for an injury requiring professional medical attention and the inability to remove the injured player from the field until and while the medical attention is being provided to the player. The delay will result in appropriate time being added to the full game time, based on the judgment of the referee. Otherwise, each game will be played with a running clock and no suspension of clock time. However, all regular league games will be terminated not less than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game. The failure to complete any game due to serious injury requiring suspension of the game play shall be controlled by the preceding section 'SUSPEND AND TERMINATED GAMES.' Any injuries must be reported to a league official so that an accident report form can be completed. A Planet Futsal official will call 911 for an injury at a coach or parent request.

**SCORING SYSTEM** – Points will be allocated as follows:

3 points will be awarded for a Win

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1 point will be awarded for a Tie

0 points will be awarded for a Loss

Forfeits will be scored 2-0 against the forfeiting team. If both teams forfeit there will be no points awarded.

There will be a maximum goal differential of seven (7) in any game. Once the scoring reaches that point the scoreboard will be no longer updated unless the differential returns to less than seven (7).

**TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE** – In case of a tie in League points following the completion of all the regular league games, the final standings will be determined on the following criteria in the order specified below. All game results will be final and no protest of their outcome is allowed:

1. Head to Head competition between the teams that are tied
2. Goal Difference (goals scored minus goals conceded)
3. Teams with fewest goals conceded
4. Team with most goals scored
5. Penalty Kicks (Time and location determined by Planet Futsal)
6. If a three-way tie exists within the league a coin flip will be conducted. The two teams that are still tied after the coin flip will complete Penalty Kicks as above.

**DISPUTES AND PROTESTS** – Game conduct is under the jurisdiction of the referee and Planet Futsal will not overrule a referee's decision. NO PROTEST WILL BE ALLOWED.

**GUEST TEAMS** – Planet Futsal may accept a team as a 'Guest Team'. Guest Team game results are predetermined to be a 2-0 defeat against the Guest Team. The opposing team will be awarded 3 points.

**REFUND POLICY** – Cancellations will be accepted before October 16<sup>th</sup>. A full refund will be given minus a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be entertained after October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**LEAGUE CANCELLATION** – If the league must be cancelled due to acts of civil disobedience, war, destruction of facilities or other circumstances deemed by Planet Futsal to be beyond their control, Planet Futsal may retain up to 50% of the entry fee once the league's costs are paid. Refund of no less than 50% of the team's entry fee will be postmarked and mailed to the teams within 45 days of the approved league start date.

**PROHIBITIONS** – The following are prohibited at any of the league game sites

- Possession or Consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances
- Dogs
- Use of Tobacco products

Referees will be instructed to abandon a game if, after being asked to do so, any person affiliated with the team refuses to comply with the prohibitions listed above. Any team (including players, coaches, parents and affiliated spectators) found violating these rules will automatically forfeit all games played, face possible expulsion from the league and will not be invited to any future Planet Futsal event.