

# Sport Terminology

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| Term | Definition |
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| Absent player | A player who is not present for a match for a specific reason. |
| Accumulated foul | Fouls accumulated by a team during a period of play. A foul committed by a player that is penalised by a direct free kick or penalty kick; each team's tally is added up, starting from zero, in the first and second periods of the match. If extra time is needed, accumulated fouls from the second period of the match are added to those committed during extra time. |
| Assist | An assist is sometimes awarded when the goal scorer receives the ball from a team mate and scored. The following framework is used to define assists:<br>• An assist will be awarded to the in-possession player who, regardless of intention, last touched the ball directly prior to a goal being scored by a team-mate<br>• An assist will still be awarded for an in-possession player's intended distribution action, regardless of an out-of-possession player's touch of the ball prior to a goal being scored, given that the ball still arrived at its intended destination<br>• No assists will be given for own goals<br>• No assists will be given for players who win penalties or free kicks that lead to direct goals |
| Attempt at goal | Any attempt directed at the goal (the ball may then be blocked by the defence or saved by the goalkeeper, may go out of the goal or a goal may be scored). |
| Attempt at goal on target | Any attempt directed to the goal (inside the goal frame). The ball may then be blocked by the defence or saved by the goalkeeper, or a goal may be scored. |
| Ball out of play | The ball is out of play when:<br>• It has completely crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air<br>• Play has been stopped by the referee |
| Caution - yellow card | Disciplinary sanction which results in a report to a disciplinary authority; indicated by showing a yellow card; two cautions in a match result in a player or team official being sent off. These cautions can be shown for any of the following offences:<br>• Delays the restart of play<br>• Shows dissent by word or action<br>• Enters, re-enters or deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission<br>• Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick or throw-in<br>• Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game<br>• Is guilty of unsporting behaviour<br><br>A team official can also be cautioned and shown a yellow card as a result of misconduct. Two cautions in a match result in a player or team official being sent off. |
| Competition format | Defines the competition system at the Olympic tournament. e.g. the number of teams competing, their division into groups or how they will compete in each stage of the competition. |
| Competition stages | Each competition is divided into two stages:<br>• Group stage<br>• Knock-out stage<br><br>The knock-out stage is divided into:<br>• Semi-finals |



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| | • Finals (gold and bronze medal matches) |
| Corners | A player putting the ball into play from the corner arc on the side from which the ball crossed the goal line. |
| Direct free kick | A free kick from which a goal can be scored by kicking the ball directly into the opponents' goal without it having to touch another player. |
| Disqualified player | A player barred from competition for violation of the rules. |
| Expulsion | An expelled player will not return to the field of play for the remainder of the match. The team will be one player down for two minutes, after which another player may enter the pitch. In case the team concedes a goal before the end of the two minute penalty, another player may enter the pitch before the end of the two minutes Further details can be found in the Futsal Laws of the Game. |
| Extra time | Extra time will be played in the event of a draw at the end of normal playing time. Extra time consists of two periods of three minutes each, played after a five minute interval. There is no interval between the two periods of extra time. |
| FIFA Data Management | Responsible FIFA department for all data related matters at Olympic Games (teams, players, match events, results and other statistics). |
| FIFA Disciplinary | Disciplinary & Governance: Dealing at Olympic Games with all matters that might require disciplinary action (e.g. sanctions imposed by the referee, crowd disturbances). |
| FIFA Match Commissioner | The FIFA administrative official with the ultimate responsibility for reporting to FIFA Disciplinary on any matters that might require disciplinary action before during or after a match. |
| FIFA Match Director | The FIFA administrative official responsible for the proper running of match operations. |
| FIFA Olympic Football Committee | The FIFA standing committee responsible for the regulations by which the Youth Olympic Futsal tournaments are organised. |
| FIFA Trigramme | A three-letter country code assigned by FIFA to each of its member and non-member countries. These are the official codes used by FIFA and its continental confederations as name abbreviations of countries and dependent areas in official competitions. |
| Futsal Laws of the Game | The 17 rules by which futsal is played throughout the world, as defined by the International Football Association Board. |
| Goalkeepers colours | The goalkeepers shall wear colours that are different and contrasting from each other as well as the first-choice and alternative kits in the same team. |
| Goal posts | Goals must be placed on the centre of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corners and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The distance (inside measurement) between the posts is 3m and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is 2m. |
| Goals/own goals | A goal or own goal is awarded when the ball fully crosses the goal line within the goal frame. Goal scorers are defined with the following framework: |



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| Hierarchy among referees | Referees have final jurisdiction on events that occur on their half of the field of play. It is unusual for any decision to be overruled, but whoever is designated as the referee will have some distinct functions, such as carrying the ball onto the pitch, conducting the coin toss, choosing the side for penalties (penalty shoot-outs), etc. |
| Ineligible player | A player who cannot be selected for the line-up. |
| Injured player | A player who has an injury that renders him/her physically unable to participate in the Youth Olympic Games. |
| Kick-off | A kick-off is a way of starting or restarting play:<br>• At the start of the match<br>• After a goal has been scored<br>• At the start of the second half of the match<br>• At the start of each period of extra time, where applicable<br>A goal may be scored directly from the kick-off. |
| Match | A match is a competition between two teams to be decided in a specified time. Each match shall last 40 minutes, comprising two periods of 20 minutes with an interval of 15 minutes between periods. |
| Numbers | The number of each player must be visible on his back and be distinguishable from the main colour of the shirt. The competition rules must determine the size of the numbers and whether they are mandatory, as well as their size on other items of the players' basic equipment. |
| Own goals | See goals/own goals |
| Penalty kick | An unimpeded shot taken by a player at the 6m spot upon the signal of a referee. It is awarded as a result of a penalty foul. |
| Penalty mark | Penalty mark 6m from a goal line. |
| Penalty shoot-out | Method of deciding the result of a match by each team alternately taking kicks until one team has scored one more goal and both teams have taken the same number of kicks (unless during the first five kicks for each team, one team could not equal the other team's score even if they scored from all their remaining kicks. |



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| Pitch | The pitches chosen for the tournament must comply with the Futsal Laws of the Game. The pitch shall measure 40m in length, by 20m in width. |
| Red card | A player is sent off and shown the red card if he commits any of the following offences:<br>• Is guilty of serious foul play<br>• Is guilty of violent conduct<br>• Spits at an opponent or any other person<br>• Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring position by deliberately handling the ball<br>• Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the players goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick<br>• Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language<br>• Receives a second caution in the same match |
| Referees | Two referees (a referee and a second referee), a third referee, a timekeeper and a fourth referee (collectively referred to as the "match officials") are appointed for each match. The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final. |
| Regulations | The rules by which a specific competition is organised; distinct from the Futsal Laws of the Game. |
| Reserve assistant referee | In case of injury, the third referee may replace either the referee or the second referee. |
| Second penalty mark | Penalty mark 10m from a goal line. |
| Starting line-ups/ Final list | Starting line-ups list the five players from each team starting the match. |
| Statistics | Statistics evaluate the performance of the teams and players. |
| Substitutes | An unlimited number of substitutions per team may be used during a match. The relevant official must be informed of substitutions and the player to be replaced must leave the pitch before the substitute can commence playing. A substitute may replace a sent off player and enter the pitch after two minutes of playing time have elapsed since the sending off, unless a goal is scored before the two minutes have elapsed (under certain conditions). |
| Suspended player | A player barred for a match due to a red card or second yellow card in the previous match(es). |
| Team colours | Each team shall wear official colours as declared on the official entry form. In addition to the first choice kit, each team shall have alternative kit(s) (alternative colours), which shall also be declared on the entry form and shall contrast with the colours of the first choice kit. |
| Team standings | Placement in order of achievement of the teams by points and goals. |
| Time | The clock on the field of play shall display time as a countdown. However, all official reports shall show times in the chronological way. |



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| Yellow card | A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he commits any of the following offences:<br>• Is guilty of unsporting behaviour<br>• Shows dissent by word or action<br>• Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game<br>• Delays the restart of play<br>• Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick<br>• Enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission<br>• Deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission |

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