



World InterUniversities Championships®

Futsal Championships Official Rules

Number of players for each team: maximum 12 players

System: qualification round pools, then knockout matches.

Male: 28 teams, divided into 7 pools of 4 teams. Matches start with round pool and then they will be play as knock-out matches. Knock-out matches start with 1/8 final: the 1st place finisher of each pool, the 2nd place finisher of each pool, the best 3rd and the second best 3rd are qualified to 1/8 final.

Female: 27 teams, divided into 6 pools of 4 teams and 1 pool of 3 teams. Matches start with round pool and then they will be play as knock-out matches. Knock-out matches start with 1/8 final: the 1st place finisher of each pool, the 2nd place finisher of each pool, the best 3rd and the second best 3rd are qualified to 1/8 final.

Playground: outdoor, artificial grass

Rules

The "World Inter-Universities Championships" adopt the FIFA official rules of futsal, except what is expressly stated in this document.

Playground rules

None, as all the matches will be played on the same 2 fields.

Referees' rules

None, as the matches will be directed by official referees, depending on the Organizing Committee's decisions.

Match duration

All qualifying round matches, as well as knock out matches, will have a duration of two periods of 12 minutes each; half-time break will be 2 minutes.

In the knock out matches, the match duration and the winner are defined according to the following rules:

Round of 16: 2x12 minutes, half-time 2 min (if the match is tied, three penalties for each team. If still tied, then 1 penalty per team until there is a winner)

Quarter final/Semi final matches: 2x12 minutes, half-time 2 min (if the match is tied, three penalties for each team. If still tied, then 1 penalty per team until there is a winner)

3rd/4th place final: 2x12 minutes, half-time 2 min (if the match is tied, three penalties for each team. If still tied, then 1 penalty per team until there is a winner)

1st/2nd place final: 2x12 minutes, half-time 5 min (if the match is tied, three penalties for each team. If still tied, then 1 penalty per team until there is a winner)

The ranking within the same pool, in the qualifying round, will be determined on: points, head-to-head points, head-to-head goal difference, overall goal difference, overall goals scored, penalties.

The best third teams will be identified on: points, overall goal difference, overall goal scored, drawing

Time outs

Time-outs will not be granted. There will be one time-out for each team during the entire match and only starting from semi-final round.

Double penalties

Due to the reduced duration of matches, each foul committed by a team will be punished with a double penalty starting from the 4th team foul each half.

Colours of jerseys

If the two teams have jerseys of similar colour, at the referee's discretion, the first team as indicated in the match schedule (home team) will change their jerseys or wear the yellow/orange bibs provided by WIUC Organization.

Shinguards and shoes

Soccer shoes with long cleats (either rubber or metal cleats) are not allowed, even though the tournament courts are outdoor, in artificial grass. **Futsal shoes**, either with slick sole or with short rubber cleats are instead allowed

Use of shinguards is recommended for every player

Identification of the players

The identification of players of each team will be done only one time by the Organizing Committee.

The teams must reach the field 10 minutes prior to kick-off time. Any case of delay exceeding 5' from the scheduled kick-off time will be carefully evaluated by the Organizing Committee after a call to the head of delegation. In general terms, the team that was not present at the right time could lose the match by forfeit with the score of 0-3. A match cannot start if neither team has a minimum of three players on the field ready to play.

Players sent off

A player sent off by the referee during a match, will not be allowed to play again in the same match, but, in principle, will be allowed to play the next match, unless heavier sanctions are decided against him by the Organizing Committee. Players, coaches, officials or teams who are held responsible for violent acts against other players, referees or tournament staff could be immediately excluded from the Championships. Kindly refer to general Championships rules and regulations under separate cover.

Changes in the format

The organizing committee has the right to change the format of the tournament, if it is in the best interest of competitors and based on organizational needs. The team will obviously be informed of the changes on time.

Every coach and player must know the rules of the game and in particular the exceptions mentioned above to FIFA futsal rules. With this document the Organization acknowledges that you are aware of the rules of the game and accept them for this Championships.