

# HIGHLIGHTS



Futsal is an exciting, fast-paced small sided soccer game 4 or 5 players versus 4 or 5 players.

Whilst it is a sport in its own right, Futsal does not compete with regular soccer but serves to support it by developing skills that will make children better players, both on the soccer field and the Futsal court.

Futsal encourages young players become more agile, faster, and stronger and have better balance. It also helps youngsters become more comfortable with the ball and give them lots of opportunities to practice passing, dribbling, turning, shooting and ball control whilst under pressure.

Compared to soccer, Futsal demands more versatile players. It's normal for every player to play in every position on the field during the course of a game. Futsal players are not labelled as defenders, midfielders or attackers like they are in regular soccer.

Young players will also touch the ball many more times during a game of Futsal than they do even in mini soccer, they will pass more often, shoot more and score more goals. They will also practice their skills in far more 1v1 situations than they will experience in traditional soccer.

Futsal also encourages young players to make quick decisions whilst under pressure and in tight spaces and have better spatial awareness.

Many of the top world class footballers played Futsal as children and credit it with supporting their footballing development; players of the caliber of Peko, Zico, Ronaldinho, Kaká, Lionel Messi to name but a few.

It's FUN, the children enjoy the challenge of playing a fast-paced, fun-skill-orientated game, that test their abilities.



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# INFO

Futsal is an exciting, fast-paced small sided soccer game that is widely played across the world and is officially recognized by both UEFA and FIFA who govern European and World soccer respectively.

The nature of the game places a large emphasis on technical skill and ability in situations of high pressure, and is subsequently an excellent breeding ground for soccer competencies that can be translated into the 11-a-side format of the game. The children will have many more opportunities to be on the ball, to dribble, to pass and to shoot.

Many of the top world class footballers played Futsal in their youth and credit it with supporting their soccer development; players of the caliber of Pele, Zico, Ronaldinho, Kaká, Lionel Messi to name but a few of the South American legends all played and enjoyed Futsal. But Futsal has not just helped produce South American football stars, on the European stage Cristiano Ronaldo, Deco, Xavi, Fabregas amongst many others have played Futsal to develop their skills.

Futsal was important in helping to develop my ball control, quick thinking, passing and also for dribbling, balance, concentration. Futsal was very very important, no doubt!

-Pele, World Cup Winner 1958, 1962 & 1970

Perhaps in regular soccer you cannot appreciate the talent. Everything is more physical. But in Futsal you have small details of quality, class and tactical aspects."

-Xavi FFA World Cup and UEFA Champions League Winner

The surface, ball and rules create an emphasis on improvisation, creativity and technique as well as ball control and passing in small spaces.

Futsal is an extremely important way for kids to develop their skills and understanding of the game. My touch and my dribbling have come from playing Futsal!

-Ronaldinho FFA World Footballer of the Year 2004 + 2005



# PRICING

- Price \$210 for 10 games over 10 weeks. 1 game per week
- No sibling discount for Futsal Program

Early Bird Registration 10% off the total cost. Early Bird Registration begins every October 1st and ends on October 31st.

Game Schedules come out to you, 2 weeks before the season starts. Your child's team will alternate each week, between playing an early game and a later game the following weekend.

Each child will receive a uniform futsal jersey as part of the price you pay

All other equipment and clothing must be provided by you. This includes shin guards, sneakers or indoor flat soccer shoes, Goalkeeper gloves etc.



# Q&A

**Q:** What benefits will my child get from playing Futsal?

**A:** It will give your child increased confidence and increased repetitions on the ball, dribbling, passing, shooting, basic attacking & defensive skills, movement with and without the ball are just a few ways that futsal can help a player improve.

**Q:** Why the special ball?

**A:** The Futsal specific ball stays close to the ground because it is heavier than normal soccer balls. This means it is at the players feet much more which is where we want it at these age levels. It is easier to control and gives the players many more productive touches.

**Q:** What equipment/ clothing does my child need to wear and bring when attending each game throughout the season?

**A:** Your child will need to wear regular sneakers or indoor flat-side soccer shoes. **YOUR CHILD CANNOT WEAR SOCCER CLEATS INDOORS.** Cleats will damage the gym floor and will be unsafe as they do not provide grip on hard surface. All children aged 7 years and up should wear shin guards. Your child will receive their team jersey at the first game. This must be worn each week.

**Q:** As a parent what role, if any, do I have during the games?

- A:** We would like for you to support your child and all the other children in positive and constructive way. We trust that you will support and reinforce our SFUSA goals and values, which are:
- To get along with and respect peers in a group.
  - To pursue a common goal as part of a team.
  - To deal appropriately with winning and losing.
  - To respect their opponents.

