



Peel Halton District League Futsal Rules

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1. Categories and Divisions and Tiers

- Subject to Ontario Soccer Published (OS) Rules, the Peel Halton District League – Futsal is a District League of the Peel Halton Soccer Association.
- PHDL Futsal is authorized to operate age divisions from U8 to Masters for both genders. PHSA may authorize tiers to Divisions to support meaningful competition.
- All fines resulting from breaches of rules identified in these Futsal Rules, including those published in the PHSA Fine Schedule shall be assessed against the Club.
- All matters not included in these Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with OS Published Rules.

2. Eligibility Rules

- Peel Halton Soccer Association Clubs may enter teams in any division of the PHDL according to their membership status. The club must be in good standing to register teams. Clubs will self-select into which tiers they wish to enter teams, where applicable.
- Clubs from outside the Peel Halton District may enter teams, however, must have an approved “permission to Play Out” application from their District Association. They must also provide a team bond.
- Clubs from outside the PHSA must provide an official District Stamped OS Roster for each team. A copy of the district stamped roster is due no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the season. If a roster change is made an updated copy of the district stamped OS roster is to be sent to the PHSA immediately.

3. Player's Registration and Documentation

- All players shall be registered with the Club and entered into the OS electronic registration system in accordance with the OS Published Rules.
- The deadline for new player registration is Jan 5th _____
- Players may transfer to another Club team in accordance with OS Published Rules.
- All players & Team Officials must have a valid District Stamped Roster issued and endorsed by the District Association in which they are registered.
- A digital or physical copy of the District Stamped Roster must be present at every game. This rule applies to all team officials, players, including call-up players, and players being used with TEP or TRP.

4. Playing Up and Temporary Eligibility Permits and Trial Permits

- U8 to U13 Teams are **not** authorized to use “Call-ups” at any time.
- U14 and up Teams may use players as “Call-ups” provided that.
- The player is not registered with another Team playing in the same Division of the PHDL.
- The player is registered with a team affiliated with the club and is not currently suspended by any league or governing organization affiliated with OS.



- All called-up players who are registered with a team in another club must have a Temporary Eligibility Permit (TEP). A player called up under the TEP system can only be called up three times per season in the PDFL. In addition to the TEP, a valid District Stamped Roster shall be presented at each game in order for the player to be eligible to play. TEPs may not be used after February 28th. The Head Coach is responsible for informing the league convener of the TEP call-up including the player name and OS number. The call-up player is not eligible to play unless their name appears on the game sheet and is shown on a District Stamped Roster.
- Players in possession of an OS issued Trial Permit are eligible to play. A Trial Permit is only valid for 2 games. In addition to the Trial Permit, a valid District Stamped Roster shall be presented at each game in order for the player to be eligible to play. Trial permits may not be used after February 28th.
- Teams may not use more than **three (3) players, playing as call-ups, in any one League game**. Players with a TEP or Trial Permit shall be included in the total of three (3) call-up players per game;
- Players registered to Teams not playing in an Ontario Soccer league are not permitted to play in the PHDL;

5. Player Verification and Eligibility

- The checking of the team's District Stamped Roster, and applicable TEP's, or Trial Permits, against the game sheet is compulsory for all games in all divisions, shall be performed 20 minutes, or more, before the scheduled start time of the game. Team Head Coaches are responsible for having the District Stamped Roster and applicable TEP's, or Trial Permits, checked against the game sheet. Players not on the District Stamped Roster and applicable TEP's, or Trial Permits, are considered to be ineligible to play.
- Each team will present its signed game sheet as well as all valid District Stamped Rosters and any TEPs, or Trial Permits, of those players participating in the game to a representative from the opposing team, who will verify the valid District Stamped Roster and any TEP's, or Trial Permits, against the names on the game sheet.
- After completion of this procedure, a Team Official will initial the game sheet in the appropriate box to certify that the District Stamped Roster checking procedures were followed, and return the game sheet to the Referee, who shall retain it.
- The Referee or convener will note all questions regarding a player's eligibility, or the validity of a team's District Stamped Roster and any TEP's, or Trial Permits, on the game sheet, and the player concerned must sign the game sheet.
- A player arriving after the player verification is completed may play but must first report to the convenor
- Any player whose name does not appear on the game sheet and/or District Stamped Roster, or applicable TEP, or Trial Permit, is ineligible to play. Such players must change out of uniform and leave the players' bench/the team's technical area.



6. Coaches and Other Team Officials

- At the time of team registration, the Club must appoint a team head coach, Assistant and Manager in accordance with OS Policies. All team staff registered with PHSA must be registered in the OS electronic registration system at the time of the team registration. Should the team's staff change during the season the Club must report the change to PHSA at least 24 hours before the next match and that person must be registered in accordance with OS policies.
- All Team Officials must be certified per Ontario Soccer:

DIVISION	COACHING CERTIFICATION	MED	MHW	RIS	EAP
M/F U8 – U9	FUNDamentals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
M/F U10 – U12	Learn to Train	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
M/F U13 – Master	Soccer 4 Life	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- Current contact information for the team staff (all members) must be communicated to the PHSA office within 24hrs of any change.
- All Coaches, Asst. Coaches and Managers who will be on the bench or in the technical area during the match must appear on the game sheet. Any Team that fails to produce the required valid District Stamped Roster (and the OS Team Roster Report for the teams to which the player is registered), and any TEP's, or Trial Permits, will be subject to discipline.

7. Teams

- Follow current approved Ontario Soccer Grassroots Standards
- The maximum game roster size is **10** players and four team officials.
- Where it comes to the attention of the PHDL, through any means, that one or more unregistered or ineligible players have allegedly participated in a game, the PHDL may investigate and appropriate disciplinary action will be undertaken.
- Any team playing an unregistered player, or a player who is not registered with the team (excluding players playing with a valid TEP, or Trial Permit), or not eligible to play in that age division, or a player who is currently under suspension shall forfeit all the games in which such player participates and the game points shall be awarded to the opposing team(s). If both teams participating in a game fail to comply with this rule, no points shall be awarded to either team and each team will have one (1) loss added to its record.
- Any Club/Team playing an unregistered or ineligible player will be subject to a discipline. The team and its team staff will be liable for disciplinary action under League and OS policies which may include the imposition of fines and suspensions in accordance with OS Published Rules as well as any applicable fines as published in the PHDL Fine Schedule.
- Any Club/Team playing an unregistered or ineligible or suspended player under the name of one of its other registered players shall forfeit any games where the unregistered or ineligible or suspended player participated using the assumed identity. Any person aiding or abetting such action shall be subject to discipline. The Team, its Officials or players will be assessed penalties that the Discipline Committee imposes in accordance with OS Published Rules as well as any applicable fines as published in the PHDL Fine Schedule.



8. Responsibilities of Coaches and Team Officials

- The game balls shall meet the requirements of Law 2 (The Ball) as stipulated in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game. (Game balls will be provided at each facility) U8-U10: Size 3; U11 to Master: Size 4.
- All Clubs will register colours for their home and away uniforms with the league and will wear the appropriately registered uniform for all league games. Home and away uniforms must be different colours. **Teams must be wearing the Uniform of the Club to which they are registered.** The Uniform must display the Club crest/logo. ALL CLUB TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING PINNIES FOR PLAYERS ON THE TEAM BENCH.
- Where the Referee decides that the colours of the opposing teams conflict, the home team is required to change to an alternate jersey, providing that the visiting team's colours are as filed with the PHDL and if not, the visiting Team shall change its shirts. Each goalkeeper's jersey colour must be different from that of both teams and the opposing goalkeeper. If at any point during the match a team decides to use a "power keeper" they must also be wearing a jersey or pinnie that is a different colour. It is the responsibility of the coach of the team that is required to change, to have alternate shirts available at each game.
- All players on the same team, except the goalkeeper, shall wear shirts of the same colour, which must be numbered on the back. Numbers must be at least eight inches in height. No two players on the same team may wear the same number. Players' numbers must be recorded on the game sheet and may not be changed after the start of the game without the referee's permission. Taping of numbers on the jersey is **NOT** permitted.
- Only players and Team Officials are permitted to sit on the Team bench or within the designated technical area. All substitute players and Team Officials shall confine themselves to their designated technical or bench area. SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS MUST ENTER THE FIELD FROM IN FRONT OF THE TEAM BENCH/TECHNICAL AREA ONLY.
- No Coach or Team Official may enter the field of play at any time without the prior approval of the Match Official.
- No Coach or Team Official has the right to withdraw their Team or any of their players from the field of play without the prior approval of the Referee, except in accordance with the Substitution Procedure of Law 3 of the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- Each Team shall ensure that its spectators remain in the designated spectator seating of the gym facility opposite from the side where the players and team staff are located.
- Clubs and Team Officials are fully responsible, at all times, for the conduct of their players, other team staff and spectators in the vicinity of the pitch which includes the building and parking areas.
- A player, Coach or other Team Official who tries or does impede, harass or otherwise intimidate a game official or opposing Team Officials, shall be subject to disciplinary action. Published Rules, as well as any applicable League fines and bonds as published in the PHDL Fine Schedule.
- Suspended Team Officials may not be present at or in the vicinity of the pitch for any PHDL game throughout the period of his/her suspension. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in further disciplinary action and fines as per published rules.
- Safety or protective equipment may be worn after inspection by the Referee and only if the Match Official deems that the wearing of such equipment will not constitute a danger.
- All teams must have a First Aid Kit on their bench at every game.



9. Schedules

- Clubs shall receive notice of the season start and end dates a minimum of one week prior to the season start date.
- Teams may not adjust the schedule, change dates or start times.
- Peel Halton District League-Futsal may reschedule games to play games impacted by events or disasters beyond league control.

10. Game Start Times and Abandoned Games

- Teams are required to present themselves at the game pitch at least 15 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time to register, set up and perform the accreditation checks. The time clock begins at the scheduled time. In the case of stop-time games, the clock will run until the teams are ready to play.
- Any team that fails to present itself at the game pitch within 10 minutes after the scheduled kickoff time or fails to field the minimum three (3) players, within 10 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time shall be considered to have forfeited the game. The opposing Team shall be awarded a win by a score of 1-0, and the team which forfeits the match will be subject to a fine and costs as published in the PHDL Fine Schedule.
- If both Teams fail to appear for a scheduled game, both teams will be fined. Both teams will have a loss entered into the standings, where standings are recorded.
- If in the opinion of the Match Official abandons due to unplayable pitch conditions, power failure, or some other unforeseen circumstance before the completion of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total regular playing time has taken place the game shall be rescheduled. Games abandoned in the last $\frac{1}{4}$ of the regular playing time shall be deemed as complete.
- If a Match Official decides to abandon a game at any time due to the actions of players, officials or spectators/supporters of a Team, the said Team shall be called to a Discipline by Hearing (DBH) where if found guilty the game shall be awarded to the opposing Team by the score of 1-0 or the actual score at that time whichever is more advantageous to the opposing Team.
- If a game is abandoned by the Match Official at any time because a team is unable to field the minimum number of players, the said Team shall be deemed to have forfeited the game. The game shall be automatically awarded to the opposing Team by the score of 2-0 or the actual score at that time whichever is more advantageous to the opposing Team. The Club may also be assessed any applicable fines as published in the PHDL Fine Schedule.

11. Protests

- Where a game is played under protest, such fact must be noted on the game sheet. Confirmation of the protest shall be a protest fee in the form of a certified cheque or money order payable to the Peel Halton Soccer Association, which must be delivered by registered mail, recognized courier service or hand delivered to the League Office within 48 hours of the scheduled kick-off time of the game, not including weekends or statutory holidays. A date-stamped receipt must be retained as proof of the date of mailing or delivery of the protest. Please refer to Appendix A.
- No protest will be heard on questions of the Match Officials decisions regarding the Laws of the Game.
- Objections to pitch conditions, goals, balls or team colours, shall not be considered grounds for a protest.
- Correctly submitted written protests, delivered within the specified deadlines, shall be considered by the PHDL Discipline Committee in a Decision By Review. All other protests will be ruled out of order and will not be heard.
- In dealing with any Protest, the PHDL or its Discipline Committee shall take into consideration the presentation by the protesting Club or Team of any prior knowledge of the facts or allegations contained in the Protest, and any evidence legally obtained in support. Please refer to Appendix A.



12. Discipline and Appeals

- The league follows Ontario Soccer discipline policies.
- Discipline hearings will be held Monday through Friday.
- Except in cases of OS misconduct Type 1.13, 1.14, 1.14a, 1.3, 1.5, and 1.6, an individual who is subject to the DBR (Discipline by Review) system shall have the right to request to be disciplined by the D.B.H. system (Discipline by Hearing) The accused must submit a written request to the league within three (3) days of receiving the dismissal. The written request must be received within the stipulated time along with the fee Please refer to Appendix A.
- Decisions of the Discipline Committee will be accompanied by Rights of Appeal in accordance with the applicable Published Rules PHSA and Ontario Soccer.
- Club Bonds will be returned 30 days after the completion of the league season and satisfaction of any outstanding discipline actions

13. Game Sheets

- The names of all players and Team Staff complete with the OS registration numbers of all individuals participating in a game must be printed on the official game sheet. Teams who are not compliant with this will incur a fine.
- Only the maximum number of players are allowed on the game sheet and are eligible to play in PHDL Futsal games. Only four (4) Team Officials may be listed on the game sheet, and all present Team Officials must sign the Team's Game sheet; the signature shall certify the eligibility of all players and officials whose names appear on the game sheet, to participate in that game. The names of players and Team Officials not present at the game must be crossed out on the game sheet. All players, and team officials, including call-ups, whose names appear on the game sheet and are not crossed out, shall be deemed to have played, or participated in the game.
- The completed game sheet will be retained by the Match Official.

14. League Standings

- In all League games for U14 and older age groups, three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a tie. The Team with the most points, in each Division, at the end of the regular League schedule shall be declared the League Champion for that Division.
- No scores or standings shall be published for grassroots divisions.
- A Team forfeiting a game shall lose the game by a score of 1-0 and shall be subject to any applicable fines as published in the PHDL Fine Schedule.
- If two or more teams in an age Division are tied in points at the end of the League schedule, then the tie-breaker shall be determined in the following order:
- The team with the most points in the games played between the tied teams from head-to-head competition shall be declared the tie-breaker winner.
- The team with the highest goal differential (GF minus GA) in games between the tied teams shall be declared the tie-breaker winner.
- The team with the highest goal differential (GF minus GA) in all regular season games (against all teams in the division) shall be declared the winner of the tie-breaker.
- If the position is relevant for determining the division champion or second place, and if steps a), b) and c) do not break the tie, co-champions shall be declared; and;
- In cases where the process above has decided the winner of a tie between three or more teams, then the process shall be repeated to break the tie between the remaining teams.



15. General Rules

- There are 4 field players and a Goalkeeper (GK).
- GK can only handle the ball (by feet or hands) for 4 seconds in their own half. If they are in the opponents half, they have no time-handling restrictions.
- Youth Divisions:
 - U8 – U13: 2x20 minute halves (running clock) for league play.
 - U14 – U18: 2x25 minute halves (running clock) for league play.
- Senior Divisions:
 - Men & Women: 20 minute halves (stop clock) for league play
- Youth: 2 minutes for half time.
- Senior: 10 Minutes for half-time.
- One 1-minute time out per half per team.
- NOTE THAT YELLOW AND RED CARDS WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO PLAYERS U11 AND YOUNGER. The focus of the league is educational.
- FOR OFFENCES

If the period has ended (half-time or full-time) and a free kick, corner kick, or kick-in was previously awarded, the period ends and the team is not allowed to take the kick. The only exceptions to this are a Penalty Kick (6m) or a direct free kick starting with the 6th or more accumulated foul. Only in both these instances is the period extended to allow the kicks to take place.

16. Substitutions

- Free substitutions are made “on the fly”.
- **All substitute players must wear a pinnie when on their team bench, PROVIDED BY THE TEAM.**
- A player can only enter or leave the game in the substitution areas marked by their respective benches, and a player may only enter a game after the player they are replacing has left the field and the pinnie has been handed off. Failure to do so results in a caution and an indirect free kick is taken from where the ball was situated when the game was stopped to caution the player.

17. Kick-off

- Opposing players must be outside the center circle (3m) until the ball is in play.
- At a Kickoff, the ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves. The ball can be played in any direction.

18. Ball Out of Play Kick-in:

- A ball kicked out over the touch line (side line) by one team becomes the other team’s ball.
- The team kicking in has 4 seconds to get the ball back in play or it becomes the opponent’s kick-in. Defence must give 5-meter distance.
- The referee will give a visual count with his hand.
- The ball is placed on the touchline.
- There are no restrictions for the non-kicking foot.
- If at a kick-in, the ball is kicked directly outside the pitch (i.e. The ball does not touch, cross, or enter the pitch/touchline), a kick-in is awarded to the opposing team.
- Goals cannot be scored from kick-ins unless it makes contact with another player before it crosses



the goal line.

- If the ball hits the ceiling, a kick-in is awarded to the opponents of the team that last touched the ball. The kick-in is taken at the closest point on the nearest touchline.



19. Goal Clearance

- When the attacking team puts the ball over the end line, the other team gets the ball for goal clearance.
- The goalkeeper must throw the ball within 4 seconds of retrieving it and put it back into play by throwing it. This is up to the referee's discretion as to when the count starts.
- The ball is in play as soon as it is thrown.
- The opposing team must stay out of the penalty area during a goal clearance.
- Once the GK plays the ball into play they cannot touch the ball again in their own half until the opponent touches the ball or it goes out of play.
 - Exception to this rule for U8's. Goalkeepers will be allowed to touch the ball an unlimited number of times without restriction.

20. Corner Kick

- The ball must be on, or in the corner arc
- Kick is taken from the corner closest to where the ball left the pitch.
- Opponents must give 5-meter distance from the corner arc.
- If the player taking the corner kick fails to put the ball into play within 4 seconds, a goal clearance is awarded to the opposing team.
- If a corner kick is not placed properly, or for any other infringement, a goal clearance is awarded to the opposing team.

21. Fouls and Misconduct

Indirect Free Kick Offences:

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper commits any of the following four offences:

- The GK touches or controls the ball with his hands after it has been deliberately passed to him by a teammate.
- The GK touches or controls the ball with his hands after he has received it directly from a kick-in taken by a teammate.
- Controls the ball with his hands or feet in his own half of the court for more than four seconds
- After playing the ball, he touches it again in his own half of the court after it has been deliberately played to him by a team-mate without an opponent playing or touching it (See Rule 22h). THIS RULE IS NOT APPLICABLE TO AGE GROUPS U11 OR YOUNGER.

An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team, in the opinion of the referees, if a player:

- Plays in a dangerous manner.
- Impedes the progress of an opponent
- is guilty of dissent, using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or action(s) or other verbal offences;
- prevents the goalkeeper from releasing or throwing the ball from the hands or kicks or attempts to kick the ball when the goalkeeper is in the process of releasing or throwing it;
- initiates a deliberate trick for the ball to be passed (including from a free kick) to the goalkeeper with the head, chest, knee, etc. to circumvent the Law, whether or not the goalkeeper touches the ball with the hands; the goalkeeper is penalized if responsible for initiating the deliberate trick;



- scores in the opponents' goal:
 - directly from their hand/arm (including by the goalkeeper), provided that it is accidental and the hand/arm did not make their body unnaturally bigger;
 - after accidentally touching the ball with their hand/arm, without any other player having deliberately played the ball thereafter (a deflection is not considered a deliberate play of the ball), and if the defending goalkeeper fails to save the ball and a goal is scored. The goal must be disallowed and an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team
 - Commits any other offence, not previously mentioned above for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player.

The indirect free kick is taken from the place where the infringement occurred, unless this was in the penalty area, in which case the indirect free kick is taken from the penalty area line at the place closest to where the infringement occurred. All opponents must be 5 meters from the ball to set up a wall, and the ball is in play after it has been touched. If the kicking team takes more time than 4 seconds to play the ball, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team.

Direct Free Kick Offences:

- Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent.
- Tripping an opponent.
- Jumping at an opponent.
- Charges an opponent.
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.
- Pushing an opponent.
- Tackles an opponent in a careless, reckless, or excessive force manner.
- Holding an opponent.
- Spits at an opponent.
- Handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper in his own penalty area).

****Each of these offences are accumulated fouls. If any of these offences occur in a team's own penalty area, a penalty kick is awarded and will NO LONGER BE COUNTED as an accumulated foul.**

6th Accumulated Foul:

- Accumulated fouls are those sanctioned by a direct free kick (except when a penalty kick is awarded).
- Upon a team's 6th accumulated foul in each half, the defending team cannot build a wall to block the kick.
- If a 6th accumulated foul is committed beyond the team's defending 3rd (from the 10m mark to the opponents goal line), the free kick is taken from the 2nd penalty mark (10m mark)
- If a 6th accumulated foul is committed within a teams own defending 3rd (from the 10m mark to their own goal line) and outside their own penalty area, the opposing team decides whether to take it from the 2nd penalty mark (10m Mark) or from where the infringement occurred. In either case, the defending team is not allowed to set up a wall.
- The player taking the kick must be clearly identified and the player taking the kick must make an attempt at the goal.



Slide Tackling:

- Slide tackling is **NOT** a major foul in Futsal. It is considered a part of the game and does not go against anything written in Law 12.
- Slide tackles must be performed in a safe and fair manner. Any sliding tackle that is, in the opinion of the referees, done in a dangerous manner will be punished with an Indirect Free Kick awarded to the opposing team. An accumulated foul will not be added.

Safety:

- A player must not use or wear any equipment or other item that is dangerous.
- All items of jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewelry is not permitted, with certain limited exceptions (Medic-alert bracelets, etc. which must be secured and not pose a safety hazard).
- The players and substitutes must be inspected before the start of the match. If a player is wearing or using unauthorized/dangerous equipment or jewelry on the pitch, the referees must order the player to:
 - remove the item;
 - leave the pitch at the next stoppage if the player is unable or unwilling to comply.
- A player who refuses to comply or wears the item again must be cautioned.
- The compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items:
 - A shirt with sleeves, shorts & socks (Team Uniform)
 - Socks – tape or any material applied or worn externally must be the same colour as the part of the sock that it is applied to or covers
 - Shinguards – these must be made of a suitable material and be of an appropriate size to provide reasonable protection and be covered by the socks. Players are responsible for the size and suitability of their shinguards
 - Footwear



22. Cautionable Offenses: (Yellow Card)

- Is guilty of unsporting conduct.
- Shows dissent by word or action.
- Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game.
- Delays the restart of play.
- Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick (including kick-ins and direct/indirect restarts. As the outdoor game has an unwritten rule to stand close to the ball to prevent a restart. This will not be allowed as futsal is designed for speed of play. This is an automatic yellow card).
- Enters or re-enters the pitch without the referee's permission.
- Deliberately leaves the pitch without the referee's permission.
- The player/Substitute leaves/enters the pitch in contravention of the substitution procedure (Law 3)
- NOTE THAT YELLOW CARDS SHALL NOT BE ISSUED TO PLAYERS U11 AND YOUNGER, AS THE LEAGUE IS AN EDUCATIONAL VEHICLE FOR PLAYERS, TEAM OFFICIALS AND MATCH OFFICIALS.

23. Sending-off Offenses: (Red Card)

- Is guilty of serious foul play.
- Is guilty of violent conduct.
- Spits an opponent or any other person.
- Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball.
- Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.
- A player is sent off and shown a red card if he commits any of the following offences.
- Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language.
- Receives a second caution in the same game.
- Substitutes are also sent off for Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity (the team plays short for 2 minutes, or if they are scored against)
- NOTE THAT RED CARDS SHALL NOT BE ISSUED TO PLAYERS U11 AND YOUNGER, AS THE LEAGUE IS AN EDUCATIONAL VEHICLE FOR PLAYERS, TEAM OFFICIALS AND MATCH OFFICIALS. For any sending-off offenses as noted above, the match official will instruct the player to leave the pitch for a five minute period. The coach or team official will ensure that this player is not permitted to re-enter the match until that time has elapsed.

Upon receiving the red card the team that the player was on will play shorthanded for 2 minutes. The player is not allowed to re-enter the game. After 2 minutes another player is allowed as a substitute or if the team with the man-advantage scores before the 2 minutes. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO U11 AND YOUNGER.

24. Penalty Kick

- A penalty kick is awarded against a team which commits any of the offences for which a direct free kick is awarded inside its own penalty area while the ball is in play.
- A penalty kick will **NO LONGER BE COUNTED** as an accumulated foul.
- There are two penalty marks. 6-meter and 10 meter
- The penalty kick is taken at the 6-meter mark for any foul occurring in the penalty area.
- Penalty kicks are taken from the 10-meter mark for accumulated fouls starting with the 6th foul.
- Additional time is allowed for a penalty kick or a free kick beginning with the 6th or more



accumulated foul, to be taken at the end of each half or at the end of each period of extra time (Youth)

- Penalty kicks from the 6-meter mark the goalkeeper must be on the goal line, in between the goal posts and must face the pitch. The goalkeeper can move from side to side or up and down.
- Penalty kicks from the 10-meter mark the goalkeeper can stand anywhere within his own penalty area and is allowed to be 5 meters from the ball and can move backwards or side to side.



25. Summary

- There is a 4-second limit on every restart. (except penalty kicks (6m) and kick-off)
- Kick-in instead of throw-in. DRIBBLE IN IS NOT PERMITTED.
- Goals cannot be scored directly from kick-ins, kick-off, goal clearance or indirect free kick.
- Kick-offs can be played in any direction.
- No goal kick but goal clearance (must be taken by the goalkeeper who must roll/throw the ball with hands – cannot be kicked)
- After making a save, the goalkeeper cannot score a goal by throwing the ball directly into the opponent's goal – in order to do this, the ball must be kicked or punted.
- The Futsal goalkeeper 2nd touch rule is in effect. After any goalkeeper distribution (hands or feet) the ball must be touched by the opponent before a teammate may play the ball back to his own goalkeeper. The exception to the rule is if the goalkeeper is in the opponents half of the pitch, then they are allowed to touch the ball at any point.
 - a. Where the goalkeeper initially receives the ball does not matter
 - b. The location of the teammate deliberately playing the ball to the goalkeeper does not matter
 - c. What matter is that the goalkeeper first plays the ball to a teammate, and then plays the ball again in their own half of the pitch without it touching an opponent. (First playing the ball in the opponent's half, and then receiving it again in their own half, or dribbling back into their own half is considered to be "again")

Exception to this law for player development (Grassroots U8-U12) to allow the goalkeeper to be able to play the ball as many times as possible with his/her feet.

- A goalkeeper can throw the ball anywhere on the court.
- Substitutions are made "on the fly" from within the team's own substitution zone (the player has to leave the pitch and hand off the pinnie before the substitute enters).
- Penalty kicks are not counted as accumulated fouls.
- Upon a team's 6th accumulated foul in each half, the defending team cannot build a wall to block the kick.
- No offside rule.
- Games are 2 equal periods of:
 - a. Youth Divisions:
 - U8 – U12: 2x20 minute halves (running clock) for league play.
 - U13 – U18: 2x25 minute halves (running clock) for league play.
 - b. Senior Divisions:
 - Men & Women: 20 minute halves (stop clock) for league play
- One 1 minute time out per team per half.
- Switching of benches between halves.
- Free kicks and corner kicks – opponents have to be at least 5 meters away from the ball. For kick-ins opponents have to be at least 5 meters away. Not adhering to the required distance is an automatic yellow card in Futsal.
- In a goal clearance, players should be on the pitch and outside the penalty area of the team taking the goal clearance until the ball is in play.
- In a penalty kick, all players other than the player taking the kick must be 5m from the ball.
- Flat indoor shoes only, no cleats or turf shoes of any kind.
- Please arrive for games 20 minutes early so that the checking of player books/IDs can be completed
- Referee's decisions are final, please respect their decision.



- Fighting is not tolerated and may result in the player's immediate removal from the league and the Director will make a decision regarding the team.



26. Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct must be followed by all players, coaches, officials, and parents. Failure to follow the code of conduct may result in the dismissal of the individual from the league and premises without a refund.

27. Officials' Code of Conduct

- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently.
- Be honest and completely impartial at all times.
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials.
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game.
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner.
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct.
- Do not accept an appointment for a match in which the perception of bias or conflict of interest may be seen.

28. Player's Code of Conduct

- Always play fair and to the best of your ability.
- Play by the rules.
- Listen and follow the commands as directed by the referee.
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game.
- Respect your teammates, the other team, referees, coaches, and parents.
- Wear the appropriate required equipment.

29. Coach's Code of Conduct

- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour.
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game and always respect the officials' decisions.
- Respect officials, opposition players, coaches and parents.
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate from your players, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Safety for player, coaches, parents and officials are a top priority.

30. Parent's Code of Conduct

- Respect members, players, parents, referees and coaches.
- Always respect the match official's decision.
- Remember that children play for fun.
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by coaching from the sideline.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee, and match officials.

31. Club Representatives

- A Club that is accepted into membership shall designate up to three individuals as its Club Representative(s).
- The Club Representative(s) shall be the official point of contact in dealings with the ODFL and will be available for duties in the operation of the League that may be assigned from time to time by the



ODFL Board of Directors.

32. Communications

The PHDL shall use e-mail to the register Club and team contacts. General notices may also be posted on the PHDL website or via X and other social media for updates such as weather conditions and facilities.



Appendix A – Schedule of Fines, Fees and Penalties

LEAGUE FEES	Amount
Team Registration Fee U8	\$2200 / team
Team Registration Fee U9 to U12	N/A
Team Registration Fee U13 to U18	N/A
Team Withdrawal before the league schedule starts, the club will BE FINED.	\$1000
Team Withdrawal after the start of the league playing season, the club will forfeit its ENTIRE league fee.	\$2200

- For Under 8 to Under 18. Referee Fees are included in the entry fees.
- Non-PHSA Members will be required to submit a Club Bond of \$500.00
- Club Bonds will be returned 30 days after the completion of the league season and satisfaction of any outstanding discipline actions.

FINES	Amount
U8 to U18: Team no show/forfeit of a scheduled league game are	1 st \$250 / 2 nd \$500 / 3 rd & subsequent \$700
Master Divisions: Team no-show/forfeit of a scheduled league game fine	\$500 per occurrence

- Payable to the league prior to the next scheduled game, failure to comply, further disciplinary action and fine.



HEARING FEES	Amount
Discipline by Hearing Request from DBR (refunded if found not guilty)	\$125
Discipline by Hearing (Admin charges) – Club/Academy/T.O./Player	\$100 / \$100 / \$25
Discipline by Review (Admin charges) – Club/Academy/T.O./Player	\$100 / \$100 / \$25
Request to reschedule a Hearing - payable as per Rules	\$250
File a Protest	\$300
Protest denied	Entire fee retained
Protest granted	Fee refunded less \$150 admin fee
FINES	Amount
Club/Team failing to comply with DPHDL Rules	1 st \$250 / 2 nd \$500 / 3 rd & subsequent \$700 *Repeated offence may be grounds for removing the team from the league altogether.
Game Sheet violations	\$50
Club/Team playing an ineligible player	\$300
Game abandonment	\$500
Failure to appear by Club at a hearing where required to attend	\$300

Fines Fees and Payments

- All payments must be credit card, cash, Club cheque or money order, payable to the PHSA within 28 days
- All hearing fees and fines for DBR & DBH for players will automatically be billed to the Club
- Clubs are responsible for all fees and fines of team officials and players
- Clubs who fail to submit payment for discipline hearing fees or fines within the stipulated time will be declared not in good standing and their District Association and **OS** will be notified