

Futsal

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Futsal is soccer played on a basketball court. Juan Carlos Ceriani created the game in Uruguay in the 1930s. Mr. Ceriani started this five-a-side version of soccer for youth competition in YMCAs. It can be played indoors and out, without the use of side or end walls. The word futsal comes from combining the Spanish word **FUT**bol, meaning soccer, and the French word, **SAL**on, meaning indoor.

Futsal is different from the outdoor soccer game in many ways including: it is played with a smaller, heavier, and less bouncy ball; there are unlimited on-the-fly substitutions; all out-of-bounds restarts are done with a kick; and goalie throws and restarts must be taken within 4 seconds. Another big difference is the lack of physical contact in futsal; shoulder charges and slide tackles are not allowed on the futsal court.

Futsal is played locally.