



Annex 6 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players

Rules for the Status and
Transfer of Futsal Players

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DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this annex, the terms set out below are defined as follows:

1. Futsal is football played in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game that have been drawn up by FIFA in collaboration with the Sub-Committee of the International Football Association Board.
2. Eleven-a-side football is football played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as authorised by the International Football Association Board.
3. FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players are the regulations issued by FIFA on the basis of Art. 5 of the FIFA Statutes of 19 October 2003.
4. Former Association: the Association to which the Former Club is affiliated.
5. Former Club: the club that the player is leaving.
6. New Association: the Association to which the New Club is affiliated.
7. New Club: the club that the player is joining.
8. Official Matches: matches played in the framework of Organised Football, such as national league championships, national cups and international championships for clubs, but not including friendly and trial matches.
9. Organised Football: association football and futsal organised under the auspices of FIFA, the Confederations and the Associations, or authorised by them.
10. Protected Period: a period of three entire Seasons or three years, whichever comes first, following the entry into force of a contract, if such contract was concluded prior to the 28th birthday of the Professional, or a period of two entire Seasons or two years, whichever comes first, following the entry into force of a contract, if such contract was concluded after the 28th birthday of the Professional.

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11. Registration Period: a period fixed by the relevant Association in accordance with Article 6 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
12. Season: the period starting with the first Official Match of the relevant national league championship and ending with the last Official Match of the relevant national league championship.

Reference is also made to the “Definitions” section in the FIFA Statutes.

NB: Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

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Article 1 Principle

These rules are an integral part of the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players and constitute its annex 6.

Article 2 Scope

1. The Rules for the Status and Transfer of Futsal Players establish global and binding provisions concerning the status of futsal players, their eligibility to participate in Organised Football, and their transfer between clubs belonging to different Associations.
2. The Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players shall apply without alterations to futsal players unless a diverging provision in this annex 6 expressly provides for a different rule applicable to futsal.
3. The transfer of futsal players between clubs belonging to the same Association is governed by specific regulations issued by the Association in accordance with Art. 1 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
4. The following provisions in the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players are binding for futsal at national level and shall be included, without modification, in the Association's regulations: Art. 2-8, 10, 11 and 18.
5. Each Association shall include in its regulations appropriate means to protect contractual stability, paying due respect to mandatory national law and collective bargaining agreements. In particular, the principles in Art. 1 par. 3 (b) of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players shall be considered.

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Article 3 Release and Eligibility of Players for Association Teams

1. The provisions in annexes 1 and 2 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players governing the release of players for Association teams and the players' eligibility to play for Association teams are binding.
2. A player may only represent one Association in both futsal and eleven-a-side football. Any player who has already represented one Association (either in full or in part) in an official eleven-a-side or futsal competition of any category may not play an international match with another Association team. This provision is subject to the exception in Art. 15 par. 3-5 of the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes.

Article 4 Registration

1. A futsal player must be registered with an Association to play for a club as either a Professional or an Amateur in accordance with the provisions of Art. 2 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players. Only registered players are eligible to participate in Organised Football. By the act of registering, a player agrees to abide by the Statutes and regulations of FIFA, the Confederations and the Associations.
2. A player may only be registered for one futsal club at a time. A player may, however, also be registered for one eleven-a-side club during this time. It is not necessary for the futsal and the eleven-a-side club to belong to the same Association.
3. Players may be registered for a maximum of three futsal clubs during the period from 1 July until 30 June of the following year. During this period, the player is only eligible to play in Official Matches for two clubs. The number of eleven-a-side clubs with which the same player may also be registered during the period from 1 July until 30 June of the following year is specified in Art. 5 par. 3 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.

Article 5**International Futsal Transfer Certificate**

1. Futsal players registered with one Association may only be registered with a futsal club of a New Association once the latter has received an International Futsal Transfer Certificate (hereinafter: IFTC) from the Former Association. The IFTC shall be issued free of charge without any conditions or time limitation. Any provision to the contrary shall be null and void. The Association issuing the IFTC shall deposit a copy with FIFA. The administrative procedures for issuing an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) for eleven-a-side football shall be likewise applicable to the issuing of an IFTC. These procedures are set out in annex 3 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players. The IFTC must be distinguishable from the ITC used in eleven-a-side football.
2. An IFTC is not required for a player under the age of 12 years.

Article 6 Enforcement of Disciplinary Suspensions

1. A suspension imposed in terms of matches (cf. Art. 20 par. 1 and 2 of the FIFA Disciplinary Code) on a player for an infringement committed when playing futsal or in relation to a futsal match shall only affect the player's participation for his futsal club. Similarly, a suspension imposed in terms of matches on a player participating in eleven-a-side football shall only affect the player's participation for his eleven-a-side club.
2. A suspension imposed in terms of days and months shall affect a player's participation for both his futsal as well as his eleven-a-side club, regardless of whether the infringement was committed in eleven-a-side football or futsal.
3. The Association with which a player is registered shall notify a suspension imposed in terms of days and months to the second Association with which this player may be registered, if the player is registered for a futsal and an eleven-a-side club belonging to two different Associations.
4. Any disciplinary suspension imposed on a player prior to a transfer must be enforced or applied by the New Association with which the player is registered. The Former Association is obliged to notify the New Association of any sanction in writing and upon issuing the IFTC.

Article 7 **Respect of Contract**

1. A Professional under contract with an eleven-a-side club may only sign a second professional contract with a different futsal club if he obtains written approval from the eleven-a-side club employing him. A Professional under contract with a futsal club may only sign a second professional contract with a different eleven-a-side club if he obtains written approval from the futsal club employing him.
2. The provisions applicable to the maintenance of contractual stability are set out in Articles 13-18 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.

Article 8 **Protection of Minors**

International player transfers are only permitted if the player is over the age of 18. The exceptions to this rule are outlined in Art. 19 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.

Article 9 **Training Compensation**

The provisions on training compensation as provided for in Art. 20 and annex 4 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players shall not apply to the transfer of players to and from futsal clubs.

Article 10 **Solidarity Mechanism**

The provisions on solidarity mechanism as provided for in Art. 21 and annex 5 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players shall not apply to the transfer of players to and from futsal clubs.

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Article 11 **FIFA Competence**

1. Without prejudice to the right of any futsal player or club to seek redress before a civil court for employment-related disputes, FIFA is competent for dealing with disputes as stipulated in Art. 22 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
2. The Players' Status Committee or the single judge shall adjudicate on all disputes as stipulated in Art. 23 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
3. The Dispute Resolution Chamber or the DRC judge shall deal with disputes as provided for in Art. 24 of the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
4. The decisions passed by the aforementioned bodies may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Article 12 **Matters Not Provided For**

Matters not provided for in these regulations shall be governed by the Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.

Article 13 **Official Languages**

In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French, Spanish or German texts of these regulations, the English text is authoritative.

Article **14** **Enforcement**

This annex was adopted by the FIFA Executive Committee on 29 June 2005 and comes into force on 1 September 2005.

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