

## **Modifications to the Laws**

The United States Futsal to better protect the safety of youth and amateur players and maintain the integrity of the game has imposed the following modifications to the *FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game*.

- The size of the playing court (Law I)
- The size of the ball (Law II)
  - size 3 for 12 and under
  - size 4 for all other ages
- The duration of the match may be modified by competition authorities (Law VII)
- A goal may NOT be scored directly from a kick-off (Law VIII)
- In the 12 and under ages, any form of "Slide tackling" is not permitted and will result in a Direct Free Kick (Law XII)
- In the 12 and under ages, the ball may not be thrown or punted over the half-way line by the goal-keeper. Any infraction of this will result in an indirect free kick at the spot where the ball crossed the halfway line.
- During a kick-in, the foot of the player taking the kick may be behind the line, on the line or inside the court as long as part of the foot is on the line. All opposing players must be at least 3 meters (10 feet) away from the ball (Law XV)

The above are the only modifications that are permitted. All other laws must be followed as directed by the Laws of the Game and instructed by the referee department.

## Male and Female

References to the male gender in the *Laws of the Game* in respect of referees, players and officials are for simplification and apply to both male and females.

