

FAQs

What is futsal? Futsal is a "small-sided" and highly creative version of soccer that is typically played indoors or outdoors on a space roughly the size of a basketball court. Futsal (and "Street Soccer") is played in a variety of forms by boys, girls, men and women of all ages and ability, all around the world and its popularity is growing rapidly in North America. Street Soccer is played on the street, on basketball courts or nearly any open stretch of dirt, grass or pavement where there is a ball and people ready to play (there are many tactical and technical similarities to basketball). The rapid ascent of futsal in the US continues to introduce new players, coaches and supporters to the game at the grass roots level while improving in technical and tactical sophistication at the elite youth and professional levels. We're seeing players and coaches joining the "futsal revolution" with unprecedented interest as academies, leagues and events sprout up all over the country.

Why is futsal great for soccer players and coaches? We believe it is a combination of the sport itself, with its speed, tactical challenges and technical proficiency, and its culture, which is international, inclusive, accessible and fun, that set futsal apart. The futsal "scene" brings together players, families, coaches, neighbors, fans, multi-sport athletes, schools, non-profits, businesses, community development leaders and everyone in between. See '10 Reasons To Play Futsal' on the 303Futsal 'COMPETE' page to learn more.

WHO, WHAT and WHERE is 303FUTSAL? We are a highly collaborative network of Denver-based soccer and futsal, players, coaches and advocates who partner with United Soccer Coaches (USC/formerly NSCAA), U.S. Youth Futsal (USYF) sanctioned Futsal Colorado and others for league play and related city, state, regional and national tournaments, player development and identification programs. (*Partner links found on 303FUTSAL 'COMPETE' page*)

Is 303FUTSAL affiliated with any soccer clubs? 303FUTSAL serves players, coaches, clubs and communities as an independent and "club-neutral" soccer training and player development resource. We collaborate with multiple soccer clubs, schools, non-profits and other community partners to grow futsal and soccer and bring the beautiful game to as many kids as possible.

Where and when is the futsal season and where are games played? The core regulation futsal season occurs in the winter months, starting as early as mid-November and running as late as early March (longer season for elite players shorter season and more flexible, more accessible "intro to futsal" events and activities for beginners). While winter futsal is our primary focus, we organize multiple events, fundraisers, camps, clinics, trips and training sessions throughout the year.



Is there a professional futsal league in the US? Yes, the Professional Futsal League ("PFL") is bringing the world's authentic small sided game to the United States on a major league level with a high scoring, fast paced, entertaining version of the beautiful game. The PFL will kick off the exhibition season in 2017 with the inaugural season beginning in 2018. The PFL will be divided into Regional Conferences, which will provide a high level of competition and heated rivalries between traditional regional city rivals. The PFL owners are comprised of leaders of successful businesses and professional sports franchises. These hand-selected local owners all have one thing in common: A commitment to providing a strong and stable place for the world's best players while offering an incredible experience for fans and sponsors, while growing the world's most popular game and giving back to their communities.

What if I don't have a team or existing group of interested players (such as soccer club teammates), but I'm interested in signing up for futsal? If individual players (or friends / teammates) are looking for futsal options, we can help find groups, teams, coaches or team managers who are also looking for players or coaches. REGISTER as a FREE AGENT HERE and let's keep in touch.

Will players who participate in the pre-season primer / player id sessions OR register as free agents have a chance to be selected for a futsal team this winter? Yes, in most cases. We're a small group of volunteer parents, coaches and community partners who help players and teams identify futsal options. We ask players and families to understand there are many variables and constraints we're working with such as limited gym time / facility capacity, qualified coaches, risk management challenges, etc. We typically know more about all available opportunities as player interests, experience, options and variables become clear.

Do 303FUTSAL teams play in leagues for local games? Yes, we partner with <u>Futsal Colorado</u> as our preferred futsal league and recommend players and teams register for league play as early as possible to secure a spot. We work closely with the league to place teams and players in the most developmentally appropriate environment. Additionally, we help teams and players develop a full season futsal experience to meet the needs and interests of each training group, team, coach and player / free agent.

How do I register a player or team to play futsal? Contact us at connect@soccerelectric.com or register visit TeamSnap to register as a FREE AGENT.