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New York Futsal Winter League

Competition Rules



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1. General Provisions

1.1. The Competition

The Competition is known as the "Winter Futsal League" and is run by New York Futsal. This Competition caters to the Eastern New York (Manhattan) Region.

New York Futsal offers two types of Leagues: A Recreational League and a Competitive League. The Competitive League fulfills the first stage of both the New York Futsal Player Pathway and the New York Futsal Team Pathway.

The two leagues within The Competition is organized in order to provide for Players, Match and Team Officials who wish to participate within a Local Competitions in which they can further develop their skills.

This Competition is run under the auspices of New York Futsal (NYF) which is a dba under World Soccer Organisation which is a part of Futsal Across America. New York Futsal is affiliated with Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA) for the Youth (<18 years of age) and Eastern New York State Soccer Association (ENYSSA) for the Adults (>18 years of age) who both are Affiliated Associations under US Soccer Federation (USSF). USSF is the National Governing Body for Soccer / Futsal for the USA under FIFA.

As such, the Competition will be conducted to observe FIFA, US Soccer, ENYYSA and ENYSSA Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions, Guidelines, Circulars as well as the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and Rules of Competition.

The decisions of NYF regarding The Competition are final.

1.2. Host Club Information

The Competition is run under the auspices of New York Futsal by:

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c/o World Soccer Organization (Also c/o Futsal Across America)
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1.3. Definitions

The Competition	-	New York Futsal Winter Futsal League
The Host Club	-	New York Futsal
NYF	-	New York Futsal
ENYISA	-	Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association
ENYSSA	-	Eastern New York State Soccer Association
ENYSRA	-	Eastern New York State Referees Association
USSF	-	US Soccer Federation
FIFA	-	Federation International Football Association
Higher Level Authority	-	Club – Zone – Region – NYF – ENYISA / ENYSSA – USSF – FIFA (may include government sanctions or sanctions by other third party organizations at the discretion of NYF)
Grading Period	-	Round Robin Games used to determine Division Teams are to be placed in for the regular competition
Regular Competition	-	Local weekly NYF competition run by a Club
Regular Season	-	Are all the matches which make up the league games. This does not include grading games, friendlies or scrimmages or finals.
Final Series	-	Includes all final games including but not exclusive to quarter finals, semi finals and the grand final matches.
League	-	Refers to both the Competitive and Recreational Leagues
Match Officials	-	Also known as Referees appointed to the match
Competition Administrators	-	Includes the Match Officials, Team Officials, Staff or Volunteers of NYF, The Competition or The Venues and any person conducting a duty on their behalf
Participants	-	Includes the Teams, Players, Match Officials, Team Officials, Staff or Volunteers of NYF, The Competition or The Venues and any person conducting a duty on their behalf
Field of Play	-	The Pitch, the technical areas and the area immediately surrounding the Pitch (if the pitch has walls or setting then the area between the pitch and these boundaries are included) are included under the definition of Field of Play.
Playing Area	-	Includes the Field of Play, the technical area and the area surrounding the field of play as well as the facilities used by players, match officials and Team officials such as the dressing rooms. If the playing area is not clearly defined it is up to the Match Referee and the Centre Official to set the guidelines for the venue

2. Responsibilities

2.1. Host Club Responsibilities

The Host Club – New York Futsal - undertakes to observe the FIFA, USSF and ENYSSA / ENYSSA Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions, Guidelines, Circulars as well as the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and the Rules of Competition.

The Host Club shall be responsible for:

- Organizing the Competition in accordance with the above mentioned organizational requirements and these Rules of Competition
- Regulate the Rights, Duties and Responsibilities of all associations, clubs and players taking part in the Competition
- Ensuring that safety is maintained in co-operation with Venue Owners
- Ensure that there is the presence of a Competition Administrator and a sufficient number of staff present at the Competition to ensure that the competition matches are efficiently, effectively and safely managed
- The Host Club, where not NYF, shall discharge NYF from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against NYF and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organization and course of the Competition
- Supervising general preparations of the competition, deciding on the competition format, the draw and the formation of Age Group Categories and Groups in the Competition
- Fixing the Dates of the Competition
- Determining the Match Schedule and kick-off times for all matches including Finals, allowing sufficient time between matches for injuries, delays, and / or extra time where applicable.
- Selecting and hiring Venues for the Matches in the Competition which are available and meet the requirements of the NYF Operations Manual, Rules of Competition and any other higher level requirements such as USSF Standards
- Appointing personnel such as Centre Official, Security Personnel
- Dealing with issues which may arise from the Competition in accordance with the Rules of Competition
- The decisions taken by the Host Club within its responsibilities and authority are final and binding.

2.2. Participant Responsibilities

The Participants (and the Clubs from which they represent) shall be responsible throughout the Competition for and agree to the following:

- Comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
- Comply with these Rules of Competition
- To respect the principals of Fair Play and Code of Behavior and Code of Ethics
- To field the strongest team and to perform at the best of their ability throughout the Competition
- To continue participation throughout the entire Competition
- Monitor the conduct of the team, players, match officials, team officials, and spectators and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the competition from the arrival at the venue until their departure.
- Paying for incidental expenses incurred by the participants which may include uniforms, equipment, food and drink, travel, accommodation etc
- Attending any meetings, disciplinary hearings, appeals or other of which presence is required such as media activities.
- Ensure that all paperwork is completed and returned during the required time frames.
- By participating in the Competition, participants agree to comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, Statutes, Regulations, Disciplinary Codes, Doping Control Regulations, Code of Ethics, and Licensed Marketing Agreements, as well as directives given by NYF, USSF and FIFA as well as the Rules of Competition.
- By participating in the Competition, participants agree to comply fully with decisions and directives given by the Match Officials, Competition Administrators and NYF
- To observe all safety instructions as provided by NYF, Competition Administrators, venue staff and The Competition participants
- Not to represent The Competition or NYF without prior written approval by the authorized person
- Grant NYF and the Competition the right to use and authorize others use photographic, audio-visual and visual material of participants, including names, statistics, club name, logo, emblems and sponsors, free of charge for its use. The use may include use on the website, media usage, advertising, promotional materials and in documentation produced by NYF which may not be related to the Competition.

2.3. Insurance

- Competition has insurance coverage through ENYYSA (Youth) and ENYSSA (Adults)
- Information regarding Youth insurance can be found through ENYYSA
<http://www.enysoccer.com/assets/945/15/Summary%20of%20coverages%20Sept%202012.pdf>
- Information regarding Adult insurance can be found through ENYSSA
<http://www.enyssa.com/docs/2011-12%20Liability%20Insurance%20Summary%20-%20English.pdf>
- If a player is seriously injured, they must fill out an incident report form within 30 days of the accident occurring.
<http://www.enysoccer.com/docs/ADVANCE%20NOTICE%20OF%20INJURY%20FOR%20WEB%20Sept%2015%202011.pdf> provides instructions on how to complete the injury report. For NYF to confirm the injury, the injury MUST be reported to the referee at the time of its occurrence for its inclusion on the match sheet of that game.

3. Competition Entry

3.1. Entries for the Competition

The Competition is open to all teams and players who are in good standing with NYF and their higher level authorities.

All teams who register and are financial with NYF by the closing date will be offered a place in the league in an available division. Teams who register and/or become financial after the closing date will only be offered a place in the league if a position within the requested division is available and at the discretion of the NYF league administrator.

There are a pre-determined number of teams within each Age Division and Category. There are two leagues for teams to choose from, A Recreational and Competitive league. There may be several divisions within each league depending on the number of teams in each age group/s and the playing abilities of teams in each league.

3.2. Participating Member Associations

The Competition is open to NYF Registered Players, Match and Team and Match Officials regardless of their affiliation with other clubs, leagues, organizations and associations provided they are in good standing with their affiliated organizations.

3.3. Admission Criteria

By the process of registering Players for a team, the players, match and team officials agree to respect the Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions and Rules of Competition by NYF and higher level authorities including Disciplinary Sanctions and Appeals and the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

3.3.1. Clubs

To be eligible to run or participate in the Competition as a Club, a Club must fulfill the following criteria:

- Be a Club with an current Registration under NYF
- Be running an active NYF Regular Competition before and during the Competition
- Be financial with NYF
- Not be under any sanctions by NYF or a higher level authority

3.3.2. Teams

To be eligible to participate in the Competition as a team, a Team must fulfill the following criteria:

- It must fill in the official entry documents, which must reach the Competition Administrators by the deadline communicated in the information accompanying the entry documents.
- Be financial with NYF and the Competition
- Not be under any sanctions by NYF or a higher level authority
- Teams must nominate a minimum of five (5) players and can nominate a maximum of Fifteen (15) players for its team for the Competition. Exceptions have been made for this season where a maximum of Twenty (20) players can be nominated for those teams using a rotating player system.
- Only players who meet the Player Eligibility Criteria as set out below can be listed for a team.
- Match Sheets must be completed no later than fifteen (15) minutes before kick-off by each Team for each match
- All players are required to check-in with the NYF designated staff member before each match played.

3.3.3. Players / Match Officials

To be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Player must fulfill the following criteria:

- Players and Match Officials must meet the requirements of the NYF Player Age Policy, Refereeing Requirements and the NYF Operations Manual
- Be a minimum of 5 years of age (a minimum of 17 years of age for Open Age Group) for players and 12 years of age for Match Officials
- Be the right age to meet the requirements of the Age Group in which the team is competing. (Age is determined by the age of the player according to the ENYSSA policy – see below).
- All players and match officials need to be currently Registered
- Complete the official entry documents, which must reach the Competition Administrators by the deadline communicated in the information accompanying the entry documents.
- Be financial with NYF and the Competition
- Not be under any sanctions by NYF or a higher level authority
- Players must ensure that their name is included on the List of Players submitted by the Team for the Competition.
- A player is only eligible to play for one Team within any given division of the Competition.
- By Registering, players agree notably to respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave accordingly.

3.3.4. Identification

The following applies for the current 2012/2013 Season

- All players must be on the master roster provided to NYF by the teams coach or manager.
- All players must have registered and be financial through sports signup and NYF before playing any matches for NYF
- If a player is not registered through sports signup, then they are not covered by insurance and as such are NOT permitted to play.

3.4. Admission Procedure

Once the Clubs and Teams are satisfied that they have met the Admission Criteria, they may register to the Competition using the following conditions:

3.4.1. Registration Forms

- Online Registration Forms can be found on the competition website at www.newyorkfutsal.com and must be completed by the date provided on the documentation.

3.4.2. Entry Fee

- Signup costs are \$15 per person, plus \$1500 per team.
- The entry fee covers the operational costs of the competition including the venue, match officials, and insurance.
- All teams MUST be completely financial prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN WHATSOEVER ONCE THE LEAGUE HAS COMMENCED REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED.

3.4.3. Team Roster

- The Teams' Roster make up the part of the Registration Documents
- Teams must nominate a minimum of five (5) players and can nominate a maximum of Fifteen (15) players for its team for the Competition.
- Only players who meet the Player Eligibility Criteria as set out below can be listed for a team.
- Teams can only borrow players if they have less than five (5) of their rostered team present for a game
- All borrowed players must be registered by NYF
- Teams cannot borrow players from teams in higher division or age group.
- Players cannot be 'transferred' to another team throughout the Competition without prior permission from the NYF League Administrator
- Teams cannot use players who have not been named on their List of Players
- Any amendments to the List of Players must be made in writing a minimum of five (5) days from when the match is scheduled to be played. New players to the registration form must also have the approval of the Host Club prior to participating in the Competition.
- Only players who have played 50% of their teams matches can play in any final match for their team. The 50% of matches is determined by the players who have checked in with NYF prior to each game each week. Only season matches count towards the 50% requirement. Grading games, friendlies and scrimmages do not count toward this figure.
- The Competition Administration decides on questions of player eligibility. Challenged decisions are dealt with by NYF.
- NYF decision is final.

4. Venue Information

There will be five (5) venues utilized for matches during the Competition.

They are as follows:

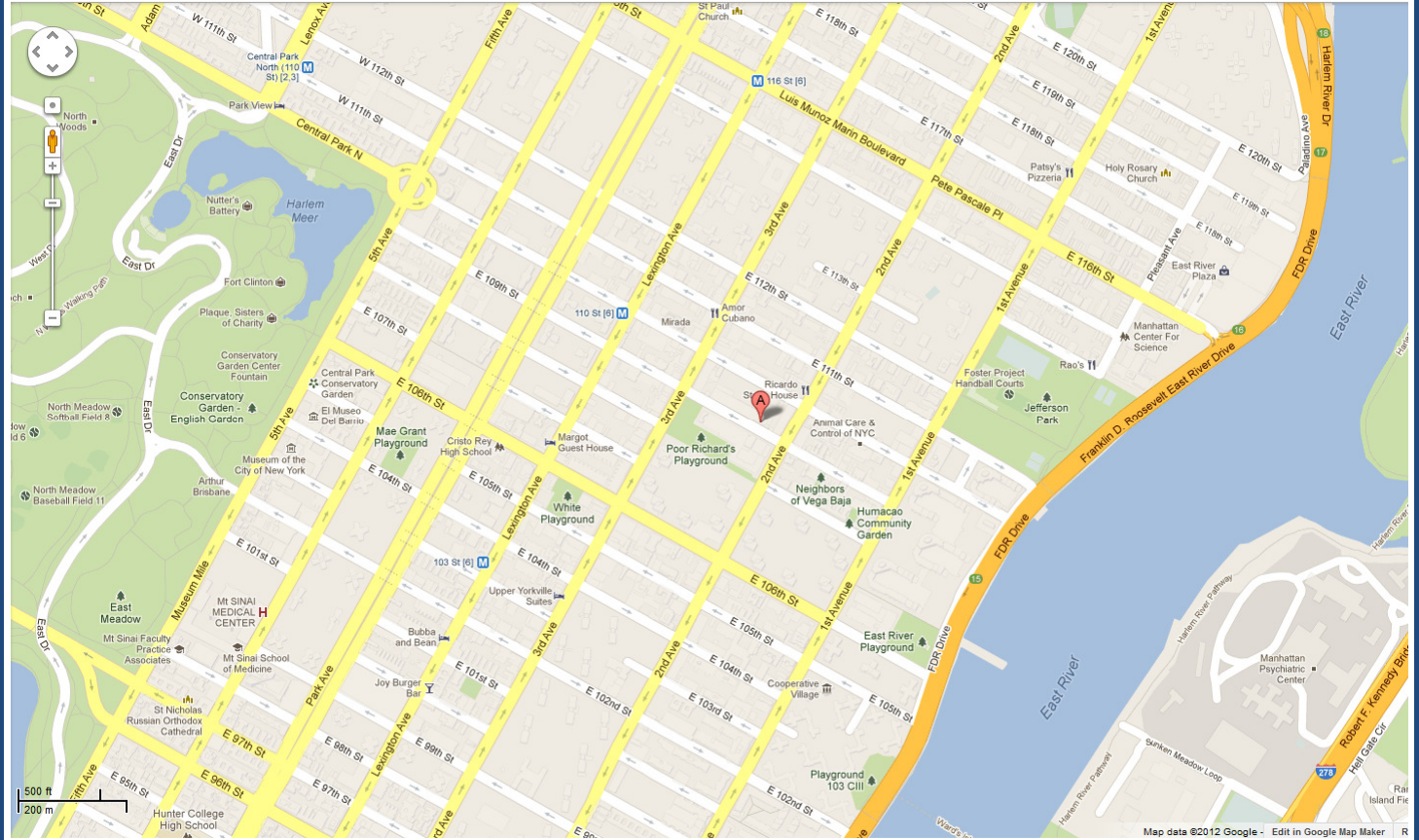
- **Tito Puente Educational Complex**
- 240 East 109th St, Manhattan, NY 10029
- **P.S. 083 Luis Munoz Rivera**
- 219 East 109 St, Manhattan, NY 10029
- **Manhattan Centre for Science and Mathematics**
- 260 Pleasant Ave, Manhattan, NY 10029
- **JHS 52**
- 650 Academy St, Manhattan NY 10034
- **George Washington Educational Complex**
- 549 Audubon Ave, Manhattan NY 10040

4.1. Venue Details

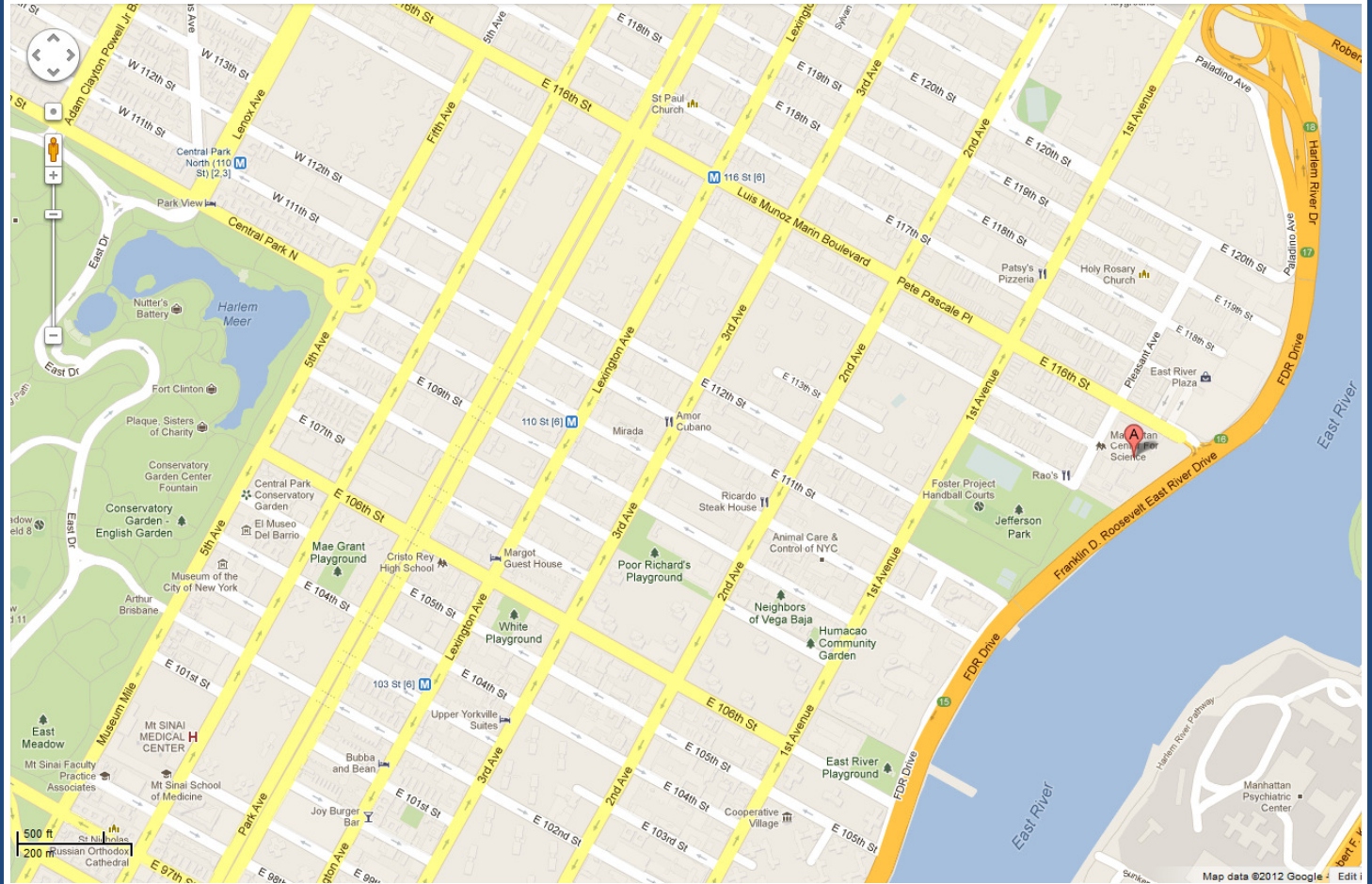
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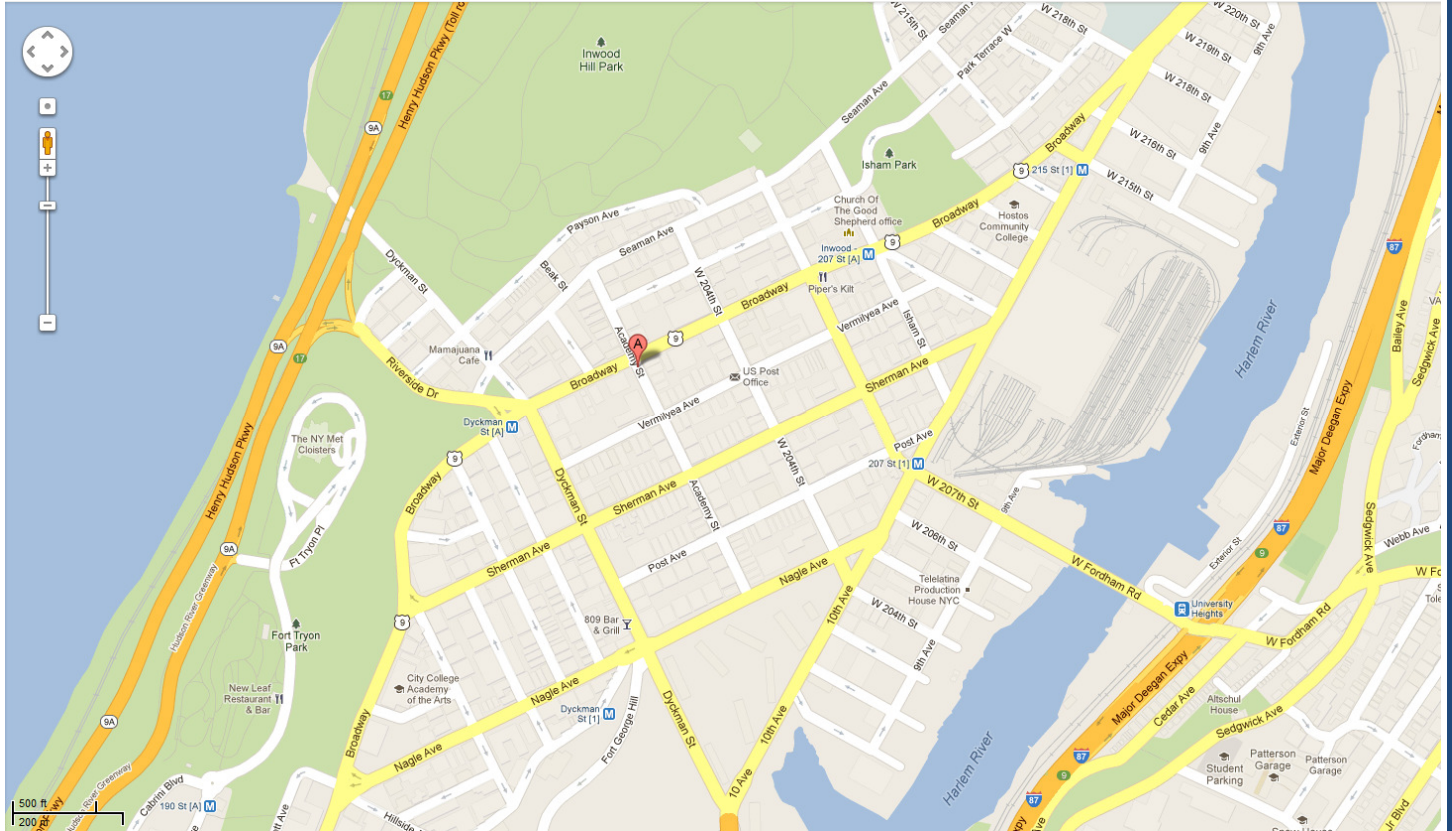
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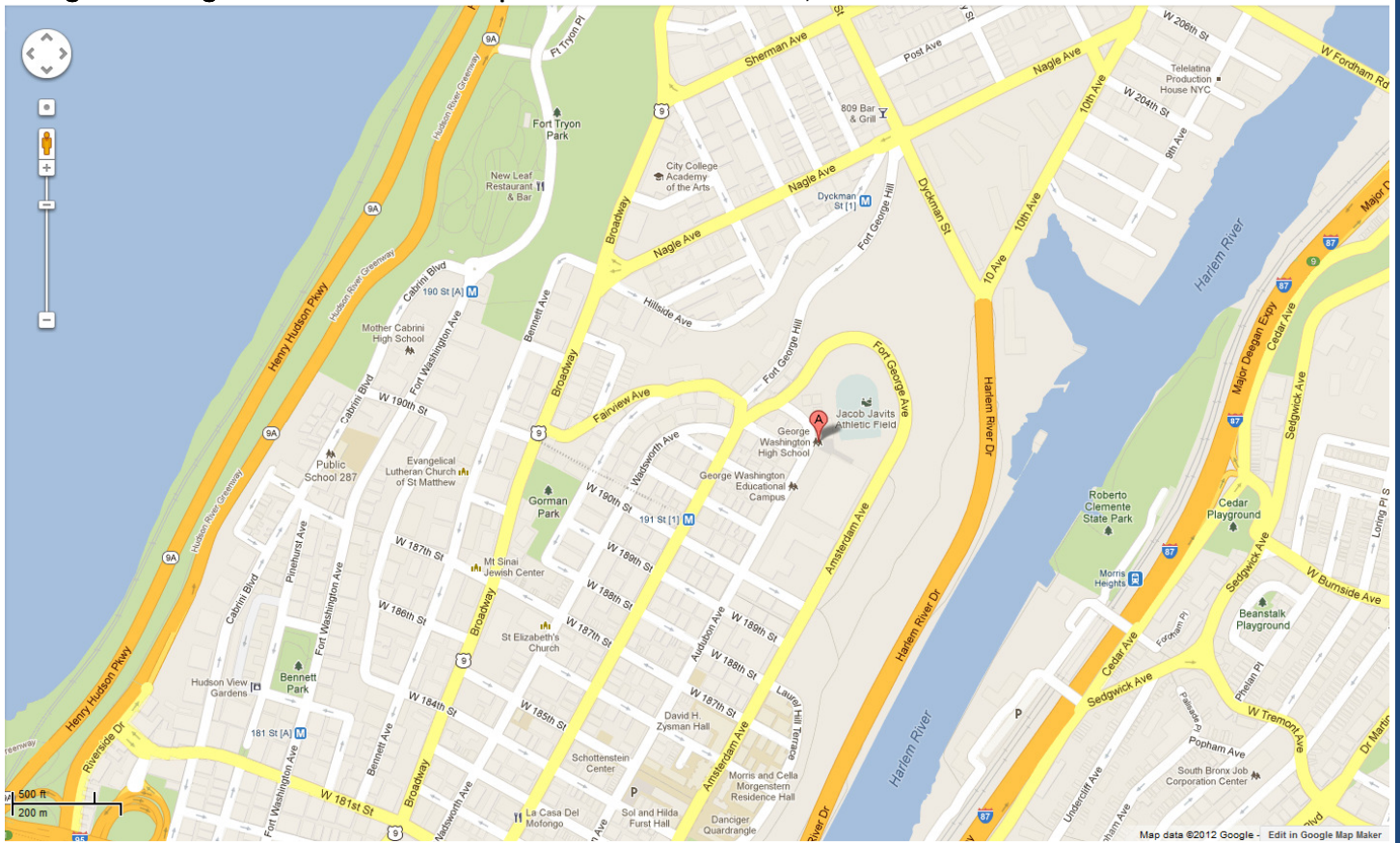
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JHS 52 - 650 Academy St, Manhattan NY 10034



George Washington Educational Complex - 549 Audubon Ave, Manhattan NY 10040



4.2. Venue Conditions

- Venues are to be compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and the directives given by NYF and higher level authorities.
- No smoking is permitted inside any of the venues. Smoking must be conducted in accordance with Government Regulations.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted inside any of the venues (unless the venue is licensed, but is only permitted within licensed areas).
- No animals are permitted inside the venue.
- Persons causing any damage to the venue and or its fittings and fixtures will be held responsible for all costs and the matter will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- All facilities, i.e. Change rooms, team bench area etc shall be left in a clean and tidy condition.
- No spectators are permitted in the playing area.
- No persons under the age of 5 Years of Age (or more than 2 years under the age category of the match being played) are permitted in the playing area.
- Only participants actively competing in the Match should be near the field of play. Those which are about to take part of have just finished a Match are permitted to be within the Playing Areas but outside of the Field of Play and should enter / leave the Playing Areas within a reasonable time-frame.
- The Host Club should undertake periodic Safety Checks of the venue for the benefit of participants and spectators
- The Host Club is also required to submit the Centre Information form back to NYF prior to matches taking part at the venue and if there are any changes to the venue at which matches are played.
- Any advertising must also be compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and the NYF directives
- Emergency information, including the nearest hospital and emergency contact details should be on display in a prominent place for easy access to all participants and spectators.

4.3. Alternate Venues

- If the venue is deemed to be unsuitable for matches to go ahead, either for to safety reasons or other, then an alternate venue may be sought or the Match may be played at one of the designated venues at a later date.
- The Match Official may choose to postpone a match if the Field of Play is deemed to have safety concerns.
- An alternate venue must have the approval of NYF and the Matches should be played at their earliest possible convenience.

4.4. Electronic Scoreboards

Venues are permitted to use an electronic scoreboard to keep track of normal playing time, the score and fouls for each of the matches played under the Competition, however if they are used the following conditions apply:

- They must be kept up-to-date with accurate information
- An Assistant Referee must be present to operate the Electronic Scoreboards
- If a timer is used, the clock must be stopped with a minute remaining in each half. This allows Match Officials to end the match in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game. The match does not finish until the Match Official signals end of game using a whistle.
- For the recreational league only a five (5) goal difference will be displayed on the scoreboard.

**Electric scoreboards are used for the spectators benefit only. The Match Officials record of the game will be final.

4.5. Lighting

Lighting of venues needs to both be compliant with government regulations and for Safety reasons. Access to and from the playing area should be lit as well as facility areas which could be utilized during the Competition and its matches.

5. Competition Structure

The Competition Structure will be determined prior to the start of the Competition dependent on the number of teams nominated for each division. Age divisions may be combined but no more than one (1) year age group is permitted e.g. U11s and U12s may combine to form one competition. There may be an exception to this depending on a team's competitive ability. Players older than 15 years of age may be combined in older age groups of more than one (1) year of age. If there is the opportunity to form a division within a one year combined age group, then this will take preference over a multiple year age group in this age range. The NYF League Administrator will make the final determination. All players will be notified prior to the combining of an age group.

Grading games will be played to determine the competitive level of teams within each age division and league. Grading games will occur over the first four weeks of Futsal Competition. The grading game period may be shortened or extended at the discretion of the NYF League Administrator depending on the results of the grading games and the structure of the teams within each league.

Where the minimum number of teams is not met for an age division / competitive level, then age groups may be combined or teams may be asked to change leagues or divisions. The structure of the teams within each league will be at the discretion of the NYF League Administrator.

5.1. Age Divisions

Please note that players who wish to play outside of their Age Category must conform to the Player Age Policy by ENYSA and must apply to New York Futsal in writing. The Age Divisions for both Male and Female Players are as follows:

2012-2013 Age Matrix (Effective 1 August 2012 through 31 July 2013)

Division	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
U19	93	93	93	93	93	94	94	94	94	94	94	94
U18	94	94	94	94	94	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
U17	95	95	95	95	95	96	96	96	96	96	96	96
U16	96	96	96	96	96	97	97	97	97	97	97	97
U15	97	97	97	97	97	98	98	98	98	98	98	98
U14	98	98	98	98	98	99	99	99	99	99	99	99
U13	99	99	99	99	99	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
U12	00	00	00	00	00	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
U11	01	01	01	01	01	02	02	02	02	02	02	02
U10	02	02	02	02	02	03	03	03	03	03	03	03
U09	03	03	03	03	03	04	04	04	04	04	04	04
U08	04	04	04	04	04	05	05	05	05	05	05	05
U07	05	05	05	05	05	06	06	06	06	06	06	06
U06	06	06	06	06	06	07	07	07	07	07	07	07
U05	07	07	07	07	07	08	08	08	08	08	08	08
U04	08	08	08	08	08	09	09	09	09	09	09	09

5.2. Draw

Draws will be done weekly during the grading game period. The grading games will determine which teams belong in each division and will allow teams to move between divisions, leagues and days. At the completion of this grading period, teams will be finalized into divisions. The number of teams participating in each age division will be a determined prior to the start of the competition.

A draw will be released for the regular season prior to the start of the first league game. The Draw for the final series will be released after the final regular season match.

Recreational League

In the recreational league, The Competition will consist of a round robin league structure. There are no finals for the recreational league. Goals displayed during the recreational league will only show on the scoreboard a maximum of a five (5) goal difference. Referees will keep a complete record of ALL goals. Final scores will be recorded at the maximum result with a five (5) goal difference. Teams will play one game each week.

For the Recreational League, there will be a maximum of eight (8) teams per division with a minimum of four (4) teams. Each team will be scheduled to play every team in their division during the regular season.

Competitive League

The competitive league will consist of a mixture of a round robin league for the Regular Season and a Final Series which will feature the top teams as given below from the Regular Season. Any goals scored are recorded and displayed during the competitive league. Teams will play two games every second week.

For the Competitive League there will be a maximum of seven (7) teams per division (six (6) teams is preferred) with a minimum of four (4) teams. Each team will be scheduled to play every team in their division during the regular season. For divisions with four (4) or five (5) teams only the top two (2) teams will play in the Final Series. For divisions with six (6) or seven (7) teams then the top four (4) teams will play in the Final Series.

5.2.1. Regular Season

All teams will play on either Saturday or Sunday. Grading games commence on the 1st December 2012 with The Regular Season starting on either the 5th or the 12th of January 2013 depending on the division.

Games will be played on EVERY weekend in January and February 2013 including public holidays at one of the five (5) venues utilized by NYF.

All fixtures, results and points tables will be available on the Competition website www.newyorkfutsal.com. Any changes will be posted on the web site and an email will be sent to the team contact person as indicated during the team registration process. It is the responsibility of the Team Contact Person and the players of the teams participating in the competition to ensure that they have the correct details for their matches.

5.2.2. Final Series

The Recreational League does not have a Final Series. Their league is a round robin structure where the team with the most points at the end of the regular season is deemed to be the Champions of that division.

For the Competitive League the final series will be played on the 23rd and 24th of February 2013 (some Final Series matches may also be played on the 16th and 17th of February 2013) during which the following will apply:

Finals where the top four (4) teams play in the final series:

At the conclusion of the Regular Season, the top four (4) teams (based on points or as per the section below "Procedure to determine team placing" will progress to the Final Series.

The Final Series format will be held over one or two (1-2) weekends with the following matches:

Major Semi Final – 1st place versus 4th place

Minor Semi Final – 2nd place versus 3rd place

Grand Final – Winner of Major Semi Final versus Winner of Minor Semi Final 2

Finals where the top two (2) teams play in the final series:

At the conclusion of the Regular Season, the top two (2) teams (based on points or as per the section below "Procedure to determine team placing" will progress to the Final Series.

The Final Series format will be held over one (1) weekend with the following match:

Grand Final – 1st Place versus 2nd Place

5.3. Procedure to Determine Team Placing

5.3.1. Regular Season

The matches in the Regular Season will be played with each team within Division playing the other teams within the same Division an equal number of times. The following points will be awarded for matches during the Regular Season:

- Win = 3 Points
- Draw = 1 Point
- Loss = 0 Points

The position of each team will be determined based the highest number of points accumulated during the Regular Season. At the completion of the Regular Season team are ranked from highest to lowest based on these points. The Team who ranks the highest with the most points at the end of the Regular Season will be crowned the Competition Minor Champions (or Champions for the Recreational League) in their Age Division. For divisions which play finals then the teams who have the highest points (either the top two (2) or four (4) teams) will progress to the Final Series.

If two (2) or more teams are level on points accumulated, the following criteria shall be applied, in order, until one (1) of the teams can be determined as the higher ranked:

- Highest goal difference
- Highest number of goals scored over the Regular Season
- Highest number of points accumulated in matches between the teams concerned
- Highest goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
- Lowest number of Red Cards accumulated during the Regular Season
- Toss of a coin

5.3.2. Final Series

To be eligible for the Finals Series, players must be registered to NYF and must be on the Team Roster submitted at the start of the season for that team and they must have played more than fifty percent (50%) of the matches throughout the Season with that Team.

The Final Series is a “knock-out” competition. A winner must be identified from each Final Series Match as determined in these Rules of Competition.

Final Series games will consist of the same format as the regular season, except that each team is entitled to time outs as outlined in these Rules of Competition. If the score is tied at full-time, then overtime will occur with two equal periods of five (5) minutes which will be played in its entirety (no “Golden Goal”). If the match is still tied at the end of this overtime, then Kicks from the Penalty Mark will be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

The Team who wins the Grand Final will be crowned the Competition Champions in their Age Division. The Team who loses in the Grand Final will named the Runners-Up in their Age Division.

6. FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game (2012/2013) are the governing Laws for this Competition. These Laws can be found via www.fifa.com. The following alterations, clarifications and additions will apply for this Competition. Where there is no mention then Laws will be in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

Law 1: The Pitch

- All matches will be played on the Courts present at the identified venues.
- The pitch markings which will be utilized for Futsal will be the markings present on the pitches at these venues. These will be identified at the start of the match by the Match Official/s.
- Substitution Zones if not marked will be in front of the teams benches.

Law 2: The Ball

- The balls which will be used for the Competition will be compliant with NYF and any higher level authority Licensed Marketing Agreement.
- Balls will be supplied by the Host Club
- Balls will meet the requirements of Law 2 in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- U8-U11 will use a Size 3 Futsal Ball. U12 and older will use a Size 4 Futsal Ball.
- There will be enough balls present to replace a ball should it become defective or unavailable during the match.
- The ball may not be changed during the match without the referee's permission.
- The Match Officials will be responsible for the match balls before, during and after each match.

Law 3: The Number of Players

Players

- Players must be on the Team Roster provided by the Team contact at the start of the competition.
- Each player must be registered and financial with NYF
- A maximum of five (5) players, one (1) of which must be a goalkeeper can take the pitch.
- A Match may not start if either team consists of fewer than three (3) players.
- If during the course of the match fewer than three (3) players (including the goalkeeper) are left in either of the teams, the match shall be abandoned.
- Up to ten (10) substitutes may be utilized.
- There are unlimited substitutions.

Team Officials

- There may be up to Three (3) Team Officials per Team for every match.
- All Team Officials must be nominated on the Team Roster.
- All Team Officials must have been background checked.
- The Team Officials must remain within the confines of the Technical Area except when permission from the Match Officials (e.g. to assess an injured player).
- Only one person at a time is authorized to convey tactical instructions.
- The Team Officials must behave in a responsible manner and abide by the Code of Conduct.
- All Team Officials must have Competition identification as a Team Official for the Team in which the match is in progress (where applicable)
- Coaches for the Competition should consider attaining a minimum of an USSF Level 1 Futsal Coaching Course certification.
- Team Officials are responsible for but not limited to the following
 - Complete all paperwork regarding registration into the Competition
 - Update paperwork as required and inform the Host Club of any changes
 - Act as the centralized point of communication between the Host Club and the Team
 - Notifying the team of the playing times and venues
 - Inform the team of any changes to the Competition
 - Ensure that fair play is upheld
 - Ensure that the safety of the team is maintained
 - Assist the team to play at their highest level of ability
 - Assist the team to improve on their skills
 - Ensure Match Sheets are completed, true and accurate before leaving the venue after the match
 - Nominate 3-2-1 points to the opposing team after each match (where applicable)
 - Handle all issues, disputes, complaints, protests on behalf of the team.
 - Be responsible for the safety and well being of the players of the team and the teams spectators

Technical Area

- Only Registered Players and Team Officials for the teams involved in the match playing are permitted to be in the Technical Area.
- Any persons may be asked to leave the Technical Area by the Match Officials or NYF staff if they are deemed to be bringing the game into disrepute.
- A Player or Team Official who is under Suspension must not occupy a seat in the Technical Area.
- Only Players and Team Officials who are financial are permitted in the Technical Area
- All Players must be in Uniform and be able to take part in the current match.

Law 4: The Players' Equipment

- Uniform and their proposed colors must be given to the Host Club at the time of Registration. If there is a clash of colors, the 'home team' shall change to an alternative strip or will wear Pennies (bibs) over the top of their uniform. The 'home team' is the first team mentioned on the team sheet and fixture list.
- All uniforms will be compliant with the NYF or higher level authority's Licensed Marketing Agreement
- The 'Uniform' consists of the following compulsory items:
 - **Please note that if undergarments are worn (e.g. "Skins", bike pants or long sleeved tops), they must be the color of the main color of the sleeve of the Jersey or Shirt or as the same main color of the shorts**
 - A Jersey or Shirt
 - Must have sleeves
 - Must be uniquely numbered between 1-15 and must contrast with the color of the shirt
 - The Jersey or Shirt must be identical in appearance (with the exception of numbering and the Goal Keepers Jersey or Shirt) for all players on one team
 - The Goal Keeper shall wear colors that easily distinguish him from the other players and the Match Officials (this includes all players replacing the goal keeper. Replacement Keepers must have their starting number on the back of the Goal Keepers Jersey). Pennies are permitted to be used to identify the goal keeper if they do not have a different jersey during the regular competition.
 - Shorts
 - The Shorts must be identical in appearance (with the exception of numbering and the Goal Keepers shorts/pants) for all players on one team.
 - If numbers are present on the shorts, then it must match the number of the players shirt.
 - Only the Goal Keeper is permitted to wear long trousers
 - Socks
 - Must be long and covering the shinguards.
 - If tape is applied to the socks, it must be the same color of that part of the sock it is applied to.
 - Shin guards
 - Shall be entirely covered by the socks
 - Made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic or similar substance)
 - Shall provide a reasonable degree of protection
 - Footwear
 - Canvas or soft leather training, gymnastic or indoor shoes or sneakers.
 - Soles of rubber or a similar material (no studs or cleats)
- A Player shall not use equipment or wear anything (including any kind of jewelry) that could be dangerous to themselves or another player (including wedding bands). Jewelry cannot be taped.
- Players who are not compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game in terms of Players Equipment (including Jewelry, uniform and undergarments) will not be able to participate in the match until they are compliant.
- Any Player who has been asked to leave the pitch to correct their Players Equipment by a Match Official must report to the Match Official and show that they are now compliant before they are permitted to re-enter the match.
- A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment
- The Host Club shall reserve the right to reject any uniform if considered inappropriate or undesirable. No appeal will be considered.

Law 5: The Referees

- Each match shall be controlled by at least one Referee, who has the full authority to enforce the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.
- All Referees must be Futsal Registered Referees, be financial, background checked and in good standing with the Eastern New York State Referees Association.
- Premier Divisions, Adult games and ALL Final Matches shall be controlled by two (2) Referees, who have full authority to enforce the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.
- The State Referees Association will nominate an Assignor who will appoint qualified and registered referees to officiate at each match.
- Referees must meet the Age Requirements and be at least be a minimum of two (2) years older than the age division they are refereeing.
- Referees must come from the futsal referees group who is deemed appropriate to both the age and the level of competition or higher.
- The Referees Duties will be in accordance with the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
- The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.
- If no Referee is appointed to a match and the match is controlled by a Volunteer, they shall possess the same powers and should be treated with the same respect as an appointed Referee for that match.
- Referees are responsible for keeping a complete record of the match and are to ensure that the results are passed onto The Host Club before leaving the venue or to email the results to The Host Club before midnight of the day of the matches.

Law 6: The Assistant Referees

- An Assistant Referee may be appointed to matches. They will fulfill the duties of Third Referee and Timekeeper.
 - The Assistant Referee will be seated off the pitch, level with halfway and on the same side as the substitution zones.
- All Assistant Referees must be Futsal Registered Referees, be financial, background checked and in good standing with the Eastern New York State Referees Association.
- The State Referees Association will nominate an Assignor who will appoint qualified and registered assistant referees to officiate at designated matches.
- The Assistant Referees duties will be in accordance with the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

Law 7: The Duration of the Match

- The match shall last two (2) equal periods of twenty (20) minutes.
 - The clock will not be stopped when the ball is out of play
 - The length of time may be extended by the Referee in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
 - The match may also be prolonged by the Referee to ensure that the Integrity and Fair Play of the match is upheld.
 - There will be no stoppage time unless deemed so by the Match Officials or Host Club due to serious injury which requires an ambulance, or other extenuating circumstance (such as no replacement match ball).
 - The decision regarding the Duration of the Match by the Match Officials or Host Club is final.
- The half-time interval shall be two (2) minutes.
- There is no extra time for matches played during the Regular Season
- There will be no time-outs permitted during the Regular Season
- Time may be started at the allocated kick-off time regardless if teams are ready or not to take the pitch. It is the teams responsibility to ensure their team is ready to play at the scheduled time.
- All Match Officials are responsible for keeping their own time of the match in case of electronic scoreboard failure.

Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play

- The match will start on time (the clock may be started even if both teams are not on the pitch ready to play) or may start earlier if both teams are ready and consent to an earlier kick-off
- The Referees whistle will still signal the start and end of the match.
- If a hooter or electronic scoreboard is used for the match, the Referees whistle will still indicate the start and end of the match.
- If there is a discrepancy between the electronic scoreboard and the Referees time of the match, the Referees time of the match shall be final.
- The match will be played using two equal halves of the fifteen (15) minutes if the match starts between five (5) and ten (10) minutes late. If the match starts late up to five (5) minutes after kick-off, then the first half will be shortened to account for the late time, the second half will still be twenty (20) minutes in length.
- If teams are not ready to play within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled kick off time, the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be on 3-0 win to the opponent. There will be no refund of fees for a forfeit. The Referee will keep track of and notify NYF if the clock is started without teams being present and / or ready. Teams who are late may be required to appear before a disciplinary committee
- Shortened matches will only be played if the one or both teams are not on the pitch and ready to play at the scheduled kick-off time. If the delay is due to previous matches, NYF or other extenuating circumstances than the teams due to play will not be penalized by shortened halves.
- Matches can be shortened at the request and approval of both coaches, the Match Officials and NYF **before** the game starts, but cannot be any less than ten (10) minutes per half. Equal halves are required. The results of this game if it was agreed upon by all parties will stand.

Law 9: The Ball in and Out of Play

- The Ball in and Out of Play shall be in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- There is no height restrictions on the ball in play provided it meets the other requirements as defined in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
 - However, if the ball touches the ceiling, play shall be restarted with a kick-in to the opponents of the team which last touched the ball in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- Where multiple line markings are present on the Pitch, it is the responsibilities of the Teams to ensure they are aware of which lines make up Futsal Pitch markings prior to the start of the Match.

Law 10: The Method of Scoring

- A goal is scored in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
- The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.
- During the Regular Season:
 - The team that scores the greater number of goals during a match shall be the winner.
 - If both teams score an equal number of goals during the match or no goals are scored then match will be declared a Tie/Draw
- During the Final Series:
 - The team that scores the greater number of goals during a match shall be the winner.
 - If both teams score an equal number of goals during the match or if no goals are scored during a match then extra time comprising of two (2) equal periods of five (5) minutes will be played.
 - If both teams score an equal number of goals or if no goals are scored during the Final Series then Kicks from the Penalty Mark will follow in accordance with the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct

General

- The current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game are the governing Laws for this Competition
- The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.
- All Disciplinary Sanctions will be in accordance with the ENYISA and / or ENYSSA.

Disciplinary Sanctions for Teams

- If teams are not ready to play within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled kick off time (minimum of three (3) players who are ready with correct Players Equipment, one of which must be a goalkeeper), the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be on 3-0 win to the opponent. There will be no refund or fees for a forfeit. Teams may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee
- A forfeit may also be enforced upon a team who has not completed the match sheet correctly or a team who plays an illegible player. The Host Clubs decision is final.
- Should any team be involved in any fighting within the facility, whether during a match, or before or after a match, inside the venue or on the venue grounds including the car park, could face deregistration from their representative club, may no longer be permitted to participate in the Competition, may be fined, lose points, and/or forfeit matches played or remaining matches to be played, and may be subject to further action which may include police involvement where charges may be filed, as well as additional sanctions imposed by New York Futsal which may include a life ban.
- Teams that field unregistered or suspended players or Players who were not on the Team Roster submitted by the team upon registration will, at a minimum, forfeit the matches the players participated in. The result will be recorded as a 3-0 win to the opposing team. The team will also be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee to state why they should not be removed from the competition. There will be no refund of fees for forfeits. Other disciplinary sanctions may be imposed with NYF and higher level authorities including but not limited to fines, suspensions and bans.
- Any forfeit by a Team will incur a 3-0 loss.
- Upon the fourth (4th) forfeit the team will be removed from the competition and the team and its players may be banned from competitions run by the Host Club for 12 months.

Disciplinary Sanctions for Players

- Disciplinary Sanctions from NYF may affect a player's eligibility to compete in futsal or soccer competitions sanctioned by NYF or its Higher Level Authorities. All suspensions from other member associations / organizations which affect Players in the Competition will be enforced. The NYF Decision regarding suspensions is final
- Yellow and Red Cards may only be shown to Players or Substitutes only on the pitch and once the match has started.
- Yellow and Red Cards may be issued verbally by the Match Officials to players and substitutes before or after the match or during the match when the player or substitute is off the pitch, where they player cannot be directly informed (e.g if removed from the Field of Play due to Injury). All disciplinary sanctions given by the Match Officials will be recorded regardless of whether the Team Officials were aware of the sanction or not.
- Yellow and Red Cards will be recorded by the Assistant Referees and the Host Club
- The Match Officials are required to notify the NYF staff via the Match sheet of disciplinary sanctions administered throughout the match and Match Officials are required to provide a full and accurate report of all disciplinary sanctions via email within twenty four (24) hours of the match in question.

Yellow Cards

- Any player who accumulates four (4) yellow cards during the regular season, final series and any grading games, friendlies and scrimmages related to the league will be suspended for their next scheduled match. This is a cumulative total over the season.
- Should a player accumulate a further three (3) yellow cards during the above-mentioned period, the player will incur an automatic suspension of an additional one (1) match.
- If a player receives two (2) yellow cards in one (1) match, these two yellow cards are added to the cumulative yellow card total, plus the Player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension for being shown a red card.
- If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently
- Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.
- A player cannot appeal a yellow card decision by the Referee.
- A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment through dissent by action
- All cautions must be included on the Match Sheet using the time and infringement code given by the USSF

Red Cards

- A player that receives a red card during a match must leave the field of play
- A player receiving a red card can be replaced by a substitute in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- A player receiving a red card as a result of two (2) cautions in one match will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.
- A player receiving a straight red card for Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.
- A player receiving a straight red for anything other than Denying an Obvious Goal Score Opportunity will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension and may be asked to face the Disciplinary Committee.
- All sanctions are in accordance with the NYF and Higher Level Authority policies.
- Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.
- If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently
- The Host Club reserve the right to ask a player sent from the field of play for any reason to face a Disciplinary Committee.
- A player has the right to appeal a decision made by the Disciplinary Committee. The appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the Appeals Committee c/-the New York Futsal League with a fee of fifty (\$50) dollars.
- A complete and accurate send-off report must be completed for every send-off during a match and emailed to NYF within twenty four (24) hours of the incident.

Disciplinary Sanctions for Team Officials / Spectators

- Team Officials and Spectators are to act in a responsible manner and are subject to the USSF Code of Behavior and Code of Ethics.
- If they are deemed to be in breach of these codes, they may be asked to leave the Field of Play (for Team Officials) and / or the Venue (for both Team Officials and Spectators) by either the Match Official or the Host Club.
- If a Team Official has been asked to leave the Field of Play then a minimum of an automatic one (1) match suspension will occur for the first incident. If it is the second incident, then a minimum two (2) match suspension will occur. Any further incidents or cases in which the Match Official deems that the Team Official requires further sanctions (such as threatening of participants including the Match Officials or racial, discriminatory or offensive behavior) will be subject to appear before a Disciplinary Committee. Sanctions may include no further participation in the Competition, fines, loss of points, forfeiture of matches played or to be played, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and / or New York Futsal and may also include Police involvement.
- If a Team Official or Spectator has been asked to leave the Venue, then they must appear before a Disciplinary Committee before being allowed to re-enter the venue for the remainder of the Competition. Sanctions may include no further participation in the Competition, fines, loss of points, forfeiture of matches played or to be played, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and / or New York Futsal and may also include Police involvement.
- Matches will not continue until the Team Official or Spectator has left the Field of Play and / or Venue
- Incident Reports must be completed for any removal of a Team Official or Spectator and emailed to NYF within twenty four (24) hours of the incident.
- Team Officials are responsible for their Spectators.

7. Match Officials

A registered and appointed Assignor from the ENYSRA will assign Match Officials to all games. A registered and appointed Assessor may be present during the Competition. Inspections and Match Official Coaching is permitted throughout the entire competition but only by a registered and appointed Futsal assessor / instructor.

Appointments

The Match Officials will be appointed for each match by the ENYSRA. One Referee will be appointed to each match where possible. The decisions of the State Referees Association are final and not subject to appeal.

If one of the appointed Match Officials is prevented from carrying out his duties, the Host Club may identify a replacement if the ENYSRA cannot find a replacement official.

Uniforms

The Match Officials uniforms for the Competition will be the official uniform of ENYSRA. The color chosen is based on the teams colors to ensure there will not be a clash. The Black shirt is the preferred shirt for the Winter Futsal League.

Match Officials are to have all uniforms available for every match during the Competition. All Match Officials appointed to one match will wear the same color uniform.

All aspects of the Referees Uniform must be worn, e.g. long black socks, black shoes and shorts. No long pants are to be worn and shirts must be tucked in and professionalism maintained. All referees are required to have and use their own referee stop-watches and keep a complete and accurate written record of the match. All records must be kept for the entirety of the Winter Futsal League.

Reporting

- When arriving at the venue, the Match Officials are required to complete a Pitch Inspection Report.
- After each Match, the Match Officials shall complete, check and sign the Match Sheets.
- At the end of the day, the Match Officials are required to complete any Caution, Send-off or Incident Report Forms if applicable.
- The Match Sheet is to contain all occurrences of cautions, send-offs and / or incidents (including teams not being ready to play at the scheduled kickoff time) which occurred during each Match.
- Match Officials are required to report to NYF with a full report of any send-offs and incidents via email within twenty four (24) hours of the incident occurring.

Disciplinary Matters

Disciplinary Incidents are dealt with in Compliance with the USSF, NYF and State disciplinary guidelines, as well as any relevant circulars, directives or decisions by NYF or a higher level authority. The decision by NYF on any Disciplinary Matter is to be enforced by the Host Club. Match Officials do not impose sentencing on participants. Match Officials may be required to attend Disciplinary Hearings involving Send-off or Incident Reports.

Match Official Fees

- The payment of Match Officials fees shall be the responsibility of the Host Club.
- Match Officials must be paid \$25 per match refereed or forfeited if the referee was present at the venue and no advance notice of forfeit was given.
- Match Officials will only be paid if the required match and personal documentation is completed and submitted accurately and during the required time frames as stated within these Rules of Competition.

8. First Aid

- First Aid Officers are not provided. It is the responsibility of each team to be equipped and prepared with First Aid Kits.
- Medications are not permitted to be in First Aid Kits.
- Players who require medications (e.g. Asthma Medication) should ensure that they have it prior to participating in the Competition and only administer the medication on and by themselves as prescribed by their physician.
- Please note that medications including Asthma Puffers and Pain Killers cannot be provided to players by any First Aid Officer in accordance with Legislation.

9. Disputes / Protests

If there is a protest from the Match regarding the Score, the playing of an Ineligible player, or an issue to do with time, or equipment including uniform or pitch markings / nets, then the protest must be lodged within an hour after the conclusion of the match by one of the registered Team Officials. Any protest regarding any other facet of the match must be lodged within twenty four (24) hours after the match in question. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Host Club may impose a fine. The Host Club must keep a record of any protests lodged and their outcome.

All disputes outside of the Rules of Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the USSF Grievance Resolution Regulations.

10. Matters not provided for

The Host Club shall, in conjunction with NYF, may issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise during the Competition. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Rules of Competitions

Matters not provided for in these Rules and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the Host Club in conjunction with NYF. These decisions shall be final. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Host Club of the Competition from taking a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Rules of Competition contained herein.