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Expand opportunities for players to experience and benefit from Futsal at the “Grassroots” level through:

1. Parent/Player/Member Education

2. Entry Level Coach Development

3. Referee Recruitment and Development

4. Support other Mass Youth and National Initiatives including Urban/Underserved, GOALS and TOPSoccer
1. What is Futsal anyway?

2. Why play Futsal?

3. Where is Futsal played and How to start a program

4. Panel discussion

5. Panel Q&A
1. FIFA/USSF/USYS/Mass Youth sanctioned

2. Played 5v5 on a hard surface with a special ball and rules

3. Created in 1930 by an Argentinian graduate of Springfield College working in Uruguay, combining rules and equipment taken from soccer, team handball and basketball

4. Played world-wide with professional leagues in South America, Europe, Middle East and Asia

5. FAST and FUN
Who is in Charge?

FIFA

USSF

CONCACAF

AMF

NE AMF

USAFF

USYF

USAFF

UFA

ECYFL

MFA

Mass Youth

NPC

NAFF

GPS

CYFL

USFF
For Our Purposes:

• Mass Youth sanctioned

• under US Youth Soccer

• with US Soccer Federation certified Futsal officials

• using modified FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
FUTSAL RULES

1. Played 5v5 (4 “field” players plus keeper)

2. Played on a hard surface, indoors or out, without boards or walls

3. Goal size 2m x 3m

4. Specially constructed low-bounce ball; size 3 for 12 and under, size 4 for 14 and older

5. Substitution is “on-the fly” not during stoppages
6. 4-seconds allowed for restarts and goalie possession

7. Goal kicks replaced by Goal Clearances (keeper throw)

8. Throw-ins replaced by Kick-ins

9. Kick-offs move forward and are indirect

10. Specially trained and certified referees
• MORE TOUCHES (up to 6x the outdoor game)
• Fast paced, close space promotes quicker DECISION MAKING
• Limited contact rewards TECHNICAL SKILLS over sheer athleticism
• Helps create a BETTER 1st TOUCH & FOOT SKILLS
• Requires MOVEMENT without the ball
• Helps players develop TACTICAL AWARENESS
• No boards demands accurate SHOOTING, PASSING and RECEIVING
• Learn by PLAYING
• Format supports and reinforces philosophies expressed in the PDI’s
Where to Play?

Current Mass Youth Affiliated Leagues

Essex County Youth Futsal League
South Hamilton and Lawrence
www.ecyfl.org

Coastal Youth Futsal League
Pembroke and Randolph
www.coastalychyouthfutsalleague.com
Local youth soccer towns and clubs can use Futsal to offer off-season training and play opportunities for their members.

Academy-style, intramural play or hybrid programming can be offered using rules and formats modified to the age and skill of participants and adapted to the space available.
League Models

1. “3rd season” for an existing Mass Youth outdoor league
2. Stand alone in partnership with an existing league
3. Independent

#2 and #3 require establishment of an organization as an entity including creation of governance documents, designation of Officers and a Board, Commonwealth registration and filings, and application for acceptance by Mass Youth.
What You Need

Hard surface designed for sports - basketball courts work well
Futsal balls and goals
Referees for League or older Intown play
Registration and Scheduling
Coaches
Administrator
Passion and Enthusiasm
1. Current Mass Youth members, including individuals and organizations, are covered by Mass Youth insurance and registrations.

2. “Introduction to Futsal” Coaching Certificate

3. Staff support to establish a program or league

4. Connection with other programs and leagues

5. Future state competitions ("Futsal MTOC")

6. Access to Mass Youth vendors and group purchase opportunities
Contact Us!

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