**SOUTH CHESHIRE FUTSAL LEAGUE – LAWS OF THE GAME**

Game Duration:

* Each match will consist of 2 x 20 minute period. There will be no time outs. Additional time is at the discretion of the referee.

Matchday Squads & Substitutions:

* Each team can make as many substitutions as they choose, as long as only a Maximum of 10 players are used.
* Subs must enter / leave the field of play from in front of the respective team bench.
* A Substitute cannot enter the field of play until the player they are replacing has exited. In this instance, a foul and free kick will be awarded to the opposing team.
* Substitutions are unlimited.

Fouls & Cautions:

* If a Player receives a red card & is sent off, then the team which the player belongs to must remain with 4 players until either 2 minutes have passed, or the opposition have scored a goal.
* The player who has received the red card will not be permitted to re-join the game. It will be at the referee’s discretion as to whether or not the player will remain banned for additional matches.
* Accumulated Fouls: A Team may concede 4 fouls in each game. The offending team must retreat to a minimum of 3M.
* On the 5th & any subsequent fouls that team commits, a direct free kick will be awarded to the opposition from the 10M penalty spot or the location the foul was committed. The defending team may not place any players other than the Goalkeeper to stop the shot

Kick Ins:

* In order to restart the game after a ball has gone out of play, the ball is kicked back in to play from the touchline and from corners. Players can not score directly from kick- ins

The Four Second Rule:

* For Kick-Ins, Free-Kicks, Goal Clearances & Corner Kicks, the player in possession of the ball has 4 seconds to restart play which the referee will count with their fingers in the air.

Goal Clearance:

* A Goal Clearance must be thrown out & received by a player in their own half
* A Goalkeeper cannot touch the ball again unless;
	+ A member of opposition has touched the ball
	+ If the goalkeeper receives the ball in the opponent’s half
	+ The ball has passed the half way line

These will result in a direct free-kick being awarded from the 6m penalty spot

Goalkeepers:

* Goalkeepers are allowed to come out of the area and players are allowed in the area.
* The goalkeeper is not allowed to control the ball with either their hands or feet for more than 4 seconds in his / her own half.
* Goalkeepers cannot pick up back-passes

Miscellaneous:

* Goals may not be scored directly from the kick-off in futsal and there is no offsides.
* Penalties to be taken from 6metres. 2nd Penalties from 10m
* Players are not permitted to intentionally play / attempt to play the ball from the floor. In these circumstances, a free kick will be awarded.