

UNITED SERBIAN YOUTH SOCCER CLUB
2026 USYSC INDOOR FUTSAL TOURNAMENT
Youth Boys Tournament Rules

DIVISIONS

The 2026 USYSC Indoor Futsal Tournament will offer the following Boys Divisions. Each division is limited to a maximum of 4 teams.

Age Group	Accepted Levels
U8 Boys	B & C
U9 Boys	B & C
U10 Boys	B & C
U11 Boys	A, B & C

USYSC reserves the right to combine or adjust divisions when necessary based on registration numbers. Teams will be notified of any division changes before the tournament.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games.
- Matches are played 5v5: 1 goalkeeper plus 4 field players.
- A team must have at least 3 players, including a goalkeeper, to start or continue a match.
- Each game is 30 minutes with a continuous running clock.
- There is no halftime and no team timeout.
- The clock does not stop for normal out-of-play situations, substitutions, goals, or routine injuries. The referee or Tournament Director may stop or adjust time for an extraordinary circumstance.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitutions are permitted. Players may re-enter the game. Substitutions may be made on the fly from the designated substitution area. The player leaving the court must exit before the replacement fully enters play.

BALL OUT OF PLAY - KICK-INS

- There are no throw-ins. Sideline restarts are taken as kick-ins.
- The ball must be stationary and the kick-in must be taken within 4 seconds once the referee begins the count.
- Opponents must remain at least 5 meters (approximately 16 feet) from the ball when required by the referee.
- A goal may not be scored directly from a kick-in.

GOAL CLEARANCE / GOALKEEPER RULES

- When the attacking team last touches the ball before it crosses the goal line without a goal being scored, play restarts with a goal clearance by the goalkeeper.
- The goalkeeper must release or play the ball within 4 seconds.
- Goalkeepers may use their hands only within their own penalty area.
- No punting or drop-kicking is permitted. Goalkeepers must throw or roll the ball, or place it at their feet to restart play.

CORNER KICKS

Corner kicks are taken from the corner area and must be put into play within 4 seconds.

NO OFFSIDE

There is no offside rule in futsal.

FOULS & FREE KICKS

Standard futsal fouls apply. These include, but are not limited to:

- Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
- Tripping
- Pushing
- Holding
- Striking or attempting to strike
- Reckless or dangerous challenges
- Deliberate handball
- Charging an opponent unfairly
- Sliding into or through an opponent in a dangerous manner

Direct and indirect free kicks will be awarded as appropriate.

All slide tackles against an opponent are prohibited for this youth tournament. A player may slide to keep a ball in play or block a shot or pass when no opponent is endangered.

4-SECOND RULE

To keep games moving, players generally have 4 seconds to restart play on kick-ins, corner kicks, free kicks, and goalkeeper possession or goal clearances. Failure to restart within the required time may result in possession being awarded to the opposing team.

ACCUMULATED FOULS

Beginning with a team's 6th accumulated direct-free-kick foul in a match, the opposing team receives a direct free kick without a defensive wall. The referee or table will track accumulated fouls.

YELLOW & RED CARDS

- Referees may issue yellow and red cards for misconduct.
- A player receiving a red card is immediately removed from the match and may not return.
- The team will play short for 2 minutes. A substitute may enter before the two minutes expire if permitted under standard futsal red-card procedures after the opposing team scores.
- Any player receiving a red card may be subject to additional suspension or removal from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

- Players must wear matching team uniforms with identifiable numbers.
- Shin guards are mandatory.
- Only appropriate indoor or futsal footwear is permitted. No outdoor cleats.
- Jewelry, watches, necklaces, earrings, or other unsafe equipment may not be worn during play.

TEAM BENCHES

Only rostered players and approved coaches or team officials may be in the designated team area. Players and coaches must remain in their designated area unless entering the game through the substitution area.

STANDINGS - GROUP PLAY

For divisions using round-robin standings:

- Win - 3 points
- Tie - 1 point
- Loss - 0 points

If teams are tied in points, the following tiebreakers will be used in order:

1. Head-to-head result
2. Goal differential
3. Goals scored
4. Fewest goals allowed
5. Fewest disciplinary cards
6. Coin toss or drawing by Tournament Director

For standings purposes, goal differential is capped at +5 per game.

CHAMPIONSHIP / ELIMINATION GAMES

If a championship or elimination game is tied at the end of regulation, the match proceeds directly to penalty kicks. Each team selects 3 kickers. If still tied after three kicks per team, kicks continue one-for-one in sudden death until a winner is determined.

SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT

USYSC expects appropriate behavior from all players, coaches, parents, and spectators. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players and spectators. Abusive language, threats, fighting, discriminatory comments, or inappropriate behavior toward referees, players, coaches, tournament staff, or spectators will not be tolerated. The referee and Tournament Director have authority to remove individuals from the playing facility when necessary.

REFEREE DECISIONS

The referee's decisions regarding matters occurring during the match are final. Judgment calls cannot be protested. Questions involving tournament rules, player eligibility, standings, or administrative matters will be decided by the USYSC Tournament Director.

TOURNAMENT AUTHORITY

The United Serbian Youth Soccer Club Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify schedules, divisions, court assignments, or tournament procedures when necessary. Situations not specifically covered by these tournament rules will generally follow the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, subject to USYSC youth tournament modifications.