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FUTSAL

# SOCCER MOMS AND DADS

GUIDE SERIES



## Why play Futsal?

Futsal is a fun, fast-paced option that helps soccer players build skills, stay active, and gain confidence during the off-season without heavy commitment.



## LEARN FUTSAL RULES

Futsal is fast-paced, with unique rules promoting control, quick decisions, and clean play.





# Why Futsal Matters

Futsal is a fast-paced, small-sided version of soccer played indoors on a hard court with a smaller, heavier ball. While it's a sport in its own right—with its own rules, leagues, and playing style—futsal is also widely recognized as a valuable supplement to traditional outdoor soccer. For families looking to support their child's development in the off-season, futsal offers a fun, accessible way to keep players active and engaged, while building skills that translate directly to the field.

## Developing Skills Where Space is Tight

Because futsal is played in tight spaces with fewer players, it naturally emphasizes ball control, quick thinking, and creativity. Players get more touches on the ball and are constantly involved in the game. These conditions mirror the environment of street soccer, which has long been a proving ground for technical brilliance and flair. Many of the world's top players—like Messi, Neymar, and Ronaldo—credit futsal or street soccer for helping them develop the fast feet, sharp vision, and confidence that made them elite.



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## A Perfect “Off-season” Option

What makes futsal especially appealing for parents is that it doesn’t require a year-round commitment to be effective. Whether your child plays competitively or recreationally, futsal is a flexible, exciting option that supports overall development—and might just spark a new love for the game. It’s not just something to do during the winter; it’s an opportunity to grow as a player in a new environment that rewards skill, speed, and creativity.

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## Elite Pathways Through Futsal

At the competitive end of youth futsal, players find opportunities to be challenged, recognized, and even scouted nationally and internationally. In Ohio and beyond, futsal-specific clubs and soccer clubs with strong futsal programs compete at an elite level year-round, focusing on advanced skills, tactics, and fast-paced team play. Events like the US Youth Futsal National Championships, held this year from July 18–21, showcase top teams and talent. Several Ohio teams competed, with players earning invitations to national ID camps and international tours—showing how far futsal can take dedicated young athletes.

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## Futsal Clubs/Teams



	Club Name Website	Location	Program Dates Tryout Dates	Program Description
	<b>DPA Futsal</b> <a href="http://www.dpacobras.com">www.dpacobras.com</a>	Franklin, Ohio	11/2025-03/2026 8/11, 9/22 & 11/3	DPA Futsal has multiple levels including Showcase Travel (attend out of town regional events along with local events), Showcase Local (attend local events and league play), Elite, and Premier.
	<b>Premier Futsal Program</b> <a href="http://www.cincinnatiunitedsc.com">www.cincinnatiunitedsc.com</a>	Springboro, Mason & Lebanon	11/2025-02/2026	Cincinnati United are happy to be bringing back its successful futsal programming to its members, supplementing the team training during the winter, our futsal program gives a competitive edge to the "off" season
	<b>Get Sharp Futsal</b>	Seven Hills HS (Cincinnati, OH)	10/2025-02/2026	
	<b>Queen City Futsal Academy</b>	Courts4Sports (Mason, Ohio)	11/2025-02/2025	Queen City Futsal Academy (QCFA) is a club-agnostic program dedicated to developing the attributes and character of youth soccer players by pushing the boundaries of creativity and knowledge through small-sided soccer.
	<b>Ginga Futsal Elite</b> <a href="http://www.schoolofginga.com">www.schoolofginga.com</a>	Cincinnati, Ohio	11/2025-02/2026 September/ Application Process	(U9-U17) Ginga Futsal Elite program is a club-neutral program offered in the Winter and Summer... It is a train-and-play package. Acceptance is based on application approval or assessment approval. This is for advanced players with a strong comfortability on the ball. Players will be exposed to high-level futsal concepts, speed of play, and technique on demand. Players will receive weekly trainings, league play, and tournament(s). Come compete with the best futsal program in the area!
	<b>GOAT Futsal</b> <a href="http://www.goatfutsal.com">www.goatfutsal.com</a>	Columbus, Ohio	11/10/2025- 02/27/2026 Tryouts TBD	GOAT Futsal believes in the power of high level professional coaching to teach life lessons that build strong individuals who can achieve personal goals as well as team goals.
	<b>Emerald City Futsal</b> <a href="http://emeraldcityfutsal.com">emeraldcityfutsal.com</a>	Dublin Ohio	11/2025-02/2026	Emerald City Futsal is a club neutral competitive futsal club. We provide programs for all skills levels. Our program includes training, league play, and tournaments. ECF program environment is designed to develop creative players that can make quick decisions in high pressure game situations.
	<b>Heart &amp; Sole Futsal Academy</b> <a href="http://www.heartandsolefutsal.com">www.heartandsolefutsal.com</a>	Goodyear Hall (Akron, OH)	9/2025-6/2026	Great Lakes Futsal, an affiliate of US Youth Futsal, is the only US Soccer sanctioned futsal league in NE Ohio. Since 2007, Great Lakes Futsal has been one of the largest youth futsal leagues in the United States.
	<b>Team PIVO</b> <a href="http://www.PIVOAcademy.com">www.PIVOAcademy.com</a>	Futsal Factory (East Cincinnati, OH)	11/2025-02/2026 October 2025	Team PIVO is our elite, club-neutral futsal team for top players seeking high-level competition. Players train with PIVO Academy and compete in the ECFL and top local and regional tournaments. Selection is based on performance, attitude, at Assessment days in October.





# FUTSAL ELITE

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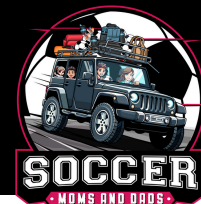
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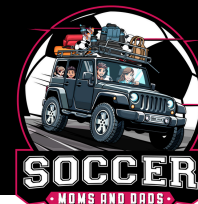


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	<b>Heart &amp; Sole Futsal Training</b> <a href="http://www.heartandsolefutsal.com">www.heartandsolefutsal.com</a>	Goodyear Hall Gymnasium (Akron, OH)	09/2025-06/2026	Directed by former US Men's Futsal National Team goalkeeper and assistant coach, Otto Orf brings more than 25 years of international futsal experience and delivers it to children of all ages with an unmatched passion for the game.
	<b>GOAT Futsal</b> <a href="http://www.goatfutsal.com">www.goatfutsal.com</a>	Columbus, OH	11/2025-2/2026	GOAT Futsal believes in the power of high level futsal coaching to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals who can achieve personal goals as well as team goals.
	<b>614 Futsal</b> <a href="http://www.614futsal.com">www.614futsal.com</a>	Big Run Athletic Complex	12/2025-02/2026	614 Futsal is a club-neutral futsal program designed to keep your young athletes active and engaged throughout the winter. With a once-a-week schedule, players from across the Columbus area come together for dynamic, pickup-style games that emphasize fun, creativity, and friendly competition.
	<b>PIVO Academy</b> <a href="http://www.pivoacademy.com">www.pivoacademy.com</a>	Futsal Factory (East Cincinnati, OH)	11/2025-02/2026 None	PIVO Academy is a club-neutral futsal program focused on individual development through our Belt System—helping players build skill, confidence, and creativity. Top performers may be invited to join Team PIVO, our competitive team for games and tournaments.



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## Futsal Leagues



	League Name Website	Location	Program Dates Deadlines	League Description
	<b>937 Futsal</b>	Dayton & Vandalia OH	Winter 2025-2026	
	<b>Southeast Champions Futsal League</b> <a href="http://www.pridesoccerclub.com">www.pridesoccerclub.com</a>	Canal Winchester, Ohio	11/2025-1/2026	Join over THREE HUNDRED U7-U19 players and participate in Central Ohio's Best Futsal League!! Players will register as individuals, in their current age group, and each week they will be placed on a different team. Individual players will get points based on how well their team does in comparison to other teams in their division on that match day. At the end of the season individual players who finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in their division will be awarded medals. This format allows players to compete as individuals within the concept of team play and promotes competition between teams and players each match day!
	<b>Greater Columbus Futsal League</b> <a href="http://www.goatfutsal.com">www.goatfutsal.com</a>	Columbus, OH	11/2025-2/2026	The only USYF sanctioned futsal league in Central Ohio. Games played at Cleo Athletic Complex and Willis Athletic Complex.
	<b>NASA Futsal</b> <a href="http://www.newarkareasoccer.com">www.newarkareasoccer.com</a>	Granville, OH	Two Sessions: 11/2025-01/2026 01/2026-03/2026	NASA Futsal is an affordable Futsal league for teams of all ages and abilities. Register a team or as an individual to help your players keep their foot on the ball this winter!
	<b>614 Futsal</b> <a href="http://www.614futsal.com">www.614futsal.com</a>	Big Run Athletic Complex	12/2025-02/2026	614 Futsal is a club-neutral futsal program designed to keep your young athletes active and engaged throughout the winter. With a once-a-week schedule, players from across the Columbus area come together for dynamic, pickup-style games that emphasize fun, creativity, and friendly competition.
	<b>Greater Cincinnati Futsal League</b> <a href="http://www.schoolofginga.com">www.schoolofginga.com</a>	Cincinnati, Ohio	11/2025-02/2026	Greater Cincinnati 5v5 Futsal League that runs November through February. Open to teams U8-U19.  2025-26 Season: Introducing two league locations to cater to both Ohio and Kentucky Teams.  Spooky Nook - Hamilton, OH - Game Night - FRIDAY St. Henry Athletic Complex - Florence KY - Game Night - SAT / SUN
	<b>Elite Clubs Futsal League (ECFL)</b> <a href="http://eliteclubsfutsal.com">eliteclubsfutsal.com</a>	Cincinnati, Columbus & Dayton, Ohio	2025/2026	To provide the member clubs and players with competitive and meaningful matches without having to travel great distances. 8 games over 3 weekends of play: Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton

Program Description



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**Player Registration:** Players will register as individuals, in their current age group, and each week they will be placed on a different team. SECFL is open to all players (U7 through High School) regardless of club, league or school affiliation. Individual players will get points based on how well their team does in comparison to other teams in their division on that match day. At the end of the season individual players who finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in their division will be awarded medals. This format allows players to compete as individuals within the concept of team play and promotes competition between teams and players each match day!

**ONE SESSION, 10 Games total:** Games expected to be played on the following Saturdays (8am-5pm):

Nov 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, Jan 3, 10, 17, 24

**Games:** Games are two 20-minute halves in length, teams will have 5-8 players each game.

**Divisions:** Divisions may be mixed based on the number of players per age group/gender.

**Cost:** \$135 (early registration cost) or \$150 (after Oct 12th)

**EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: October 12th (\$15 Discount)**

**DEADLINE: November 7th or until division is full**

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**FACILITY:** Eastside Athletics Complex, Lithopolis OH





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NOVEMBER 2025 - FEBRUARY 2026

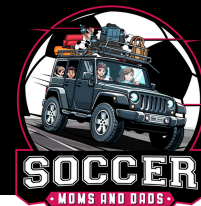
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## Futsal Tournaments

	Tournament Website	Location	Tournament Deadline	Description
	<b>Black Friday Stampede</b> <a href="http://www.cincysc.com">www.cincysc.com</a>	Spooky Nook Sports Champion Mill (Hamilton, OH)	11/28/2025 11/23/2025 (Deadline)	Here's one way to avoid being trampled by a gang of wild turkeys (aka, shoppers) on Black Friday – play futsal instead!
	<b>Mistletoe Ball Coed Futsal Tourney</b> <a href="http://www.cincysc.com">www.cincysc.com</a>	Nothin But Net (Cincinnati, OH)	12/30/2025 12/26/2025 (Deadline)	The week between Christmas and New Years is always slow with no school, slow days at work, and lots of stored up holiday calories. Don't hibernate! Play futsal at the Merriest Futsal Event of the Year.
	<b>13th annual Copa Del Sala</b> <a href="http://www.schoolofginga.com">www.schoolofginga.com</a>	Spooky Nook Sports Champion Mill (Hamilton, OH)	01/03-01/04/2026	What better way to spend a snowy Monday off from school than by playing futsal! Games are played on basketball courts and are fast-paced with lots of touches. Schedules are designed with moms and dads in mind: there's not a ton of time between games so you won't be waiting around all day.
	<b>MLK Freedom Futsal Tournament</b> <a href="http://www.cincysc.com">www.cincysc.com</a>	Spooky Nook Sports Champion Mill (Hamilton, OH)	1/19/2026 1/12/2026 (Deadline)	What better way to spend a snowy Monday off from school than by playing futsal! Games are played on basketball courts and are fast-paced with lots of touches. Schedules are designed with moms and dads in mind: there's not a ton of time between games so you won't be waiting around all day.
	<b>Presidents Day Rush Futsal Tournament</b> <a href="http://www.cincysc.com">www.cincysc.com</a>	Spooky Nook Sports Champion Mill (Hamilton, OH)	2/16/2026 2/6/2026 (Deadline)	Games are played on a small court with 5 players per side. Schedules are designed with moms and dads in mind: there's not a ton of time between games so you won't be waiting around all day. What better way to spend a snowy Monday off from school than by playing futsal!



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## Futsal Basics Every Parent Should Know

Futsal is played on a hard, indoor court with boundary lines and no walls, creating a game that emphasizes precision and control. Each team has five players on the court at a time, including a goalkeeper, and unlimited "flying" substitutions are allowed throughout the match. Games are typically played in two 20-minute halves with a running clock, and the ball is smaller and heavier than a traditional soccer ball—designed to stay low and encourage close control. Unlike outdoor soccer, there are no throw-ins; when the ball goes out of bounds, it is kicked back into play within four seconds, keeping the pace fast and continuous.

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## Essential Futsal Equipment

Futsal requires minimal equipment, making it easy for players to get started. Players need indoor, non-marking flat-soled shoes designed for hard courts, as traditional soccer cleats are not allowed and would be dangerous. A size 3 or 4 futsal ball—smaller and heavier than a regular soccer ball—is used to encourage better control and lower bounce.

Standard soccer gear like shin guards and socks are also required for safety. Uniforms typically include a jersey, shorts, and socks, and goalkeepers wear a different color to distinguish themselves. Because futsal is played indoors, there's no need for additional weather gear, making it a convenient, all-season option for players and families.