



## FC Berna Futsal Festivals 2020

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## General Information

### Rule Modifications

For the rules of play, the games will be governed by the Futsal Laws of the Game, as produced by FIFA ([https://football-technology.fifa.com/media/1022/footballs\\_futsal\\_laws\\_of\\_the\\_game.pdf](https://football-technology.fifa.com/media/1022/footballs_futsal_laws_of_the_game.pdf)).

For the FC Berna Futsal Festivals, the following modifications will be played:

- Games are 26 minutes in duration, which is continuous.
- No half time break.
- Each coach may call one, 60-second timeout at any point during the game, except for the last two minutes of the game.
- Goalkeepers may have unlimited number of possessions per possession.



## Selected Highlights

Some players may be new to futsal; our festivals are designed for maximum enjoyment and time on the ball, so here are a few “highlights” to point out to players to ensure as much time playing as possible!

- Restarts from the sidelines are kick-ins. The ball must be played in from on the line, and the non-kicking foot must not be placed all the way on the court.
- All restarts from the goalkeeper must be from their hands (no goal kicks).
- The goalkeeper can throw over the half way line in age groups 2004–2009. Age groups 2010–2012 the goalkeeper cannot throw over the half way line, but opponents must retreat to their own half.
- All restarts (goalkeeper possession, free kicks, corners and kick-ins) must be taken within 4 seconds of the ball being in position.
- Futsal has less contact than soccer, but a fair shoulder charge in soccer is a foul in futsal! Each team is permitted 5 fouls per game, for which a free kick is awarded. For each and every foul above 5, a free kick from the 2nd penalty kick marker is awarded.

## Eligibility

Participation in the FC Berna Futsal Festivals is open to all accepted teams and to players born in 2004-2012. Only players registered at festivals registration will be allowed to participate.

## Game Days

### Pre-Game Check-In Procedures

- Each team must arrive at the field 10 minutes before game time.
- At the referee’s signal, each team will come to the sideline, lining up on their respective side;
- When asked, captains will join the referee in the center for the coin toss;
- After the coin toss and selection of side/first touch, each team will return to the sideline;
- The game whistle will sound in approximately 1 minute.

## Referees

The Futsal Festivals Committee has made a commitment to use current registered Futsal referees. Each game will use the one-man referee system. This commitment will be carried out wherever possible.



## Scores and Standing

The focus on the FC Berna Futsal Festivals is fun, participation and player development. No scores are recorded and no standings are made. The aim is for players to enjoy playing in a low pressure, high quality futsal environment.

## Forfeits or Failure to Show

A team shall be awarded a 10-minute grace period after the scheduled kick off time before the game is awarded to the opponent. If the minimum number of players is present as defined below, the game may not be delayed past the scheduled starting time. For all games, a minimum of 4 players constitutes a team.

## Protests

No game protests will be allowed. The referee's decision is final. All other festivals issues, questions, etc., can be directed to the Futsal Festivals Committee.

## Behavior of Players, Coaches and Spectators

### Field Regulations

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COACH/MANAGER TO INFORM THEIR PLAYERS AND PARENTS OF THESE GUIDELINES.**

Some simple rules for each facility we use:

- Spectators should sit only in designated areas on the side, no sitting behind goal lines.
- Alcoholic beverages and other illegal substances are not permitted at game sites or in any parking areas.
- No smoking anywhere near the fields or staging areas (i.e.: once you enter the grounds inside the parking lots).
- No pets, on a leash or otherwise.
- Park only in designated parking areas. No Parking on grass, unless clearly designated as a parking area. Follow parking patterns at all times. Obey speed limits. Tickets may be issued by the local policy for improper parking.
- Teams must pick up their trash.



## Conduct

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COACH/MANAGER TO INFORM THEIR PLAYERS AND PARENTS OF THESE GUIDELINES.

Players, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the game as well as the letter of the law.

Players, coaches or spectators ejected from a game by the referee must leave the field area. Referees will report all yellow/red cards to the facility/site coordinator. Anyone receiving a red card will be ineligible for the next scheduled game. Anyone receiving a red card for fighting will be ineligible for any remaining festivals play.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team's spectators. Any misconduct by spectators will result in yellow or red carding of the coach(es) responsible.

The Futsal Festivals Committee will report incidents of misconduct back to the team's respective League or Affiliation. The Futsal Festivals Committee reserves the right to suspend any player, coach, or team from the festivals for unruly conduct.

## Registrations

### Required Documents

All roster changes must be made at the time of registration.

No Registration, No Play, No Exception! This applies to ALL players and coaches.

At Initial Festivals Registration all teams must provide ALL of the following documentation:

1. Festivals Roster showing all players.
2. Team Registration Affirmation document, filled out and signed.
3. The parent or guardian of each player must have the Player Registration Waiver completed prior to participating, see section Player Registration Waiver below. This can be completed online prior to participating, free of charge.
4. Team Contact Sheet (available on Festivals website and at Initial Festivals Registration) including cell phone numbers for a primary and backup contact. The Team Contacts' cell phones must be in operation over the course of the Festivals.
5. Participating coaches/trainers need to provide evidence that they are registered coaches. We will accept existing US Futsal, NJ Youth Soccer, and/or US Club registration cards.
6. All teams are responsible for their own insurance.



## Registration Affirmation

Each participating team is required to sign the “FC Berna Futsal Festivals 2020 Registration Affirmation”, see Website for more details.

## Player Registration Waiver

In order to participate, the parent/guardian of each player needs to register the player for FC Berna Futsal Festivals and sign the waiver. This registration is free of charge and can be made at [www.fcberna.com](http://www.fcberna.com). Only players who completed this registration will be allowed to participate, no exceptions. The waiver is listed below:

### PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL AND RELEASE, MEDICAL AND MEDIA WAIVER

Recognizing the possibility of physical injury associated with futsal, and in consideration for FC Berna accepting the registrant for its futsal programs, and/or other activities (the Programs),

I hereby release, discharge and/or otherwise indemnify FC Berna, US Futsal, New Jersey Youth Soccer, US Youth Soccer, its affiliated organizations and sponsors, their employees and associated personnel, including the owner of fields and facilities utilized for the Programs against any claim by or on behalf of the registrant as a result of the registrant’s participation in the Programs and/or being transported to or from the same, which transportation I hereby authorize.

My son/daughter has received a physical examination by a physician and has been found physically capable of participating in the Programs.

I hereby give my consent to have an athletic trainer and/or doctor of medicine or dentistry provide my son/daughter with medical assistance and/or treatment and agree to be responsible financially for the cost of each assistance and/or treatment.

I, the parent/guardian of the registered player, a minor, will agree to ensure the registered player has medical insurance and will maintain medical insurance throughout the program in which he/she is enrolled.

I, the parent/guardian of the registered player, a minor, agree that I and the player will abide by the rules and regulations of FC Berna, US Futsal, US Youth Soccer US Soccer, New Jersey Youth Soccer, and its affiliated organizations and its sponsors.

In consideration of the player’s participation in the Programs intending to be legally bound, we hereby release and indemnify FC Berna, US Futsal, New Jersey Youth Soccer, US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, the owners and operators of the facilities used for the Programs and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from and against all claims, liabilities,



damages or causes of action arising out of or in connection with the player's participation in the Programs including, without limitation, player's transportation to/from any Program, which transportation is hereby authorized.

I further grant FC Berna, US Futsal, New Jersey Youth Soccer, US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, and their sponsors the right to use the player's name, picture and/or likeness in printed, broadcast and other material concerning the Programs provided such use is related to the player's status as a participant in the Programs.

## Other Items

### Weather/ Refund Policy

In the event of inclement weather or any other factors resulting in festival postponement, the Futsal Festivals Director, the Futsal Festivals Committee, FC Berna, Maestro Soccer, and Full 360 Soccer Events will not be responsible for any festivals fees and expenses incurred by any team, club or individual if the festivals is canceled in whole or part. In the event the whole festival has to be canceled, every effort will be made to make up the festival on alternate date which teams are expected to attend. In extreme extenuating circumstances where the participating team can not attend the make up date, refunds of at least 70% for fully canceled events and pro-rated refunds for partially canceled events will be issued.

### Festivals Disclaimers

The Futsal Festivals Committee, FC Berna soccer club, Maestro Soccer, Full 360 Soccer Events, the Far Hills Day School, and Gill St. Bernard's School, and Somerset Hills School District are waived, released, absolved and held harmless from any and all claims, contracts, liabilities and obligations incurred in the transportation or the providing of any medical treatment to any of the players, coaches and/or spectators on each team. It is the responsibility of the coach to authorize any medical treatment or transportation for medical treatment.

None of the Futsal Festivals Committee, the FC Berna soccer club, Maestro Soccer, Full 360 Soccer Events, or any sponsor will be liable for any expenses incurred by festivals participants if the Festival is canceled in whole or in part for any reason.

The FC Berna Futsal Festivals Committee assumes no responsibility and/or liability for the merchandise and/or services provided or sold by vendors or any other person.



## Website & Contact

General Festivals information: [www.fcberna.com](http://www.fcberna.com), see tab Tournaments.