



United Futsal League 2023/24

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League Structure

The AYSO United Futsal League will be broken in to five (5) separate divisions:

- U9/U10 Boys, Girls, and/or Co-Ed (Golden Glove Division)
- U11 / U12 Boys, Girls, and/or Co-Ed (Ballon d'Or Division)
- U12 / U14 Boys, Girls, and/or Co-Ed (Messi or Ronaldo Division)
- U14 / U15 Boys, Girls, and/or Co-Ed (It's Football not Soccer Division)
- U15/U19 Boys, Girls and/or Co-Ed (Panenka Division)

Due to facility timings, game timings, and providing a quality and competitive structure, we have limited the league this year to Sixty-Six (66) teams total. Each division will have an equal number of teams. ALL teams will play a total of Eight (8) matches minimum over the course of the league season. All teams will play a total of Six (6) league games before transitioning in to the 'Play-Off' phase of the league. Upon conclusion of league play, the Play-Off structure will be organized by the following:

U9/U10 - Golden Glove Division - 16 Teams

The top Four (4) teams will move on to the Championship Bracket. 1st will play 4th, and 2nd will play 3rd. The winner of each Semi-final will meet in the Final. The loser of each Semi-Final will meet in the 3rd/4th place match. The next Four (4) teams from 5th - 8th will play in a similar bracket, as will 9th - 12th and 13th - 16th.

U11/U12 - Ballon d'Or Division - 14 Teams

The top Six (6) teams will move on to the Championship Bracket. 1st and 2nd will get a 'Bye' to the Semi-Final, whilst 3rd will play 6th and 4th will play 5th to determine the last two Semi-Final spots. Loser of both games will play in the 5th/6th place match. The winners will move on to the Semi-Final against the 1st and 2nd placed teams. Winners will meet in the final, and losers will play in the 3rd/4th place match.



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U11/U12 - Ballon d'Or Division - 14 Teams

The next four (4) teams from 7th - 10th will play in a Semi-Final. 7th will play 10th and 8th will play 9th. The winners will meet in the Final to determine the overall 7th/8th spot and the losers will play in the 9th/10th spot match. The same structure will be applied for the 11th and 14th placed teams.

U12/U14 - Messi or Ronaldo Division - 10 Teams

The top Six (6) teams will move on to the Championship Bracket. 1st and 2nd will get a 'Bye' to the Semi-Final, whilst 3rd will play 6th and 4th will play 5th to determine the last two Semi-Final spots. Loser of both games will play in the 5th/6th place match. The winners will move on to the Semi-Final against the 1st and 2nd placed teams. Winners will meet in the final, and losers will play in the 3rd/4th place match.

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U14/U15 - It's Football Not Soccer Division - 16 Teams

The top Four (4) teams will move on to the Championship Bracket. 1st will play 4th, and 2nd will play 3rd. The winner of each Semi-final will meet in the Final. The loser of each Semi-Final will meet in the 3rd/4th place match. The next Four (4) teams from 5th - 8th will play in a similar bracket, as will 9th - 12th and 13th - 16th.

U15/U19 - Panenka Division - 10 Teams

The 'Panenka' Division will share the same structure and play-off Schedule as the 'Messi or Ronaldo' Division above.



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Team and Player Registration

The cost of the league is \$450.00 total per team and is non-negotiable. Once a team has entered, registered, and paid, there will be absolutely NO refunds. Payment will be processed immediately upon completion of registration. In the event of only one (1) team entering in to a certain division, a refund will be given to that entered team as they will have no opponents to play. Any more than 1 single entry in to a certain division, NO refunds will be provided as games will be able to be fulfilled.

Teams will submit a 'set-roster' before their first league game. There is NO 'roster freeze' however, all rosters are limited to Nine (9) players, unless approved to carry more by one of the Directors. All players included MUST be registered through the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association (NMYSA). All coaches MUST also be registered through NMYSA. A maximum of Four (4) coaches are allowed to appear on the roster and be present on the sideline during games, although we strongly advise that two (2) coaches are more than enough for this event.

Any and all roster changes made after the 'set-roster' has been submitted must be presented to and cleared by the AYSO United Club Administrator or Directors of Coaching (D.O.C's). If you wish to change your roster before a certain game, you MUST present the change to, and get cleared by the AYSO United Club Admin or D.O.C's. The team **MUST** present a roster to the referee before **EACH** match. Any team that is found to include a non-registered player and/or coach on the roster may be removed from the league.

Clubs May enter several teams in the league. In the event of 'player unavailability' on one of the rosters, teams can 'Club Pass' players from team to team. Players that are 'Club Passing' must be included on the roster before the match. Teams are limited to three (3) club pass players per game, and they must not exceed the roster limit of Nine (9) players. In the event of still being short of players after utilizing the club pass, please see above for roster change protocol and inform the AYSO United Club Admin or D.O.C's.



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Game Timings

All Games will last for 42 minutes total. There are no clock stoppages during game play. It will be a running clock of a 20-minute 1st-half, 2-minute half-time, and a 20-minute 2nd-half. Game kick off and end times vary dependent on Gym availability. Teams will receive their schedule the week before the 1st game day. Game schedules are FINAL and there will be no swapping and/or altering of any matches unless gym availability is altered. The League will **TRY** and avoid any coaching conflicts for coaches with multiple teams.

The Fantastic Five

Before each match, coaches will be given a 'Fantastic Five' form. Upon conclusion of the match, they will fill in the form with the name/number of the player that they believe is deserving of 'player of the match'. They will select one player from the opposite team AND one player from their own team (2 votes total per game). Forms should be given back to a Club representative and not shared with any other person or player. At the conclusion of the tournament, votes will be counted across all League Games (Play-Offs not Included), to determine the league's top Five players (most votes) from each division. Prizes will be awarded to the 'Fantastic Five' as recognition of their hard-work and great game play. As some teams/players may not be present to receive their award, a club representative will get in contact with the parent or coach of the player to arrange delivery.



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League Rules & Regulations

The AYSO United Futsal league will adhere to and follow all rules and regulations related to the game of Futsal. There are some modified rules included so please be fully aware of the rules before entering and participating in the league. Any questions or concerns relating to the rules and regulations should be directed to the AYSO United Director of Coaching.

- **5 v 5 format (4 outfield players and a Goalkeeper)**
- **Goalkeeper must be designated and identifiable before kick-off**
- **Maximum of 4 substitutes allowed on the side-line (9 player roster limit)**
- **Rolling clock of 2 x 20-minute halves and a 2-minute half time.**
- **Unlimited substitutes can be made throughout the duration of the match. The substituted player(s) must leave the field of play at the coaches' half-way line before their replacement(s) enters the field from the same half-way line. You DO NOT need the referee's permission.**
- **No throw-in's allowed, Kick-ins only.**
- **No Punting**
- **No Offside**
- **Players will have 5 seconds to get the ball back in play or possession will be awarded to the opposition from the nearest sideline.**
- **No slide tackles**
- **No 'Goal kicks', all goalkeeper restarts will start in the keepers' hands, and they will have 5 seconds to play the ball**
- **If a goal is made from a kick-in direct, no score will be given. The ball must touch another player before it counts as a goal.**
- **If a player receives a red card or 2 yellow cards resulting in a red, they must leave the field of play immediately and sit out the remainder of the match. The team CAN substitute for the red-carded player after either 2 minutes of elapsed playtime or if they concede whilst down to 4 players**



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- All red-carded players will be suspended for the following game
- If a team commits five (5) fouls during any one half, a penalty kick will be awarded to the opposition. The foul count will then reset, and after another Five (5) fouls, another PK will be awarded. The Foul count will automatically reset before the 2nd half of play.
- All ties in the Play-Off rounds will result in Penalty Kicks. Instead of the traditional 5 kicks each. Teams will have 3 kicks each before continuing to sudden death
- No Heading. Futsal Balls weigh more than a standard soccer ball. If a player is deemed to have headed the ball intentionally, an in-direct kick will be awarded to the opposition from the nearest side-line.

Both teams must be present before kick-off time. If a team is running late or doesn't show, the 10-minute rule will be applied. If the team is not present and ready to play after 10 minutes, a 3-0 forfeit win will be awarded to the opposition. A team must have a minimum of three (3) players on the field for the match to commence. If the team does show before the 10-minute rule expires, the referee will deduct the elapsed time from the overall game-time.

Teams may be allocated as 'home' or 'away' on the schedule. The Home team is to wear a light jersey and the Away team is to wear a dark jersey. In the event of any uniform clashes, the home team must change. The referee will determine if this is needed and will discuss with the coach at the venue. All uniforms are to be of the same color and style and must have a number printed on the back of the jersey (no sports tape). Player numbers must be different to any other player on the team.

Players must be wearing shin guards and appropriate footwear (indoor shoes or non-marking shoes) before being permitted to play. Absolutely no cleats allowed. Players must also remove any jewellery before game play. Religious necklaces are the only exception if they are taped to the chest.



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- No 'Hard Casts' will be allowed, and the referee will determine if a 'Soft Cast' is safe before being permitted to play. Futsal balls will be provided for the games.
- We have limited space at the venue so no 'before-game' ball activities will be allowed unless we have availability in another gym at the same venue beforehand.
- You DO NOT need to bring any equipment!
- Absolutely NO alcohol and smoking products (including E-cigs) are permitted on venue grounds. All players, coaches, and spectators will adhere to not only the league rules, but also the High School venue rules. If you are in breach of any said rules, you will be removed from the venue and not permitted back to future games/events.

Match Scoring and Placements

Match scoring will be based on a Seven (7) point scoring system and is as follows: During league play, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point will be awarded for a tie, and No (0) points for a loss. An additional point will be awarded for a shut-out (a 0-0 tie will not count). An additional point will be awarded for each goal up to the total of three (3). I.E, if you win your game 5-0, you will be awarded 7 points. In the event of a tie in league standings, placement will be determined by the following order. Head-to-Head record, Goal Differential, Goals Scored, Least Goals Conceded, PK's.

All scores, points, and standings will be updated and posted on the Stack Tourney App. The App is public and can be accessed by all Coaches, parents, and players.



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Additional Information

The AYSO United Futsal League will take place across Four (4) Locations:

1. The Mini/Main Gym at Jefferson Middle School
2. The Main Gym at Garfield Middle School
3. The Main Gym at John Adams Middle School
4. The Old and New Gyms at Lyndon B Johnson Middle School

There may be **NO** seating available inside the John Adams Middle School Gym, so you are encouraged to bring a pop-up chair so you can comfortably sit and enjoy the games. All other Gyms **WILL** have bleachers.

There is designated parking for the event and **MUST** be adhered to:

1. For Garfield Middle School, we will use the parking lot on the right-hand side at the end of 'Sixth Street NW'.
2. Jefferson Middle School parking will be off of Girard BLVD NE. On the left side if you're travelling South before you get to Lomas.
3. John Adams Middle School will have parking on the right side off of Glenorio RD NW. The Gym is a separate building from the School (Looks like an airplane hangar).
4. LBJ MS parking will be off of Homestead Circle NW on Taylor Ranch DR NW. There is limited parking around back but you are more than welcome to park out front and walk around. **DO NOT** walk through the School Building!

There are designated restrooms available during the game nights for players, coaches, and spectators. Designated restrooms, entrance/exit corridors, parking lots and the Aux gym/Main Gym are the only areas available to all during the event. All other areas of the schools are strictly off limits, please be respectful to the school and staff at all times for letting us use their venue.



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Although coaching from the side-line is encouraged, we strongly suggest that it is kept to a minimum, let the players play and have fun. All coaching points must be kept relevant to the game, encouraging, and delivered quickly and effectively. Excessive yelling, derogatory remarks, and unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a caution from the referee.

Awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place in the championship bracket across all divisions only. This may include medals and/or a trophy.

If you have any questions, queries, or concerns relating to the AYSO United Futsal league or any information provided in this document, please reach out to the AYSO United Club representatives. Contact information can be found below. We thank you for taking part in our event and wish you all the best for the remainder of your seasons and best of luck in our Futsal league. Thank You!

Club Statement and Contact Information

AYSO United is the National Club Program of the American Youth Soccer Organization. AYSO Serves over 400,000 Players Nationwide with the “United” Program sitting at the top of the player pyramid. AYSO United Operates in 30 Communities Nationwide with over 9000 Players competing in their local travel leagues, regional leagues, and National Leagues. Founded in 2016 AYSO United shares the same philosophies, and vision that the parent program values with an emphasis on “providing a world class youth soccer program that enriches children’s lives.” Here at AYSO United in New Mexico we strive to deliver a player centered environment!



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All of our players and coaches are exposed to a playing and coaching environment like none-other. With every Head Coach USSF 'D' Licensed minimum and every Assistant Coach USSF Grassroots qualified minimum. The knowledge and understanding of the game is passed down to our players to build a foundation for them to reach their maximum potential on and off the field. A modern club, a player's club, a coach's club, a family club, a club like no other! AYSO United welcomes you and thanks you for your participation in our Futsal League. We hope to see you soon whether it be on the field, in an aux gym, or at one of our many upcoming events. AYSO United - "A Better Club Awaits".



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