**Northeast Junior Football League – Futsal Programme**

1. Each team must accurately complete a team list prior to each match.

2. Five players may be on the pitch for each team at any one time, unless players have been dismissed.

3. A team squad may consist of up to 12 players for each game, this includes up to 7 substitutes.

4. Substitutions can be made at any time during the game, and the number of substitutions is unlimited. A player that has been substituted may return to the pitch as a substitute for another player.

5. The player being substituted must leave the pitch via the substitution zone, which is the area in front of their team bench. The substitute can only enter the pitch once the player being replaced has left, and they must enter the pitch via the substitution zone.

6. Up to a maximum of three team officials (non-players) plus substitutes may sit in the technical area during a match.

7. A match may not start if a team has less than 3 players, the match will be classified as abandoned.

9. In order to restart the game after a ball has gone out of play the ball is kicked back into play from the touchline and from corners.

10. For kick-ins, free kicks, goal clearances and 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.

11. For a kick-in, the player must have one foot on the touch line or behind it and the ball must be stationary.

12. A goal may not be scored directly from a kick-in.

13. From corners, kick-ins and free-kicks opponents must be a distance of at least 5 yards/3 metres from the ball.

14. Goalkeepers are allowed to come out of the penalty area and players are allowed to go into the penalty area.

15. The goalkeeper is not allowed to control the ball with either hands or feet for more than 4 seconds in their own half.

16. A goal clearance must be thrown or rolled out and the goalkeeper cannot touch the ball again unless a member of the opposition has touched the ball or if the goalkeeper receives the ball in the opponents half.

17. If the ball touches the ceiling of the hall a kick-in will be awarded against the team who last touched the ball.

18. There is no offside in Futsal.

19. There are no sliding tackles permitted. An in-direct free kick will be awarded

**Duration of Play and Timeouts**

Each game will be made up of two 15-minute halves, with 2 minutes for half time. There will be no times out allowed. The clock will run continuously (i.e. unlike normal Futsal which plays to a stopping clock).

**Fouls and Misconduct**

1. A team may concede 5 fouls (direct free-kicks) in each game. On the sixth and any subsequent fouls that the team commits a direct free kick will be awarded to the opposition from the 10m penalty mark. The defending team may not place any players other than the goalkeeper to stop the shot.

2. The foul count will revert to zero at the end of every half.

3. If a player is sent off then the team to which the player belongs must remain with 4 players until either two minutes have passed, or the opposition have scored a goal. The player that has been sent-off is not able to play in the remainder of the match and will face further suspension in line with the league rules.

The league will follow the FIFAs Futsal Laws of the Game and operate under the FA’s disciplinary procedures for small-sided football. This provides protection and peace of mind to teams playing in the competition.

The following Offences will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the league, and will result in further disciplinary sanctions by the County FA include (but are not limited to):

- Assault on any Referee or Coordinator or League Official.

- Any form of racial abuse or discrimination.

- Threatening physical harm to a referee.

- Violent conduct towards another player.

- Foul and abusive language or gestures towards a referee.

- Spitting at or unseemly behaviour towards a staff member, referee or player.

- Serious foul play towards another player.

- Foul and abusive or threatening language directed at another player.

There are no sin-bins in Futsal