

# Fall 2022 Newsletter



Bringing Real Futsal to North Alabama

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## Year 2022

In 2022 the North Alabama Futsal League continued bringing quality futsal to youth and adults in our city from simple pickup games to very competitive league-type games. Players learned futsal, others refined their existing skills, and all enjoyed the fast-paced, high scoring, electrifying game of futsal.



## Fall Friendlies

Again this fall adult teams played friendlies against Chattanooga Football League teams. It was great fun to play games outside of our local environment. Below is a picture of both teams inside the Johnson Legacy Center.



PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FRIENDLIES BETWEEN NAFL AND CFL

More pictures from this past summer and fall are on the Photos page at [www.nafutsal.com](http://www.nafutsal.com).

## 9th Summer Futsal Season

It was a "perfect" summer futsal season for adult teams in the *very nice* Johnson Legacy Center, truly the best place to play soccer indoors, in comfortable air conditioning on soft poured resin floors. So, with five registered adult teams and an eight-game schedule for competitive league-type games, exciting futsal games were played with scores & statistics kept leading to a division champion.



TEAM "DARRELL'S DIAMOND DOLLS"



TEAM "PSG AMERICA"



TEAM "VICTORIOUS SECRET"



PREVIOUS DIV. WINNER, "2 GOALS 1 CUP"



DIVISION WINNER, "HUNTSVILLE BROKINTOE"

Additionally, Lady's Night of pickup futsal for young adults was hosted on Monday nights this summer at the Optimist Recreation Center.

## 10th annual Winter Futsal Season

This winter's season will be played on Friday nights, both youth and adults, on the two futsal courts inside the Johnson Legacy Center. See more about the Johnson Legacy Center below. It should be another great season of fast-paced, high scoring, exciting futsal.



TWO FUTSAL COURTS INSIDE THE JOHNSON LEGACY CENTER

## Johnson Legacy Center

WE ARE THE ENVY OF SOUTHEAST USA. **REALLY!** As of the publication date of this newsletter, there are no other real, indoor futsal courts nearby. Everyone else plays on cramped basketball courts, often sadly not adequately modified for futsal. But here in Huntsville, Alabama, we are fortunate to have two properly sized, FIFA compliant, futsal courts inside our Johnson Legacy Center.



FUTSAL GAME INSIDE THE JOHNSON LEGACY CENTER

Please do not confuse the grey floor in the pictures with concrete. Instead it is a soft, poured resin floor for playing the sport of futsal, which is designed to be played on safe, *smooth* surfaces and *not artificial turf*.



### Sanctioned and Insured

North Alabama Futsal League's activities are sanctioned by U.S. Futsal Federation (USFF), which brings quality, consistence, dependability and Medical & Liability insurance to the league.



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- West End Grill, Huntsville, AL – Gold Level
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### Important Dates

- 10/3/2022 – Registration begins for winter futsal season
- 11/7/2022 – Registration ends for Teams, continues for players
- 11/18/2022 – Winter Futsal Season begins – league-type games
- 12/2/2022 – Winter Futsal Season begins – futsal academies
- 1/27/2023 – Season ends (estimate)

Most current & complete calendar may be viewed on the Calendar page at [www.nafutsal.com](http://www.nafutsal.com)

### The Rules Corner

Futsal has a distinct category of fouls called **Accumulate Fouls** in addition to soccer's penal (direct free kick) and non-penal (indirect free kick) fouls. While both soccer and futsal discipline individual players for Persistent Infringement, i.e. a player repeatedly fouling opposing players, a caution/yellow card, futsal also tracks *team* penal fouls per half and responds to increased quantities of *team* fouls. Once a team has reached five penal fouls in a half, any subsequent penal foul by the team is not restarted from the spot of the foul but, instead, restarted from the second penalty spot and without a wall. There is the infrequent exception when a foul is committed closer to the goal line than the second penalty spot, but the fact that the restart is most often moved *from* the spot of the foul *to* the second penalty spot and that no defensive wall may be formed – only the goal keeper may be between the kicker and the goal – sends a strong message to offending players that they should not foul so much; they should not foul anymore in the current half. The foul count resets at halftime. The spirit of futsal is to play precisely - not physically. Too many fouls by a team is unacceptable and a kick from the second penalty mark is the punishment.



Typically more fouls are called in futsal that in soccer partly because of the concept of Accumulated Fouls in futsal. Here's why more fouls are called:

- For safety reasons. The floors are hard, walls of gyms are close to the courts and often there are metal bleachers immediately off court.
- Futsal is about playing with precision. It is not about playing physically.
- Players *want* fouls called & counted because they know their opponents will ease up and play less aggressive starting with five fouls by their team.