

General Match Rules and Regulations – 8th KL Bar Futsal Competition 2023

1. All teams must be on standby at their court of play 10 minutes before the start of each of their matches.
2. If a team is more than **2 minutes** late for the start of their game, i.e. it does not have a **minimum of 4 players** on court ready to play, that team will be disqualified and the opposing team who is not in default of this rule will be awarded a walkover with the score of 3-0.
3. After the start of the game, a team with less than 4 players on the court (whether caused by injury or any reason) will be disqualified and the opposing team will be awarded a walkover with the score of 3-0.
4. The ball will be deemed to be out of play when it has fully crossed the outline of the court.
5. A kick in will be awarded to the opposing team when the ball is deemed to be out of play.
6. Players are not allowed to score directly from a kick in.
7. Players must take no more than **4 seconds** to take the kick in, failing which the kick in is awarded to the opposing team.
8. Defending players must stand at least 3 feet away from a player that is taking a kick in, corner or free kick.
9. All players are allowed in either penalty areas.
10. Goalkeepers are not allowed to handle back passes from teammates.
11. If a goalkeeper handles a back pass from his teammate, the opposing team will be awarded an indirect free kick.
12. During a penalty kick, the goalkeeper will not be allowed to move forward from the goal line at all times.
13. Players are allowed to score a goal directly from corner kicks.
14. Slide tackles are **not** allowed. The referee has full discretion in determining the legality of the challenge.
15. For any foul committed by a team in its penalty box, the opposing team will be awarded a penalty.
16. Players are allowed to score goals directly from the centre circle kick-off.
17. Time will be stopped for injuries.
18. All Substitutions are “rolling substitutions”, i.e. the referee will not stop the game for substitutions.
19. Players will be able to score from anywhere in open play.
20. 3 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
21. If 2 or more teams are tied on points at the end of their round robin group stage, their positions will be determined by goal difference between the teams’ respective goals scored and goals conceded, and if that still results in a tie, the higher number of goals scored, and if the result is still a tie, a toss of a coin.

22. The Organising Committee shall have absolute discretion to amend any rules at anytime.
23. Referees' and the Organising Committee's decisions shall be final and there will be no recourse to appeal their decisions.

Tournament Format Rules - Mens.

24. There will be a maximum of 20 teams.
25. Teams will be divided into groups of 4 for the group phase.
26. Once the group phase has been concluded the top 2 teams from each group will qualify for the knock out stage of the Cup Tournament (quarterfinals) and 3rd and 4th place teams from each group will qualify for the knock out stage of the Plate Tournament (quarterfinals).
27. All players in the men's category must be members of the Malaysian Bar with a valid practicing certificate/ sijil annual for the year 2023 or Pupils in Chambers at the time of registration or Pupil in Chambers who have just completed their pupillage no more than 3 months prior to the time of registration.
28. Teams may consist of players from different law firms as long they abide by rule 27.

Tournament Format Rules - Womens.

29. There will be a maximum of 4 teams.
30. All players in the women's category must possess an undergraduate law degree (LLB) or its equivalent at the time of registration.
31. Teams may consist of players from different law firms or organisations as long they abide by rule 30.

Disciplinary Rules

32. The referee may in his discretion award a yellow or red card for any unsporting conduct, dissent, and/or violent play as he deems fit.
33. 2 yellow cards* – one match ban
Red card – one match ban
Red for violent conduct – tournament ban

* cumulative throughout the tournament.
34. Yellow cards will be flushed out at the quarterfinal stage. 2 yellow cards during a match will warrant a red card where the player to whom the card is shown has to leave the pitch immediately.
35. **Should a player or a team show any dissent or gross unsporting behavior towards an opponent, a referee or the organizing committee, e.g. abusive language, aggressive behavior, making threats, fighting etc (this category is not limited), the referee/s and/or organizing committee shall have the discretion to disqualify the player or his/her team from further participation in the competition.**