

Rooftop Cup 2025 – Youth Official Rules

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1. Event Overview

Venue:

Field at the Pavilion- 282 Merrimack St, Lawrence, MA 01843

Format:

One-day, 5-a-side futsal-style tournament (4 field players + 1 goalkeeper)

On-Site Support:

LU Sports staff, professional security, and certified Athletic Trainer will be on-site throughout the event.

2. Eligibility & Rosters

Waiver & Check-in:

Every player must have a parent/guardian sign the online waiver before playing. Players must also check in on-site **at any time before their first game**. Check-in will remain open throughout the event. **We recommend players arrive and check in at least 35 minutes before their scheduled kickoff time** to allow time for wristbands and warm-up.

Wristbands:

Issued at check-in. Must be worn during all matches. Players, Spectators & Coaches

Team Limits:

Unless noted otherwise: Maximum 10 players per roster. Players may only appear on one team per age group.

Uniforms:

Teams must provide their own uniforms. If there is a color conflict, the **away team** (second team listed on the schedule) must change or wear pinnies.

Footwear: Players can wear turfs or cleats- just NO METAL STUDS

Shinguards:

Mandatory for all players.

3. Match Specifications

Note:

Balls kicked off the rooftop cannot be retrieved. Please play responsibly. Reckless shots that result in lost balls may lead to a team warning or a 2-minute penalty (playing down a player), at the referee's discretion.

Field Dimensions:

Approx. 30 yards x 20 yards (varies slightly by field layout and venue space).

Goals:

Official size futsal goals: 9'10" wide x 6'7" high.

Ball:

Teams are allowed to bring their own futsal balls if they wish. LU Sports will also provide futsal balls for all matches.

Game Length:

Single 25-minute match. Running clock. No halftime.

Start Time:

Games start on the airhorn. 5-minute transition between game blocks.

Kickoff:

Ball may go in any direction. Goals can be scored directly from kickoff.

Restarts:

Kick-ins for balls out of play. Below the knee. Free kicks and corners: defenders must stay 3 yards away.

Substitutions:

Unlimited, on-the-fly at midfield.

Offside:

No offside rule.

Slide Tackles:

Not allowed (goalkeepers may slide within their own box).

Goalkeeper Distribution:

No punts or drop-kicks. Must roll or play from the ground. Restart with GK if done incorrectly.

Cumulative Fouls:

After 6 team fouls → penalty kick. Count resets after the PK.

4. Disciplinary Sanctions

Yellow:

Player must sub out for 2 minutes (team plays short).

2 Yellows:

Equals red. Team plays down a player for remainder of the match. Player may return next game (ref discretion).

Red:

Immediate ejection. Team plays down a player for the rest of the match. Severe behavior (fighting, referee abuse, etc.) = full event expulsion.

Language/Conduct:

Disrespectful or inappropriate language = automatic card. Spectators using abusive language will be removed.

5. Standings & Advancement

Points System:

Win: 3 Points

Draw: 1 Point

Loss: 0 Points

Tiebreakers (Group Stage):

1. Points
2. Goal Differential
3. Goals Scored
4. Goals Conceded
5. 3-kick PK shootout

Finals:

If tied after regulation → straight to 3-kick PK shootout. Sudden death PKs if still tied.

6. Scheduling, Grace Period & Forfeits

- Tournament clock governs all games/fields.
 - **Grace Period:** 5 minutes after scheduled time (clock still runs).
 - Teams can start with a minimum of 3 players.
 - After grace period, if a team cannot field 3 players → forfeit (1-0 win for opponent).
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7. Spectators & Entrance Fees

Spectator Fee:

\$5 per person when purchased online prior to the event. 12 & under free.

This is a **closed event**—only players and approved spectators are permitted.

All spectators check in at the spectator entrance.

Any spectator using abusive language toward referees, players, or staff will be asked to leave immediately.

8. Match Administration

Referees submit the score; a team coach/representative must confirm by signing the scoresheet.

Referee decisions are final. No protests or replays.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust rules if necessary to protect safety, keep the schedule on track, or ensure fair play (including penalizing time-wasting).

9. Awards

Division Champions:

Team Trophy + Medals for all champion players.

10. Venue Policies (See Below)

Tents:

Teams may not bring tents onto the rooftop field area.

Pets:

No dogs or pets allowed on-site.