

Human Foosball Tournament

Official Game Rules

The Players

- Teams will play in a single-elimination tournament. Each team must field 10 players, are allowed to have reserve players.

Player Safety Precautions

- FLETC employees must be enrolled in Employee On-Duty Fitness Program in order to play.
- Players should stay hydrated.
- Players should wear comfortable clothing, hats, and sunscreen as necessary.
- Players are recommended to bring bug spray.
- Players **must** wear tennis shoes or turf shoes.
- Players should use common sense and not overexert themselves. Safety first!

General Rules

- Tournament structure is TBD at this time depending on the amount of teams that register.
- Game clock will stop if there is an injury.
- Game clock will stop briefly at the half-way point of each game for teams to swap sides.
- In the event of a tie score when the time expires, “sudden death” rule is invoked: play will continue until the next point is scored. The team that scores the next point wins that game.
- Do not remove hands from hand grip. Do not lean on poles. Warnings/reminders will be issued by referee.
- Soccer ball must remain below the foosball pole at all times.
- Subs are allowed at half-time, or in the case of an injured player.
- When a penalty occurs, the ball should be placed at the feet of one of the players of the non-offending team and play will resume.
- If a player removes his/her hands from the hand grip and touches the ball with their arms or hands, it will be a penalty: 1st offense receives a yellow card warning; 2nd offense receives a yellow card warning and a 1 point deduction; 3rd offense receives red card player ejection.
- A referee may impose a straight red card ejection for any flagrant safety violation or verbal or physical abuse.
- If a player is ejected, he/she is ejected for the duration of the tournament. A substitute player can play in the ejected player’s place in subsequent games if that team advances to the next round. However, no sub may play in the ejected player’s place for the duration of the game from which the ejected player was ejected.
- Referees’ decisions are final.

Game Procedures:

- Players will face the opposite team’s goal (as an alternative, players may also alternate facing both forward and backwards on the same foosball pole. If a player chooses to play facing forward, he/she must remain facing forward for the entire game. Likewise, if a player

chooses to place facing backwards, he/she must remain facing backwards for the entire game). Tournament organizers will assist with positioning players at the appropriate places in the game area.

- Players need to get in position and hold onto the foosball pole with both hands all the time.
- Play continues until a penalty occurs, the ball is out of reach or out of bounds, or a goal is scored. Follow restart procedures to continue playing.
- Players must move together from side to side.

Starting the Game:

- The game is started by rolling the ball from the starting area.
- The time will start at this point.

Restart Procedures:

- When a goal is scored, the game is restarted by rolling the ball from the starting area.
- When the ball goes out of bounds, the ball should be returned to the place it left the field and rolled toward the non-offending team.
- If the ball cannot be reached in the playing area, the ball should be rolled from the starting area.

Finishing the Game

- The game is over when the time expired.
- The game officials will tally the final score and the points. The game winner advances to the next round.
- In the event of a tie score when the time expires, “sudden death” rule is invoked: play will continue until the next point is scored. The team that scores the next point wins that game.

Points

- No maximum number of points.
- Each goal scored in opponent’s goal is +1 point.
- Each goal scored in teams own goal is -1 point.
- Mercy Rule Applies - If a team has a 10 point lead at any point in the game, the game will be concluded.

Equipment/Uniforms

- Foosball Field
- A soccer ball
- Team members are recommended to wear same color shirts
- Players **must** wear tennis or turf shoes