

## HISTORY

One of the innovations among FIFA's world competitions is the world cup for indoor football, popularly known as futsal. Brazil proved to be the dominant force at the first three series, winning in the Netherlands in 1989, Hong Kong in 1992, and Spain in 1996. At the fourth event in Guatemala 2000, they were stopped from lifting the trophy a fourth time. Spain became the new FUTSAL Champions, after beating Brazil in a thrilling final. They followed up their first futsal championship title with a second title in 2004, this time pipping Italy at the post. There were also fine performances from less established football countries for whom the 5-a-side version offers a welcome opportunity to promote their domestic game and shine in the international spotlight.

Although FIFA acknowledges the importance of futsal as a game in its own right, it has resisted the temptation to diverge too far from the principles of 11-a-side football, designing the rules to ensure continuity with the classic outdoor game.

As ever new variants of football evolve, FIFA is currently paying particular attention to beach football as well as to football for the disabled.

## FUTURE

FIFA has no doubt that futsal is, and will continue to be, an important and attractive part of football. The growing level of interest in futsal is proof of that, as is the constantly increasing number of entries for the FIFA Futsal World Championship. A total of 46 countries entered for Spain 1996, but this figure increased to 70 for Guatemala 2000 and to 86 for Chinese Taipei 2004.

FIFA's aim is to promote futsal, to make it more popular still and to train its representatives.

FIFA will also be launching a number of futsal projects. The Laws of the Game, dating, back to 1995, were revised in 1999. They have been in effect since 1 January 2000.

## LAWS OF THE GAME - Summary

- 2 x 5 players on the pitch
- 2 x 20 minutes of play per match
- no clock stoppage for substitutions
- max. 7 substitutes per team; unlimited substitutions permitted
- penalty and second penalty kicks
- the goalkeeper is allowed to play all over the pitch
- the goalkeeper can throw the ball beyond the halfway line with no further restrictions
- accumulated fouls: the sixth direct free kick is taken from either the second penalty mark or even closer
- one one-minute time-out is allowed in each half

***It is all about speed and entertainment!***

## FIFA Futsal World Cup - ALL-TIME RECORDS

YEAR/COUNTRY	WINNER
<b>2004/Chinese Taipei</b>	<b>SPAIN</b>
Final:	<i>Spain – Italy 2:1 (0:0)</i>
3rd/4th Place:	<i>Brazil – Argentina 7:4 (6:1)</i>
Teams/ Matches:	16/40
Fair Play Prize:	<i>Brazil</i>
Golden Shoe:	<i>Falcao (BRA), 13 goals</i>
Golden Ball:	<i>Falcao (BRA)</i>
<b>2000/Guatemala</b>	<b>SPAIN</b>
Final:	<i>Spain – Brazil 4:3 (2:1)</i>
3rd/4th Place:	<i>Portugal – Russia 4:2 (1:2)</i>
Teams/ Matches:	16/40
Fair Play Prize:	<i>Brazil</i>
Golden Shoe:	<i>Manoel (BRA), 19 goals</i>
Golden Ball:	<i>Manoel (BRA)</i>
<b>1996/Spain</b>	<b>BRAZIL</b>
Final:	<i>Brazil – Spain 6:4 (3:1)</i>
3rd/4th Place:	<i>Russia – Ukraine 3:2 (1:1)</i>
Teams/ Matches:	16/40
Fair Play Prize:	<i>Brazil</i>
Golden Shoe:	<i>Manoel (BRA), 14 goals</i>
Golden Ball:	<i>Manoel (BRA)</i>
<b>1992/Hong Kong</b>	<b>Brazil</b>
Final:	<i>Brazil – USA 4:1 (1:0)</i>
3rd/4th Place:	<i>Spain – Iran 9:6 (6:4)</i>
Teams/ Matches:	16/40
Fair Play Prize:	<i>USA</i>
Golden Shoe:	<i>Rajabi Shirazi (IRN), 17 goals</i>
Golden Ball:	<i>Jorginho (BRA)</i>
<b>1989/Netherlands</b>	<b>BRAZIL</b>
Final:	<i>Brazil – Netherlands 2:1 (1:0)</i>
3rd/4th Place:	<i>USA – Belgium 3:2 (1:2)</i>
Teams/ Matches:	16/40
Fair Play Prize:	<i>USA</i>
Golden Shoe:	<i>Laszlo ZSADANYI (HUN), 7 goals</i>
Golden Ball:	<i>Vic HERMANS (NED)</i>

*Golden Shoe: best goal scorer - Golden Ball: best player*

Rank	Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Avg. Pts.	Part.	Netherlands	Hong Kong	Spain	Guatemala	Chinese Taipei
											1989	1992	1996	2000	2004
1	Brazil	40	33	4	3	258	68	103	2.58	5	1	1	1	2	3
2	Spain	35	28	2	5	161	71	86	2.46	5	9	3	2	1	1
3	Italy	23	13	2	8	82	58	41	1.78	4	7	11	5		2
4	Argentina	29	13	2	14	73	84	41	1.41	5	8	7	9	7	4
5	Netherlands	26	12	5	9	75	71	41	1.58	4	2	5	7	8	
6	USA	25	12	4	9	84	62	40	1.6	4	3	2	10		7
7	Belgium	20	10	2	8	56	51	32	1.6	3	4	6	8		
8	Russia	19	9	3	7	86	57	30	1.58	3		9	3	4	
9	Portugal	14	8	1	5	41	31	25	1.79	2				3	5
10	Iran	17	8	0	9	63	66	24	1.41	4		4	11	10	11
11	Ukraine	14	6	3	5	51	40	21	1.5	2			4		6
12	Egypt	12	5	0	7	56	58	15	1.25	3			12	6	9
13	Paraguay	12	4	2	6	36	43	14	1.17	3	6	13			10
14	Uruguay	9	4	1	4	24	25	13	1.44	2			6	9	
15	Croatia	6	3	0	3	18	15	9	1.5	1				5	
16	Hungary	6	2	2	2	23	17	8	1.33	1	5				
17	Australia	15	2	1	12	24	85	7	0.47	5	11	12	15	15	15
18	Poland	6	2	0	4	15	22	6	1	1		8			
19	Czech Republic	6	2	0	4	12	18	6	1	1					8
20	Denmark	3	1	1	1	12	10	4	1.33	1	10				
21	Guatemala	3	1	0	2	10	40	3	1	1				12	
22	Canada	3	1	0	2	7	7	3	1	1	12				
23	Hong Kong	3	1	0	2	7	7	3	1	1		10			
24	Costa Rica	6	1	0	5	17	41	3	0.5	2		16		11	
25	Thailand	6	1	0	5	7	30	3	0.5	2				13	12
26	Japan	6	0	1	5	8	22	1	0.17	2	13				13
27	Kazakhstan	3	0	0	3	8	24	0	0	1				14	
28	Nigeria	3	0	0	3	7	15	0	0	1		14			
29	Algeria	3	0	0	3	5	17	0	0	1	15				
30	Malaysia	3	0	0	3	4	24	0	0	1			14		
31	Saudi Arabia	3	0	0	3	4	27	0	0	1	16				
32	Zimbabwe	3	0	0	3	3	14	0	0	1	14				
33	Chinese Taipei	3	0	0	3	2	29	0	0	1					16
34	China PR	6	0	0	6	10	41	0	0	2		15	13		
35	Cuba	9	0	0	9	8	67	0	0	3			16	16	14

**Overall matches played** 200  
**Overall goals scored** 1357  
**Avg. goals per match** 6.78

**Legend:**  
**MP** Matches played  
**W** Wins  
**D** Draws  
**L** Losses  
**GF** Goals for  
**GA** Goals against  
**Pts.** Points  
**Avg. Pts.** Average points per match  
**Part.** Number of participations in competition

## FIFA FUTSAL WORLD CUP 1989-2004

YEAR	COUNTRY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1989	<i>Netherlands</i>	BRA	NED	USA	BEL	HUN	PAR	ITA	ARG	ESP	DEN	AUS	CAN	JPN	ZIM	ALG	KSA
1992	<i>Hong Kong</i>	BRA	USA	ESP	IRN	NED	BEL	ARG	POL	RUS	HKG	ITA	AUS	PAR	NGA	CHN	CRC
1996	<i>Spain</i>	BRA	ESP	RUS	UKR	ITA	URU	NED	BEL	ARG	USA	IRN	EGY	CHI	MAS	AUS	CUB
2000	<i>Guatemala</i>	ESP	BRA	POR	RUS	CRO	EGY	ARG	NED	URU	IRN	CRC	GUA	THA	KAZ	AUS	CUB
2004	<i>Chinese Taipei</i>	ESP	ITA	BRA	ARG	POR	UKR	USA	CZE	EGY	PAR	IRN	THA	JPN	CUB	AUS	TPE