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This guide will demonstrate various flexible options that could be applied at a facility enabling recreational & regional league Futsal to be played...

The Scottish FA recognises that currently facilities can act as a limitation and barrier to playing Futsal across Scotland. However at the recreational level of the game the Scottish FA believes that with a little bit of creativity and flexibility facilities should not pose too significant an obstacle for recreational participation in Futsal.

Although the Scottish FA encourages teams and participants to seek to play Futsal on a proper full-size indoor Futsal pitch that has the appropriate markings wherever possible, the Scottish FA does realise that this will not always be possible and, in the current stage of developing the game of Futsal in Scotland, a degree of flexibility needs to be considered with regards to facility usage.



PITCH SIZES



The Scottish FA recommends the following pitch sizes for the varying levels of Futsal participation...

Futsal Participation Type	Minimum Length	Minimum Width
Recreational Futsal	25m	16m
Scottish FA Regional Futsal League	28m	16m
International Futsal	38m	20m
Maximum Sized Pitch	42m	25m

In addition, The Scottish FA recommends that there should be a 1.5 metre run-off around the perimeter of the pitch.

FLOOR SURFACE

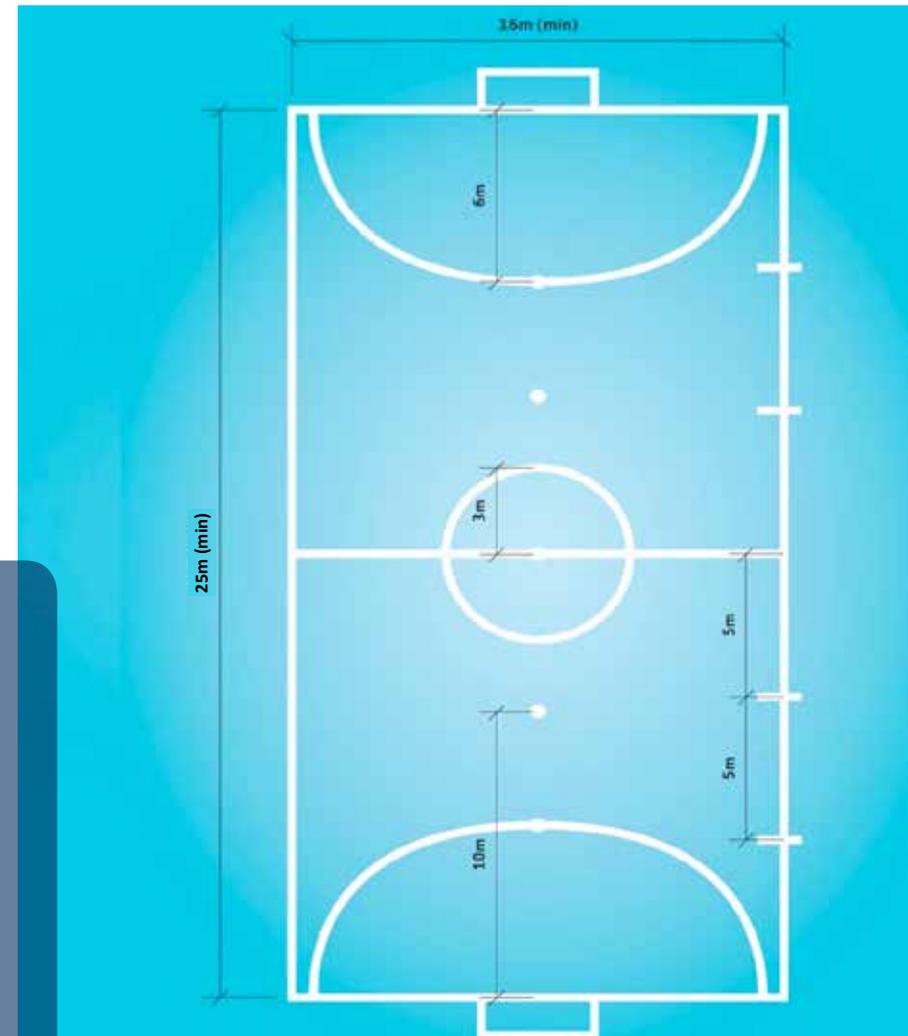
Ideally Futsal should be played indoors on a wooden or synthetic surface. However, at recreational level, where indoor facilities are not available or accessible, the game can be played outdoors on a flat hard surface. The game should not be played on grass, but as a last resort can be played on artificial grass - though this will slow the game down.

ADAPTING EXISTING FACILITIES

In many cases, such as in schools and local authority sports centres, Futsal will be one of many sports that are played at the facility. Outlined in this section are suggestions and guidance on how to potentially integrate a Futsal court into existing markings that are on the court for other sports.

In general terms a 4 court badminton hall should be able to accommodate Recreational and Regional League level Futsal, ie. the first two levels in the table above.

The Scottish FA recognises that some of these recommendations are only intended for recreational Futsal to assist the game's growth and development by maximising available facilities.



Example Futsal pitch layout

FUTSAL PITCH DIMENSIONS

The minimum pitch dimensions are 25m x 16m
The maximum pitch dimensions are 42m x 25m

FUTSAL & BASKETBALL

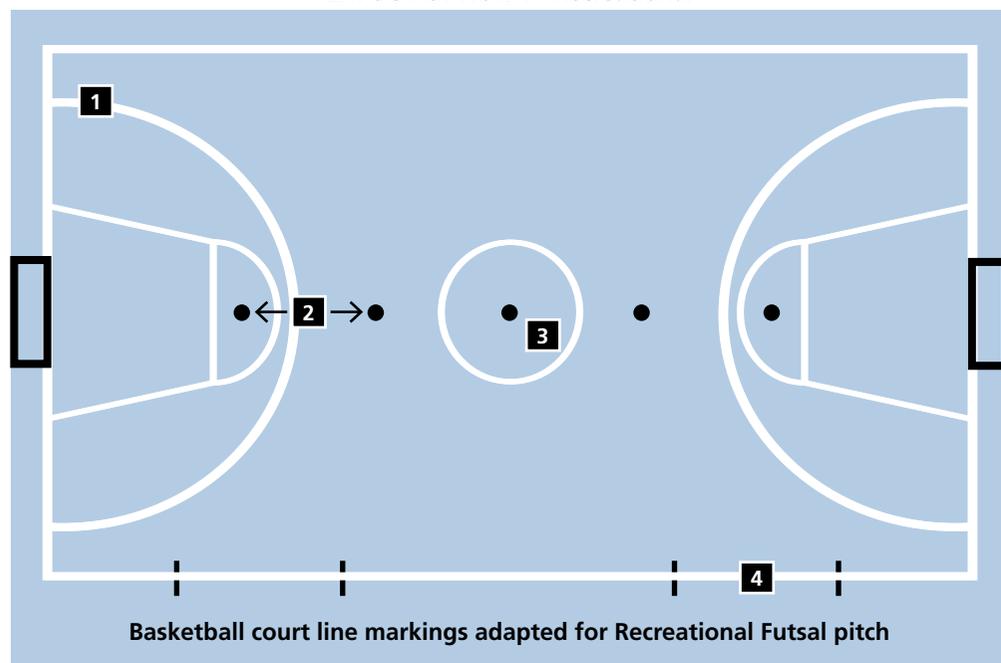


These diagrams show how a basketball court can be adapted to accommodate recreational & regional league Futsal pitches...

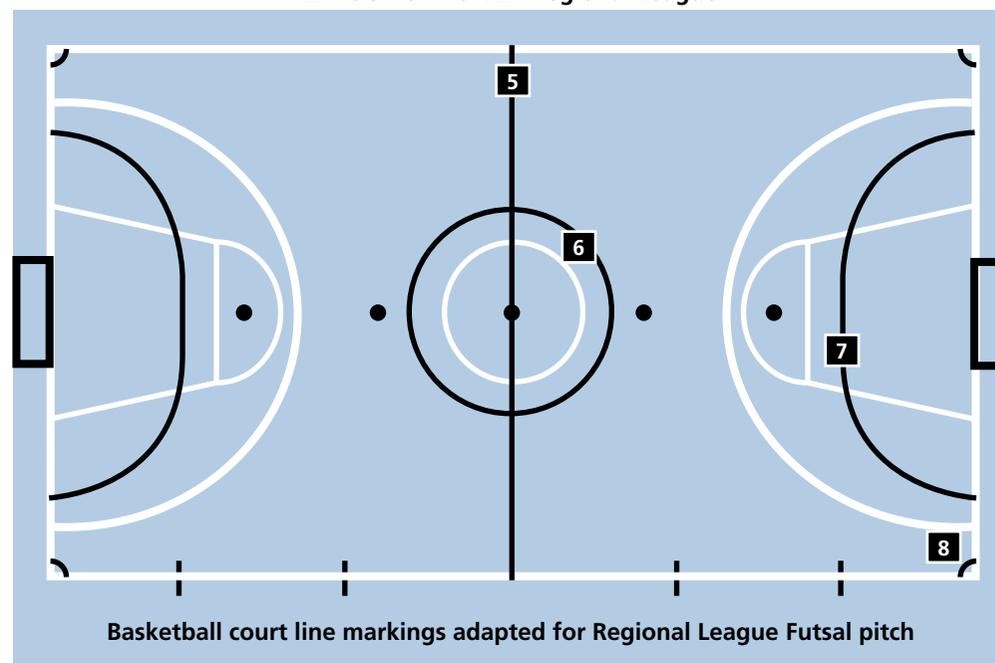
Basketball courts can also be used for Recreational Futsal with minimal changes.

For example, the left hand diagram below illustrates that the three point line on a basketball court (1) could be used as an improvised (and slightly larger) Futsal penalty area. Other Futsal requirements that would need to be added to the basketball court are the penalty marks (2), centre spot (3) and substitute marks (4).

LAYOUT OPTION 1 - Recreational



LAYOUT OPTION 2 - Regional League



For Regional League Futsal, it would also be necessary to add the line markings for the halfway line (5), centre circle (6), penalty area (7) and corner arcs (8).

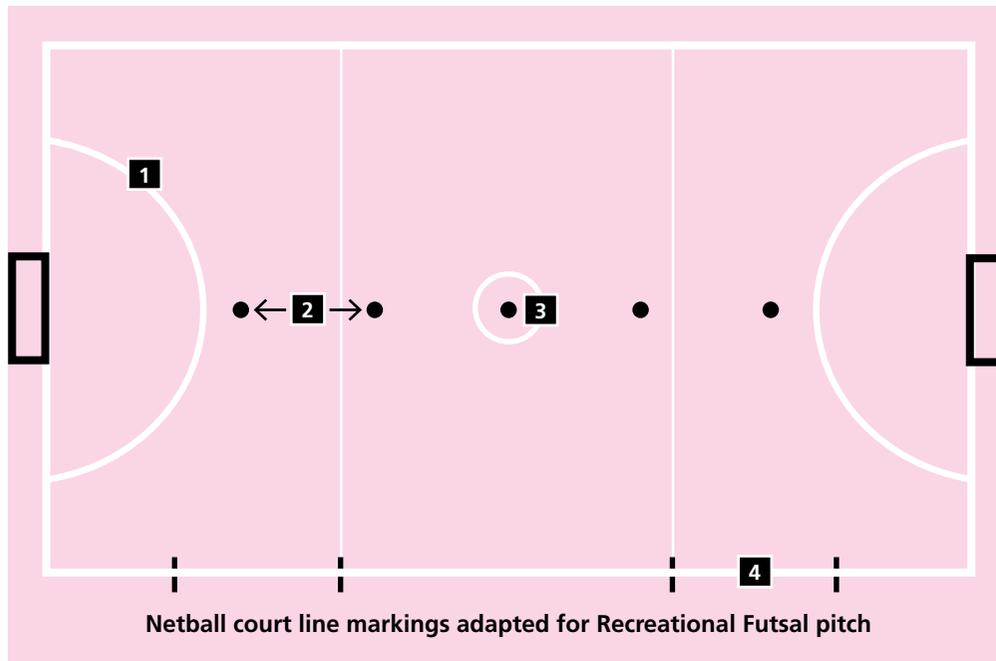
FUTSAL & NETBALL



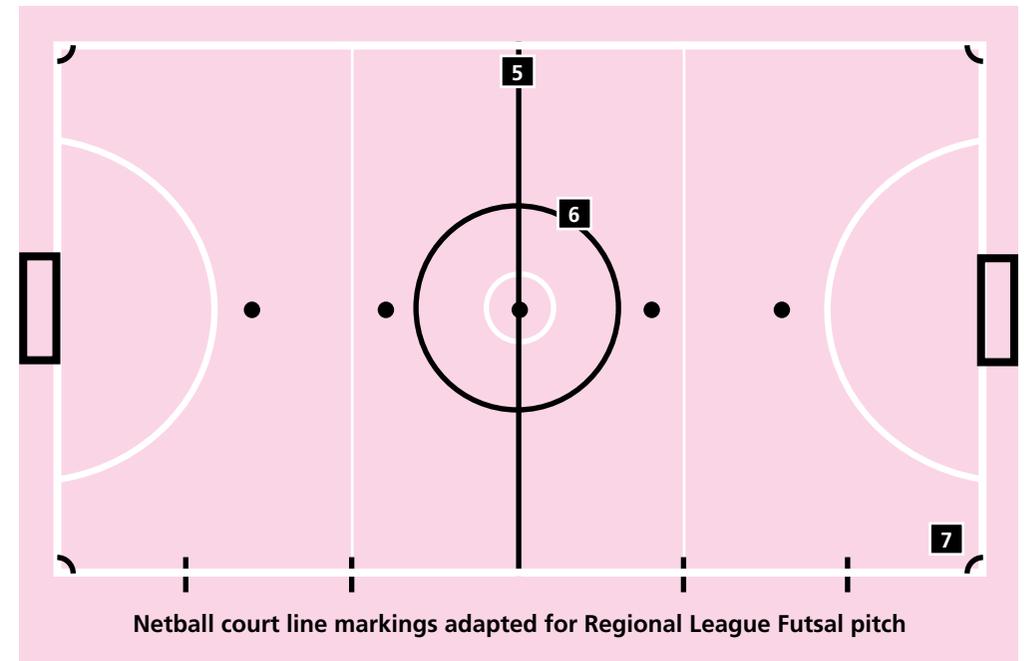
These diagrams show how a netball court can be adapted to accommodate recreational & regional league Futsal pitches...

Netball courts can also be used for Recreational Futsal with minimal changes as demonstrated by the left hand diagram below. The netball goal circle (1) can be used as a Futsal penalty area for recreational play with the addition of penalty marks (2), centre spot (3) and substitute marks (4).

LAYOUT OPTION 1 - Recreational



LAYOUT OPTION 2 - Regional League

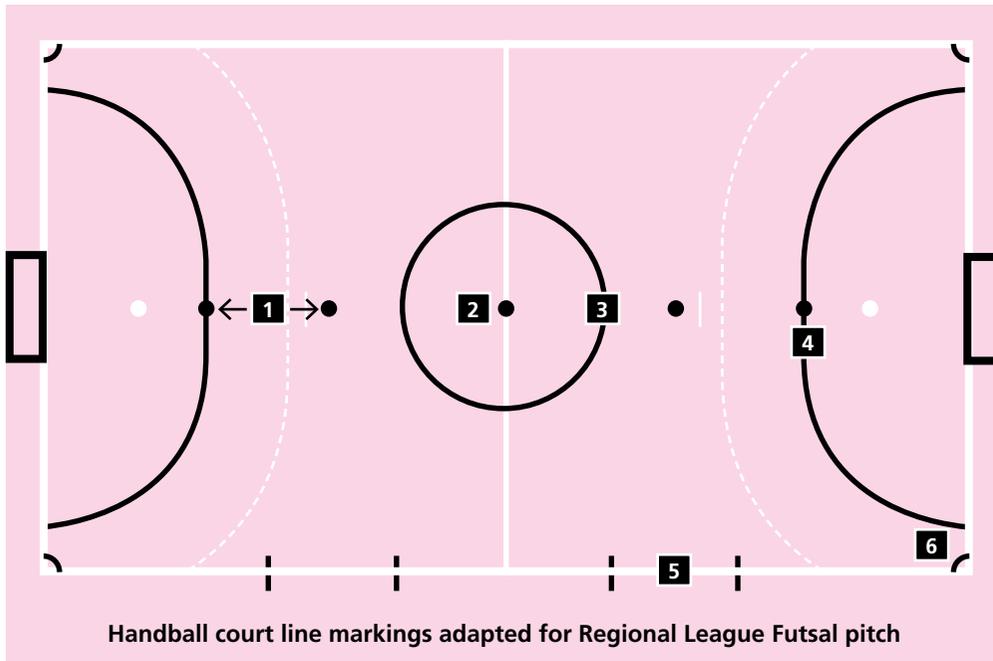


To overlay a Regional League Futsal pitch on a netball court, it would also be necessary to add the line markings for the halfway line (5), centre circle (6) & corner arcs (7).

FUTSAL & HANDBALL



The diagram shows how a handball court can be adapted to accommodate a recreational, regional league or international Futsal pitch...



The diagram above illustrates that the additional line markings required are the penalty marks (1), centre spot (2), centre circle (3), penalty area (4), substitute marks (5) and corners arcs (6).

