

Futsal rules about the goalkeeper's play of a ball kicked back to him

2 different sets of limitations for 2 situations

1. Goal clearance (restarting play after ball crosses end line)

After clearing the ball, the goalkeeper cannot touch the ball again until it has been touched by an opponent or crosses the half line. **No kick-back.**

ALSO

- Clearance must be made within 4 seconds.
- Clearance must be from within penalty area.
- Goal cannot be scored directly from a clearance.

2. Regular play (continuing play after a save or regular pick-up)

After releasing the ball, the goalkeeper CAN receive and play the ball from a kick-back **with his feet** – but no hands. **Kick-back OK; no hands.**

Goalkeeper is allowed to throw the ball over the half line in the air.

The goal clearance

A goal clearance is a method of restarting play. A goal may not be scored directly from a goal clearance.

A goal clearance shall be awarded when:

- ▶ the whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the attacking team, crosses the goal line either along the ground or through the air, and a goal is not scored.

Procedure

- ▶ ball shall be thrown from any point inside penalty area by the goalkeeper of the defending team
- ▶ opponents shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play
- ▶ the goalkeeper may not play the ball a second time until it has been touched by an opponent or has crossed the halfway line

Infringements/Sanctions

If ball is not thrown directly out of the penalty area:

- ▶ the goal clearance shall be retaken.

If, once the ball is in play, the goalkeeper touches the ball a second time before it has been touched by an opponent or crossed the halfway line:

- ▶ an indirect free kick shall be awarded from the place where the infringement occurred*

If the goal clearance is not taken within 4 seconds of the keeper taking possession:

- ▶ An indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team on the penalty area line from the place nearest to where the infringement occurred