



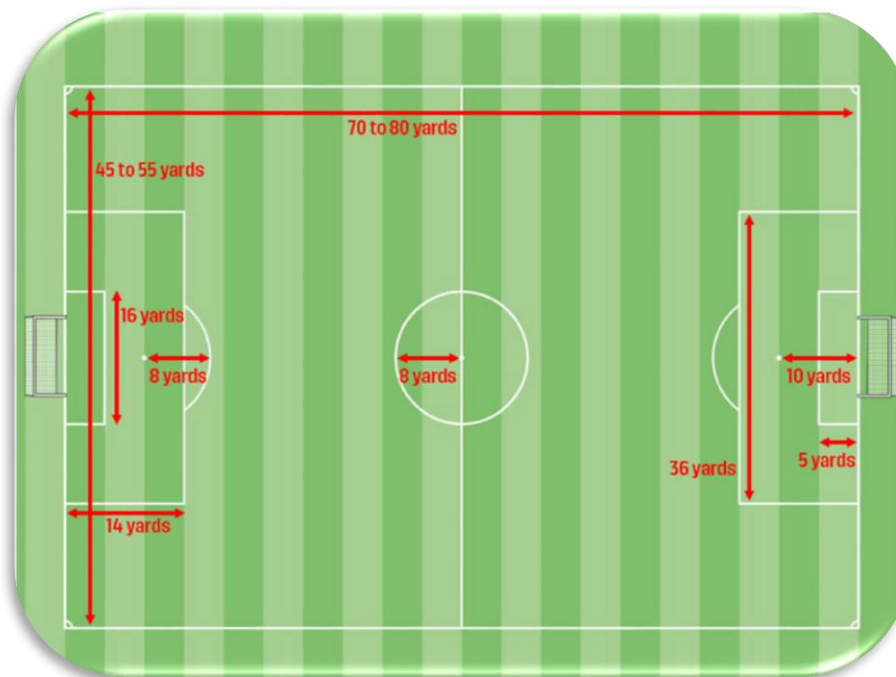
Modifications to the Laws of the Game Small-Sided Games 2017-2018

9 v 9

Birth years 2007 (U11) and 2006 (U12) –Game

Law 1 – The Field of Play

- 70-80 yards (length) with 45-55 yards (width)
- Goals should be no larger than 7 feet (height) x 21 feet (width) - A 6.5 feet (height) x 18.5 feet (width) goal is recommended based on the age and ability of the players
- Diagram with the recommended field markings and dimensions:



Law 2 – Ball

- Size 4

Law 3 – The Players

- 9v9 (8 field players and 1 goalkeeper)
- Game may not start or continue if there are less than 6 players on a team
- Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any stoppage

Law 5 – Referee

- Minimum certification as a U.S. Soccer Grade 9 Referee.

Law 6 – Other Match Officials

- Used at the discretion of the competition.

Law 7 – Duration of the Match

- 2 halves
- 30 minute halves
- 10-minute halftime
- No added time

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

- Deliberate heading is not allowed in U11 (2007) games
 - If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team from the location of the offense.
 - If the deliberate header occurs within the penalty area, the indirect free kick will be taken from the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the offense occurred.

Standard Laws of the Game

Law 4 - Players Equipment

Law 8 - The Start and Restart of Play

Law 9 - The Ball in and Out of Play

Law 10 - Determining the Outcome of a Match

Law 11 - Offside

Law 13 - Free Kicks

Law 14 - The Penalty Kick

Law 15 - The Throw-in

Law 16 - The Goal Kick

Law 17 - The Corner Kick