

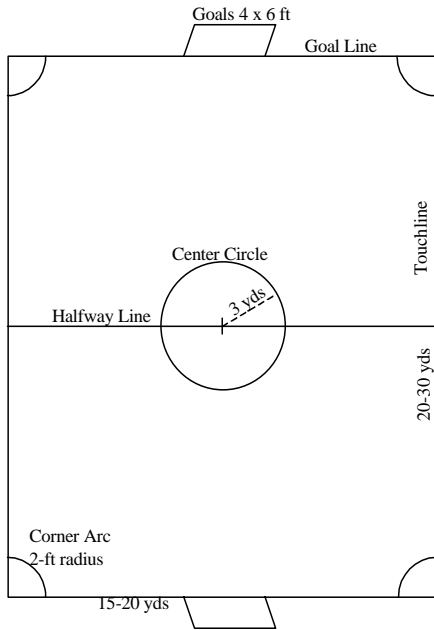
# United States Youth Soccer Association

## Small-sided Games for Under-6 & 8

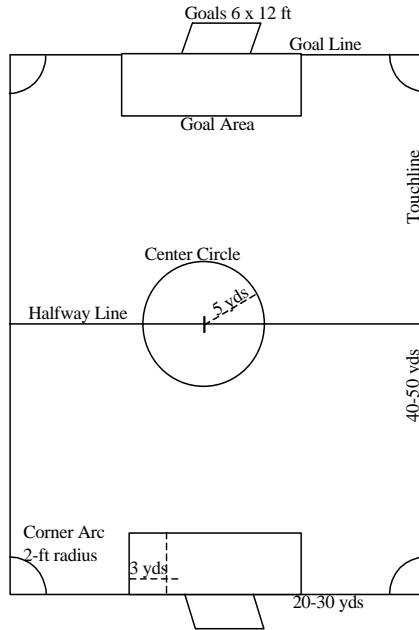
The following are excerpted from the small-sided game programs for Under-6, 8 and 10 published by U.S. Youth Soccer. Assume that FIFA Laws of the Game apply except for the modifications stated.

### UNDER-6

#### Law 1: The Field of Play



### UNDER-8



#### Law 2: The Ball

Size 3

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#### Law 3: Number of Players

3

4

#### Substitutions

Injuries  
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#### Law 4: Players' Equipment

Tennis shoes or soft-cleat soccer shoes  
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#### Law 5: Referee

- Registered referee
- Parent/Coach or assistant
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#### Law 6: Assistant Referee

Use club linesman

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**Law 7: Duration of the Game**

- Four 8-minute quarters
- Two-minute break between quarters one and two, and between three and four
- Five-minute half-time break

- Four 12-minute quarters

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**Law 8: The Start of Play**

Opponents 3-yards from ball on kick-off

Opponents 5-yards from ball on kick-off

**Law 9: Ball In and Out of Play**

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**Law 10: Method of Scoring**

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**Law 11: Offside**

**No Offside**

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**Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct**

**All levels:** No cautions or send-offs shall be issued to players except by a neutral registered referee.

- Referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.

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**Law 13: Free Kicks**

All free kicks are indirect  
Opponents 3 yards from ball

All free kicks are indirect  
Opponents 5 yards from ball

**Law 14: Penalty Kicks**

No penalty kicks

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**Law 15: Throw-in / Kick-in**

- If kick-in is used, opponents 3 yards.
- If throw-in is used, player must be given a second chance on improper throw after referee explains how.

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**Law 16: Goal Kick**

Opponents 3-yards from ball

Opponents 5-yards from ball

**Law 17: Corner Kick**

Opponents 3-yards from ball

Opponents 5-yards from ball