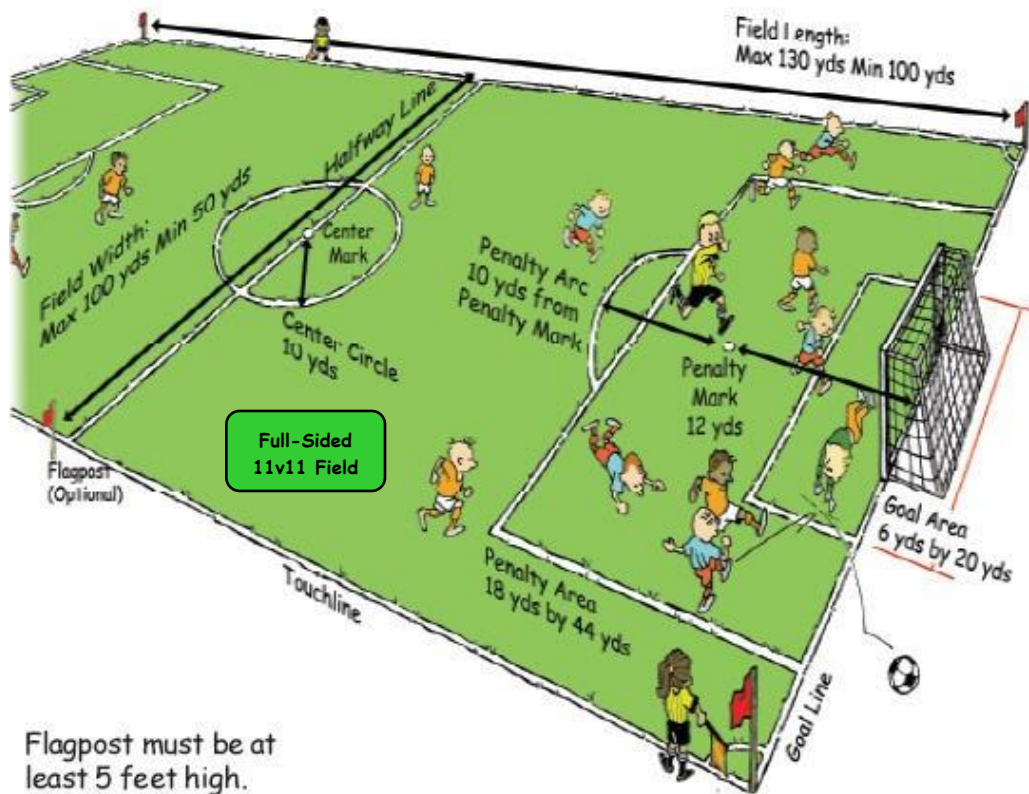


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### DIMENSIONS

- The field of play should be rectangular.
- The longer lines (sidelines) are called Touchlines.
- The shorter lines (end lines) are called Goal Lines (corner to corner).
- Recommended field sizes are as follows:

		<b>Touchline Length (Min. - Max.)</b>	<b>Goal Line Width (Min. - Max.)</b>
(1) Passers:	8-U	55 - 65 yards	35 - 45 yards
(2) Wings:	10-U	55 - 65 yards	35 - 45 yards
(3) Strikers:	12-U	70 - 80 yards	45 - 55 yards
(4) Kickers:	14-U	80 - 130 yards	50 - 100 yards
(5) Minors:	16-U	80 - 130 yards	50 - 100 yards
(6) Seniors:	19-U	80 - 130 yards	50 - 100 yards

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### MARKINGS

- **General**
  - The field of play shall be marked with distinctive lines, not more than 5 inches in width.
  - Marking must be of some material that is not injurious to eyes or skin.
- **Flags**
  - A flag on a post shall be placed at each corner of the field.
  - Flag post to:
    - 1) be at least five (5) feet high,
    - 2) be 1/2 inch to 1-1/2 inch in diameter,
    - 3) have a non-pointed top.
- **The Halfway-Line and Center Circle**
  - A Halfway-Line shall be marked joining the midpoint of each Touchline.
  - From the midpoint of the Halfway-Line, a Center Circle shall be marked with the following radius:
    - 1) small-Sided 7v7 Fields - Passers (8-U) & Wings (10-U) - eight (8) yards
    - 2) small-Sided 9v9 Fields – Strikers (12-U) - eight (8) yards
    - 3) Kickers (14-U), Minors (15-U) & Seniors (19-U) - ten (10) yards
- **Offside (Build-Out) Lines (Small-Sided 7v7 Fields only)**
  - Offside Lines are also sometimes known as Build-Out Lines.
  - Offside Lines shall be marked across the full field width between each touchline and shall be:
    - 1) parallel to the Halfway-Line,
    - 2) located on each half of the field,
    - 3) located equidistant between the Halfway-Line and the Penalty Area Line.
- **The Corner Area**
  - A quarter circle with a radius of one (1) yard from shall be drawn inside each of the four corners of the field.

### THE GOAL AREA

- A Goal Area lines are marked from the inner side of the goal posts such that the outer dimensions of the Goal Area are:
  - six (6) yards from the goal posts along the goal line and into the field for Kickers (U-14) thru Seniors (U-19) resulting in a 20-yards wide by 6-yards deep Goal Area,
  - five (5) yards from the goal posts along the goal line and into the field for Strikers (U-12) resulting in a 16-yards wide by 5-yards deep Goal Area,
  - two (2) yards from the goal posts along the goal line and four (4) into the field for Wings (U-10) and Passers (U-8) resulting in an 8-yards wide by 4-yards deep Goal Area.

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- The Penalty Area lines are marked from the inner side of the goal posts such that the outer dimensions of the Penalty Area are:
  - eighteen (18) yards from the goal posts along the goal line and into the field for Kickers (U-14) thru Seniors (U-19) resulting in a 44-yards wide by 18-yards deep Penalty Area,
  - fifteen (15) yards from the goal posts along the goal line and fourteen (14) yards into the field for Strikers (U-12) resulting in a 36-yards wide by 14-yards deep Penalty Area,
  - ten (10) yards from the goal posts along the goal line and twelve (12) yards into the field for Wings (U-10) and Passers (U-8) resulting in an 24-yards wide by 12-yards deep Goal Area.
- A Penalty Mark shall be a spot no larger than nine (9) inches in diameter located opposite the center of the goal and:
  - twelve (12) yards from the goal line for Kickers (U-14) thru Seniors (U-19)
  - ten (10) for Strikers (U-12, Wings (U-10) and Passers (U-8).
- From the center of the Penalty Mark, a Penalty Arc shall be marked outside the Penalty Area having a radius of:
  - Ten (10) yards for Kickers (U-14) thru Seniors (U-19),
  - Eight (8) yards for Strikers (U-12), Wings (U-10) and Passers (U-8).

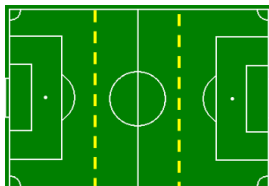
### THE GOALS



- The goals are placed at the midpoint of each goal-line with each upright the same distance from the corner flag.
  - For Kickers (U-14) thru Seniors (U-19) the goals are twenty-four (24) feet wide by eight (8) feet high.
  - For Strikers (U-12) the goals are eighteen (18) feet wide by six (6) feet high.
  - For Wings (U-10) and Passers (U-8) the goals are twelve (12) feet wide by to six (6) feet high. The back edge of the goal posts shall be in line with the outside edge of the goal line.
- Uprights and crossbar should have the same width.
- Goal nets shall be attached to the post and crossbar and fastened to the ground in such a manner as to not interfere with the goalkeeper.
- **For safety reasons, the goals, including those that are portable, must be anchored securely to the ground.**

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### THE BUILD-OUT AREAS



- The Build-Out Areas are designated for use on small-sided 7v7 fields.
- The Build-Out Areas shall only be used for Wings (U-10) and Passers (U-8) matches.
- The Build-Out Areas are located on each half of the field:
  - between the Offside Line (or Build-Out line) and the goal line, and
  - bounded by the two touchlines.

### FIELD CONDITIONS

- The goal line should be the same width as the depth of the goal posts.
- Goals should be painted white.
- All markings are part of the areas they enclose.
- If a crossbar becomes damaged and falls, or is in danger of falling, it must be removed.
  - Games may continue with the approval of both coaches.
  - The Referee's judgment will determine whether any particular shot would have been under the crossbar, had one been there.
- If the field is not adequately lined or if there are no nets on the goals, the game may proceed to the best of the referee's judgment.
  - If the Referee determines the field to be unsafe for play, the game shall be abandoned.