

# **MYSA Small-Sided Games (SSG) Field & Goal Guidelines, 2004-05**

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## **Under 6 - 3 v 3**

**Includes Under-5 for organizations that have single-age groups**

Law 1, The field:

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| a. Field Length  | 25 yards (by USYS: 20-yd minimum to 30-yd maximum.)   |
| b. Field Width   | 20 yards (by USYS: 15-yd minimum to 25-yd maximum.)   |
| c. Goal Size     | 4-ft high by 6-ft wide to 6-ft high by 12-ft wide. <u>See Note 1, below.</u><br>(Note that USYS-recommended goal size for 3v3 is 6-ft-high by 18-ft-wide or smaller.) |
| d. Goal Safety   | Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.  |
| e. Goal Area     | None  |
| f. Penalty Area  | None  |
| g. Halfway Line  | A halfway line shall divide the field into two halves with a center mark indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line.   |
| h. Center Circle | Four (4)-ft radius drawn from the center mark.  |
| i. Corner Arc    | Conform to FIFA.  |
| j. Flag Posts    | None.   |

**NOTE 1: Many goal vendors do not offer 6-ft-high goals. The alternate height of 6.5 ft (2-m high, often referred to as European goals) is an acceptable alternative.**

## **Under 8 - 4 v 4**

**Includes Under-7 for organizations that have single-age groups**

Law 1, The field:

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| a. Field Length  | 45 yards (by MYSA: 35-yd minimum to 45-yd maximum.)   |
| b. Field Width   | 30 yards (by MYSA: 25-yd minimum to 30-yd maximum.)   |
| c. Goal Size     | 6-ft high by 12-ft wide, <u>See Note 2, below.</u> Organizations that only have 4-ft x 6-ft goals may use a five (5) yard arc centered on the goal in this age. The arc is optional. If used it is recommended that players not enter the arc until the ball enters the arc first.<br>(Note that USYS-recommended goal size for 4v4 is 6-ft-high by 18-ft-wide or smaller.) |
| d. Goal Safety   | Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.  |
| e. Goal Area     | A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, three (3) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play a distance of three (3) yards and are joined by a line parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.        |
| f. Penalty Area  | None  |
| g. Halfway Line  | A halfway line shall divide the field into two halves with a center mark indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line.   |
| h. Center Circle | 4-yard radius drawn from center mark.   |
| i. Corner Arc    | Conform to FIFA.  |
| j. Flag Posts    | None.   |

**NOTE 2: Many goal vendors do not offer 6-ft-high goals. The alternate height of 6.5 ft (2-m high, often referred to as European goals) is an acceptable alternative.**

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## **Under 10 - 6 v 6**

### Law 1, The field:

- a. Field Length 60-65 yards (Use longest length possible). (by MYSA: 60-yd min. to 70-yd max.)
- b. Field Width 40 yards. (by USYS: 35-yd min, to 45-yd max.)
- c. Goal Size 6-ft high by 18-ft wide up to 7-ft high by 21-ft wide. See NOTE 3, below.
- d. Goal Safety Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.
- e. Goal Area Conform to FIFA.
- f. Penalty Area A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, twelve (12) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play a distance of twelve (12) yards and are joined by a line parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area.
- g. Halfway Line A halfway line shall divide the field into two halves with a center mark indicated at the midpoint of the center line.
- h. Penalty Mark Within the penalty area a penalty mark is made ten (10) yards from the midpoint between the goal posts and equidistant to them.
- i. Penalty Arc 8-yard radius.
- j. Center Circle 8-yard radius drawn from the center mark.
- k. Corner Arc Conform to FIFA.
- l. Flag Posts Conform to FIFA.

**NOTE 3: USYS recommends goal size of 6-ft high by 18-ft wide in 6v6 U10. MYSA permits use of 7-ft x 21-ft goals in U10 to allow organizations to defer purchase of 6-ft x 18-ft goals. When new goals are acquired for U10, they shall be 6-ft x 18-ft. NOTE: Many goal vendors do not offer 6-ft-high goals. The alternate height of 6.5 ft (2-m high, often referred to as European goals) is an acceptable alternative.**

## **Under 12 - 8 v 8**

### Law 1, The field:

- a. Field Length 70-80 yards (Use longest length possible). (by USYS: 70-yd min. to 80 yd max.)
- b. Field Width 50 yards. (by USYS: 45-yd min. to 55 yd max.)
- c. Goal Size 7-ft high by 21-ft wide. See Note 4, below.
- d. Goal Safety Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.
- e. Goal Area Conform to FIFA.
- f. Penalty Area A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, fourteen (14) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play a distance of fourteen (14) yards and are joined by a line parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area.
- g. Halfway Line A halfway line shall divide the field into two halves with a center mark indicated at the midpoint of the center line.
- h. Penalty Mark Within the penalty area a penalty mark is made 10 yards from the midpoint between the goal posts and equidistant to them.
- i. Penalty Arc 8 yd radius drawn from the penalty mark.
- j. Center Circle 8-yd radius drawn from the center mark.
- k. Corner Arc Conform to FIFA.
- l. Flag Posts Conform to FIFA.

**NOTE 4: USYS recommends 6-ft-high by 18-ft-wide goal for U12. MYSA specifies 7-ft x 21-ft goals for U12 because they are available in the inventory of MYSA organizations and are appropriately scaled to U12 players. NOTE: Many goal vendors do not offer 6-ft-high goals. The alternate height of 6.5 ft (2-m high, often referred to as European goals) is an acceptable alternative.**