



State Association

Small Sided Standards

9v9 Standards of Play

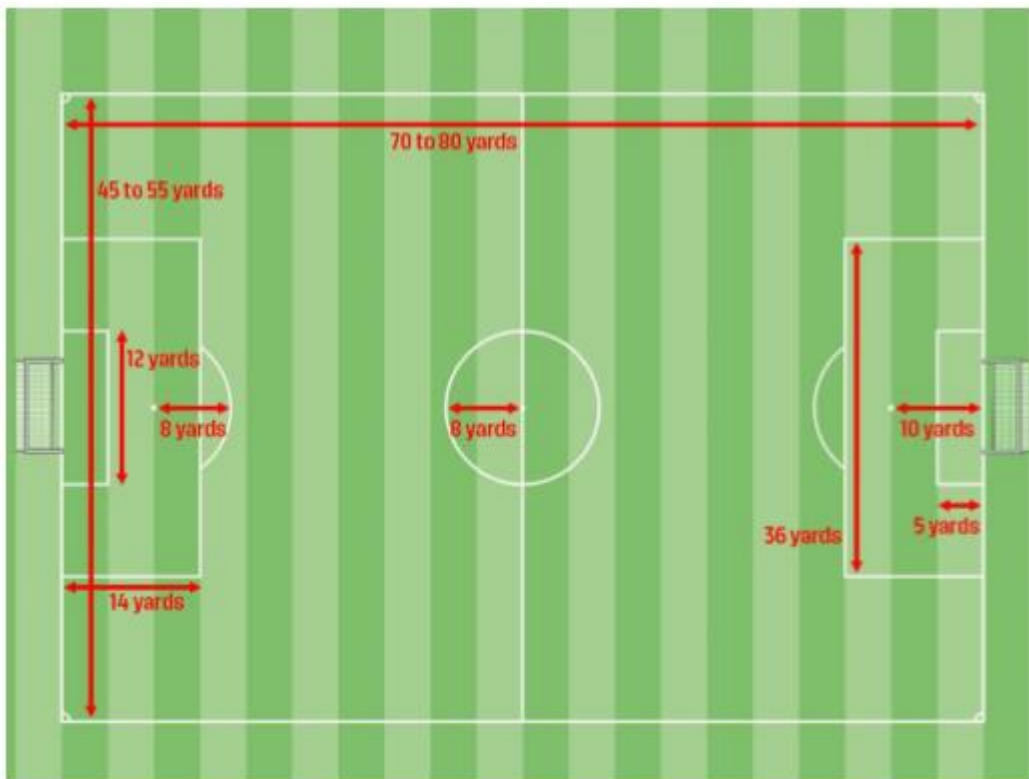
Modified Laws of the Game

Rosters should include no more than 16 players

Players in 9v9 contests shall be permitted to head the ball

Law 1 – Field of Play

- 70-80 yards (length)
- 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 contains recommended field markings and dimensions



Law 2 – Ball

- Size 4

Law 3 – Number of 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 authority

Law 7 – Duration of the Match

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

Standard Laws of the Game

Law 4 – Players’ Equipment

Law 5 – The Referee

Law 8 – Start and Restart of Play

Law 9 – Ball In and Out of Play

Law 10 – Method of Scoring

Law 11 - Offside

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct*

Law 13 – Free kicks

Law 14 – Penalty Kicks

Law 15 – Throw-in

Law 16 – Goal kick

Law 17 – Corner kick