



Player Development Initiatives

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The changes discussed here require rule changes at North Texas Soccer to be in compliance with these mandates



Small Sided Games

Objectives



From U.S. Soccer:

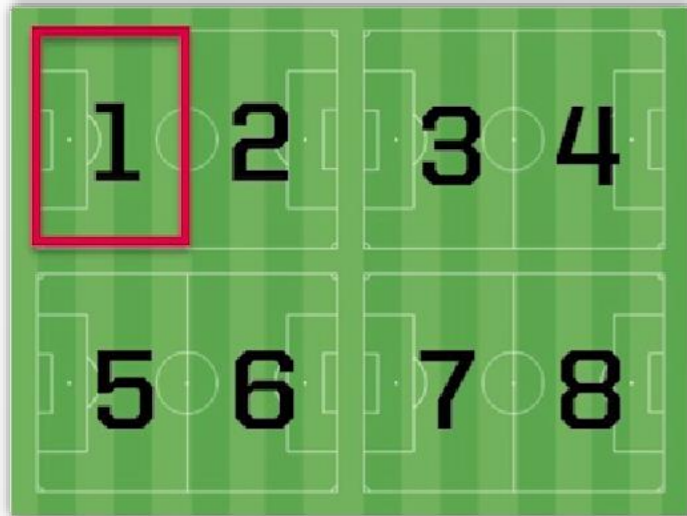
- Develop skills on the ball
 - Increase number of touches and control
 - Improve confidence
- Develop intelligence
 - Promote faster decisions and better awareness
- Develop partnerships within the team
- Provide age appropriate environment

Standards Chart



	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
Max. Field Size (yards)	30x20	30x20	30x20	47x30	47x30	75x47	75x47	112x75
# of Players	4v4	4v4	4v4	7v7	7v7	9v9	9v9	11v11
Goalkeeper?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Playing Times	4x8 min.	4x8 min.	3x15 min.	2x25 min.	2x25 min.	2x30 min.	2x30 min.	2x35 min.
Break Times	5 min.	5 min.	5 min.	10 min.	10 min.	10 min.	10 min.	15 min.
Ball Size	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	5
Goal Size (ft)	4x6	4x6	4x6	6.5x18.5	6.5x18.5	6.5x18.5	6.5x18.5	8x24
Offside?	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

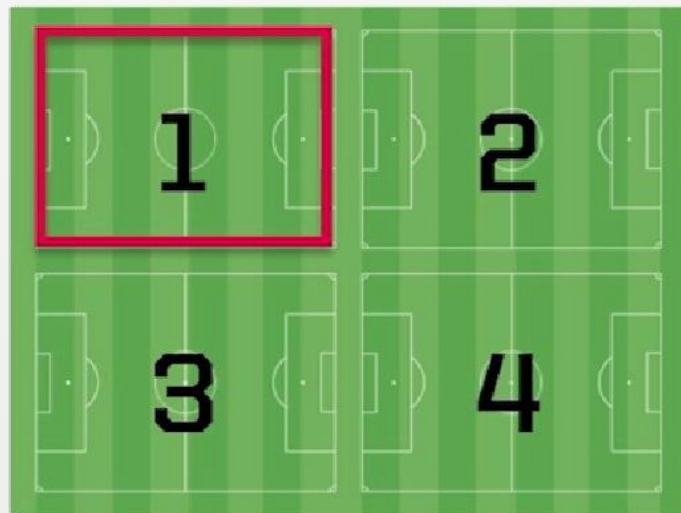
Field Overview



Mini Field - 30x20 yards

U6, U7 & U8 - **4v4**

Players at this age need to develop basic motor skills such as walking, running and changing direction. A smaller space will help them to develop these skills while also providing more interaction with the ball, teammates and opponents.



Development Field - 47x30 yards

U9 & U10 - **7v7**

Players at this age need to develop speed and agility. For this reason we promote play on a bigger field. Players will have more space to move in control of the ball and face 1v1 situations against an opponent in different parts of the field.



Small Sided Field - 75x47 yards

U11 & U12 - **9v9**

Players at this age need to develop coordination, balance and visual awareness. Increasing the number of players requires faster decision making so players can develop partnerships and game intelligence.

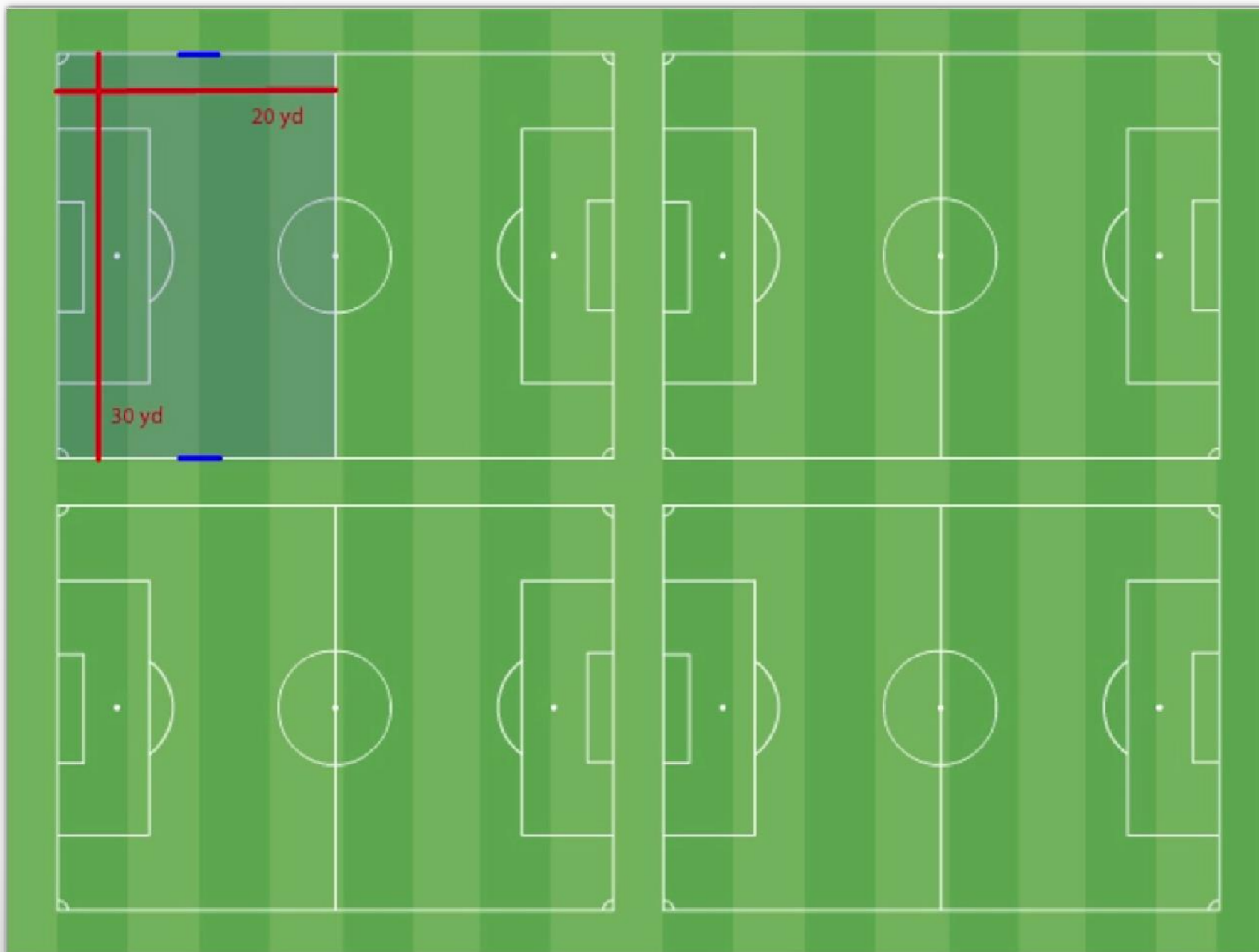
U 6 | U 7 | U 8



NEW

- **4v4 (U6, U7, U8)**
- **30x20 field size**
- **4x6 Goal**
- **Size 3 ball**
- **NO goalkeeper**
- **NO offside**

U6 | U7 | U8 Mini Field



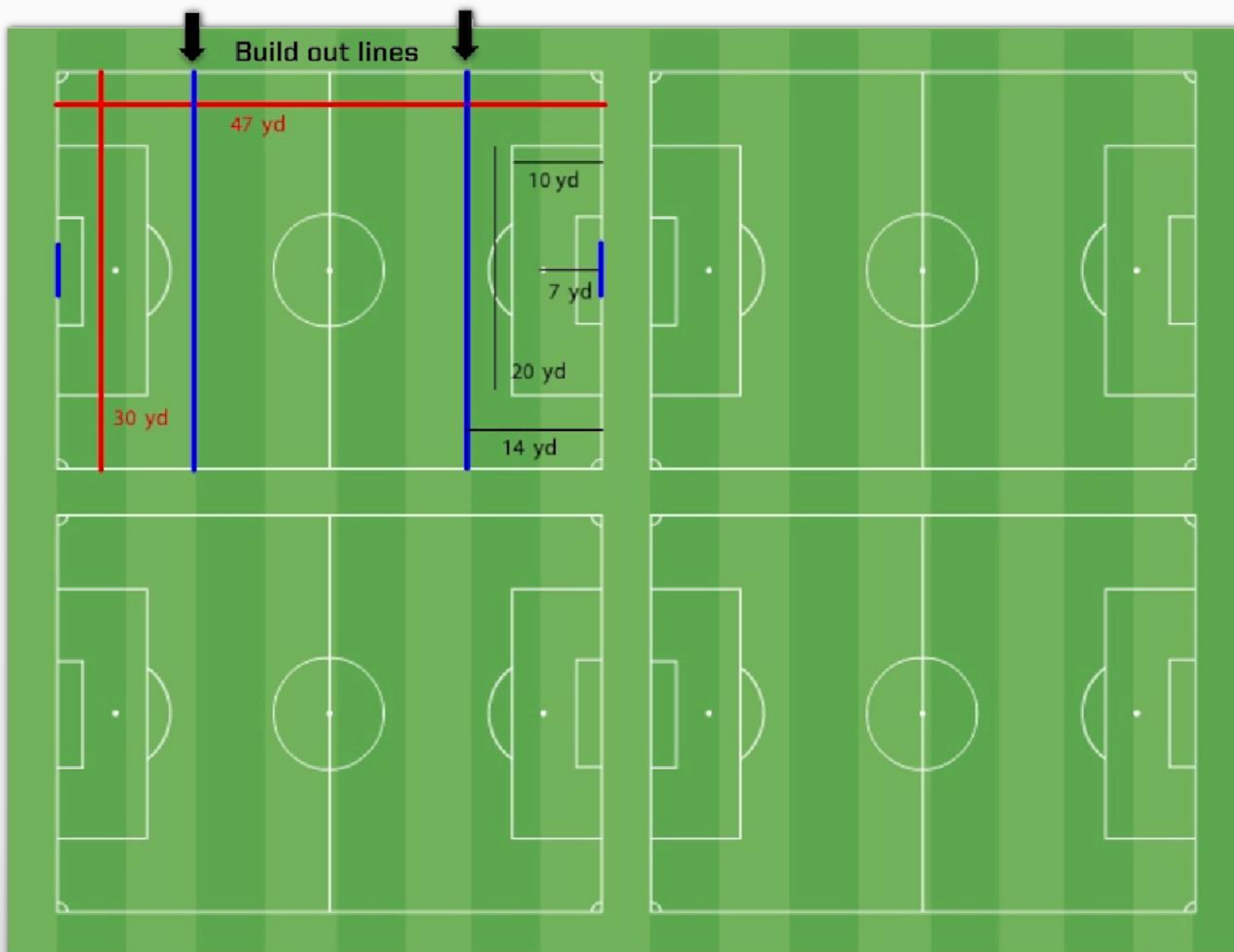
U9 | U10



NEW

- **7v7**
- **47x30 field size**
- **6.5x18.5 Goal**
- **Size 4 ball**
- **YES goalkeeper**
- **YES offside**

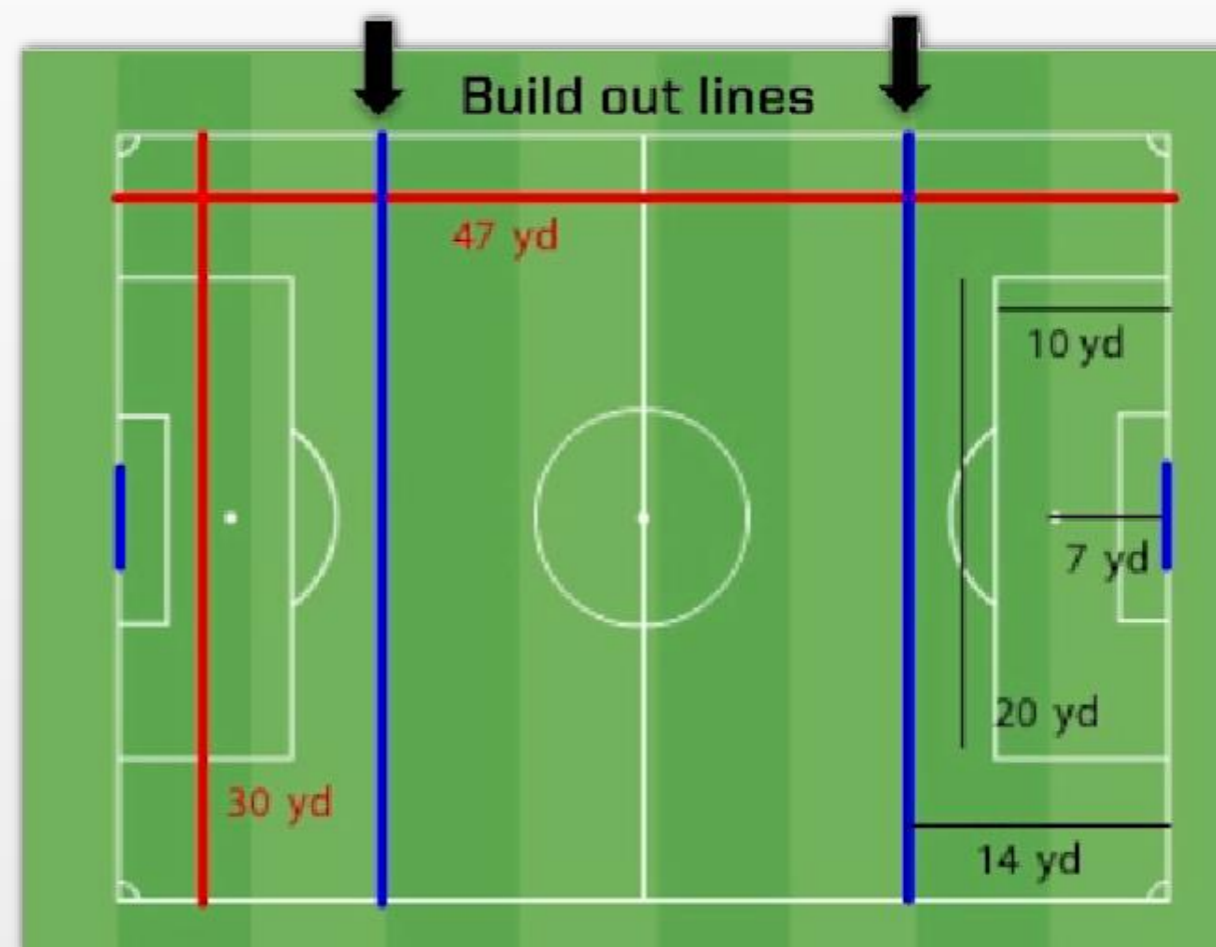
U9 | U10 Development Field



U9 | U10 Build Out Line



- Used to promote playing the ball out of the back in an no pressure setting.
- When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line.
- The goalkeeper may then pass, throw or roll the ball to a teammate (no punting).
- Once the ball is in play, the opposing team may cross the build out line and play resumes.



U11 | U12

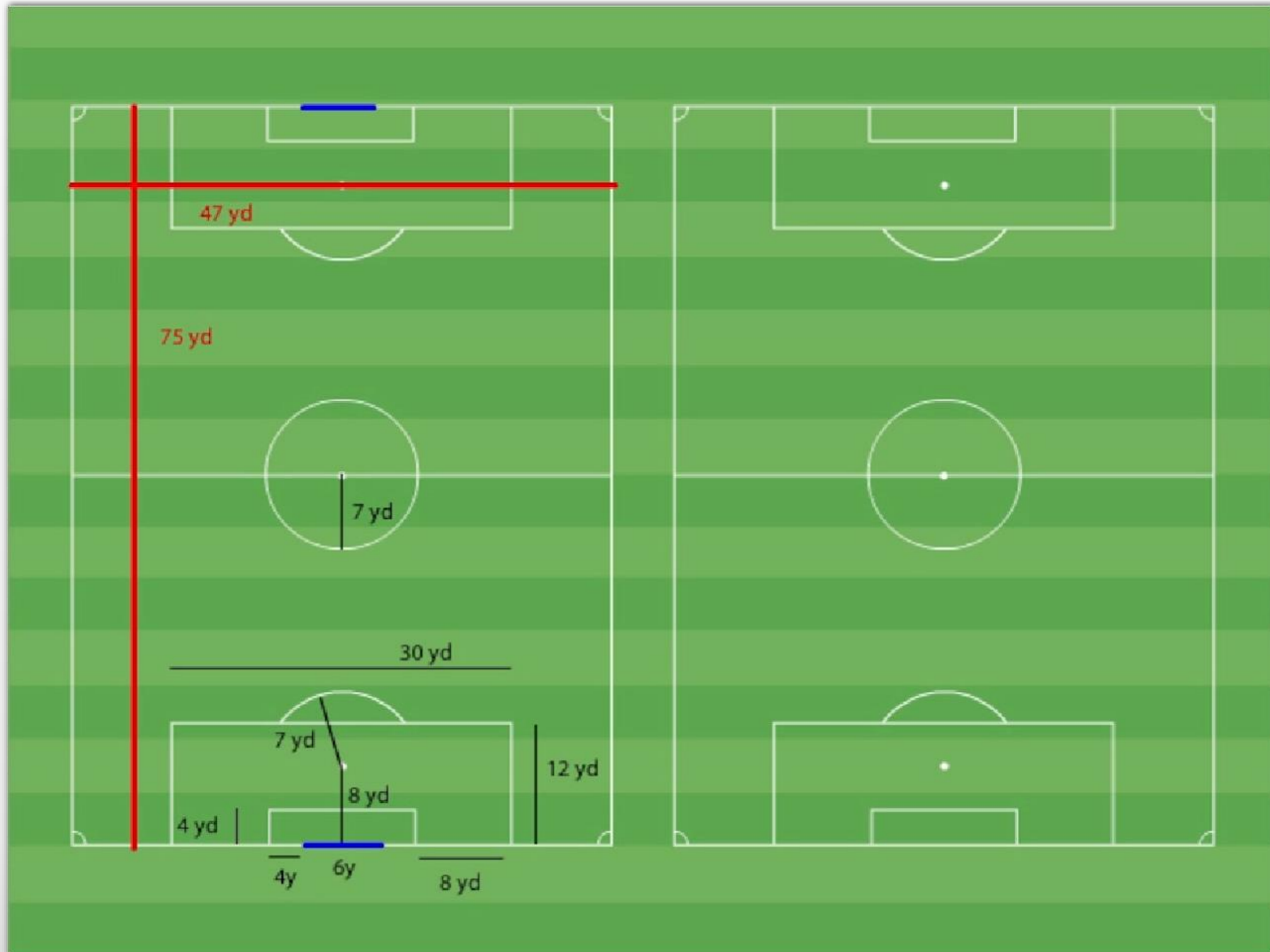


NEW

- **9v9**
- **75x47 field size**
- **6.5x18.5 Goal**
- **Size 4 ball**
- **YES goalkeeper**
- **YES offside**

U11 | U12

Small Sided Field



Implementation



- Proposed rule changes at North Texas Soccer would **recommend** that Member Associations move to the new Small Sided Games for the **2016/2017 season**, and **mandate** the new Small Sided Games for the **2017/2018 season**.
- We do understand it may take some time to work with park departments to adjust field sizes and goals to appropriate sizes.



Calendar Year Registration

Objectives



From U.S. Soccer:

- Alignment with the international age groups
- Combat relative age effect
 - A selection bias towards players born earlier in the year because they are more physically mature than their peers
 - A balance of players born throughout the year is recommended
 - Allows for continued development of players who have yet to mature physically



Birth Year & Season Matrix



Season	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
BirthYear							
2019							U4
2018						U4	U5
2017					U4	U5	U6
2016				U4	U5	U6	U7
2015			U4	U5	U6	U7	U8
2014		U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9
2013	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
2012	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11
2011	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
2010	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
2009	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
2008	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
2007	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
2006	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
2005	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
2004	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
2003	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	
2002	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19		
2001	U16	U17	U18	U19			
2000	U17	U18	U19				
1999	U18	U19					
1998	U19						



Implementation



- United States Youth Soccer will adopt calendar year age groups for all programs for the 2016/2017 season.
- North Texas Soccer will also adopt calendar year age groups for the 2016/2017 season.