



**Georgia Soccer
Implementation of
U.S. Soccer Player
Development Initiatives**



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Small Sided Games





Small Sided Mandates



Georgia Soccer and affiliated members have been using small sided games to improve player development and the player experience for over a decade. **Georgia Soccer is not implementing the small sided playing mandates until Fall 2017 and many of the mandates on field and goal size are changing.**

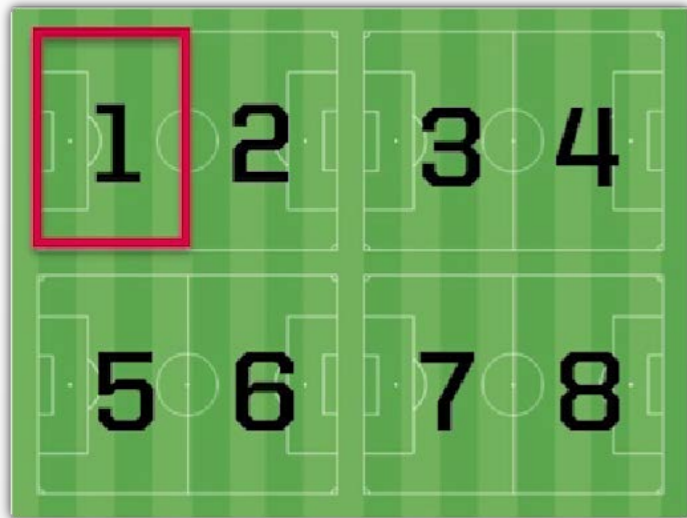


Standards Chart



	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	4x 8 min.	4x 8 min.	3x 15 min.	2x 25 min.	2x 25 min.	2x 30 min.	2x 30 min.	2x 35 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

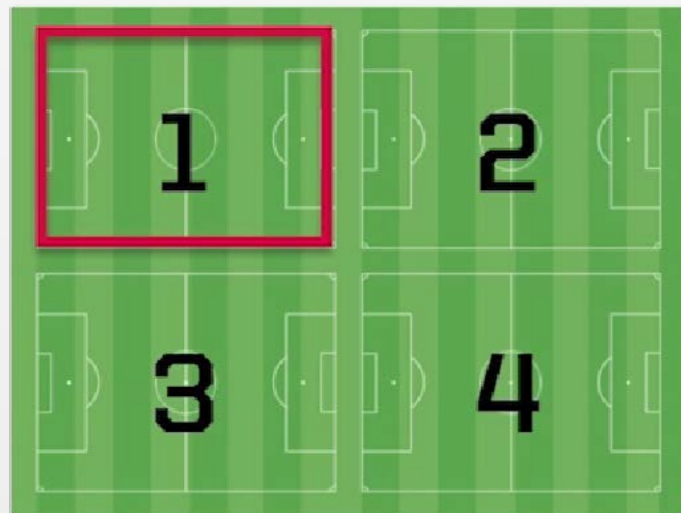
Field Overview



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.



U6 | U7 | U8



Current

- 4v4 (U6), 5v5 (U7-U8)
- 35x25 field size
- 6x12 Goal
- Size 3 ball
- NO goalkeeper
- NO offside

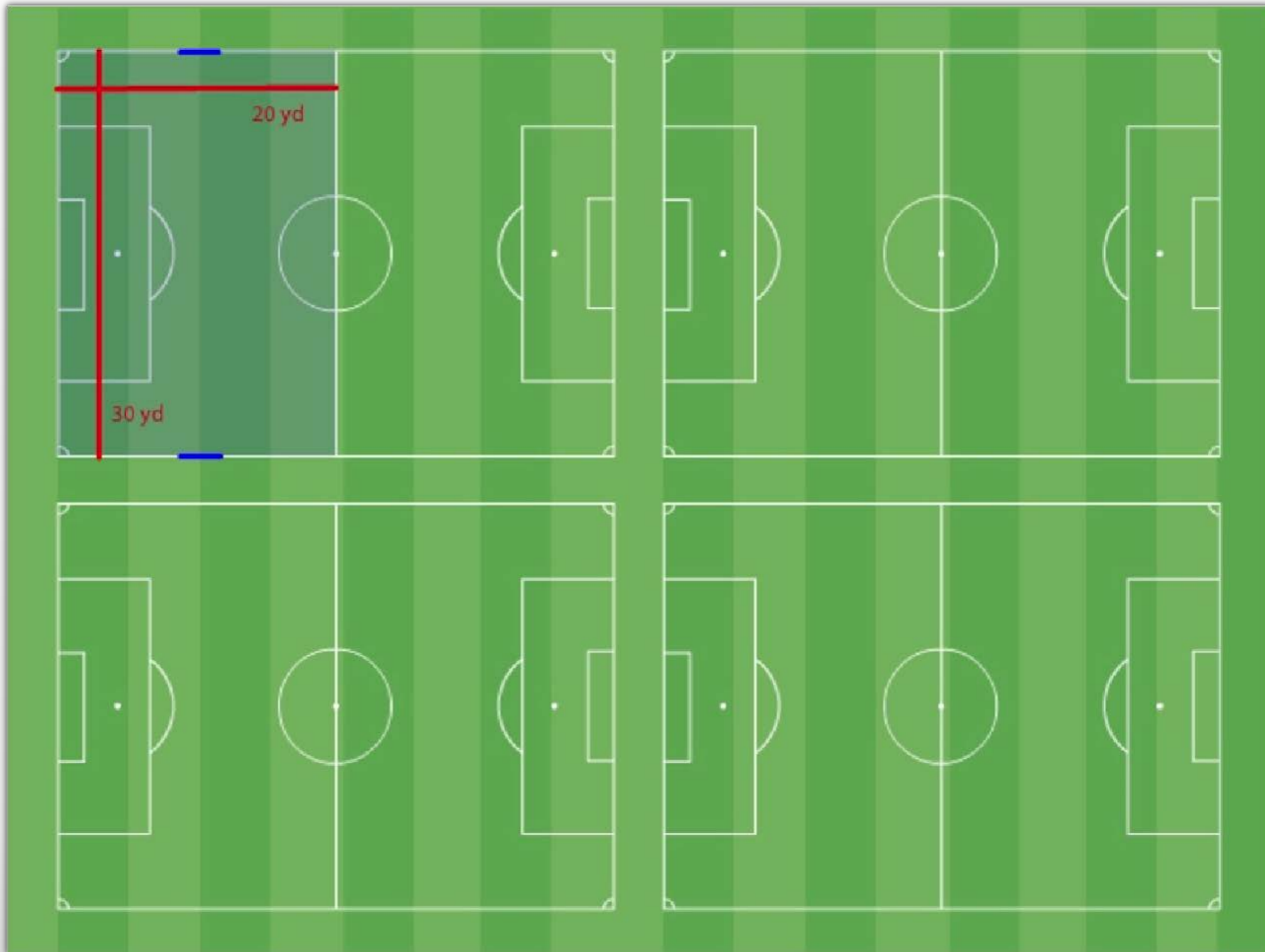
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- 4v4 (U6, U7, U8)
- 30x20 field size
- 4x6 Goal
- Size 3 ball
- NO goalkeeper
- NO offside



U6 | U7 | U8

Mini Field



Information courtesy of U.S. Soccer



U9 | U10



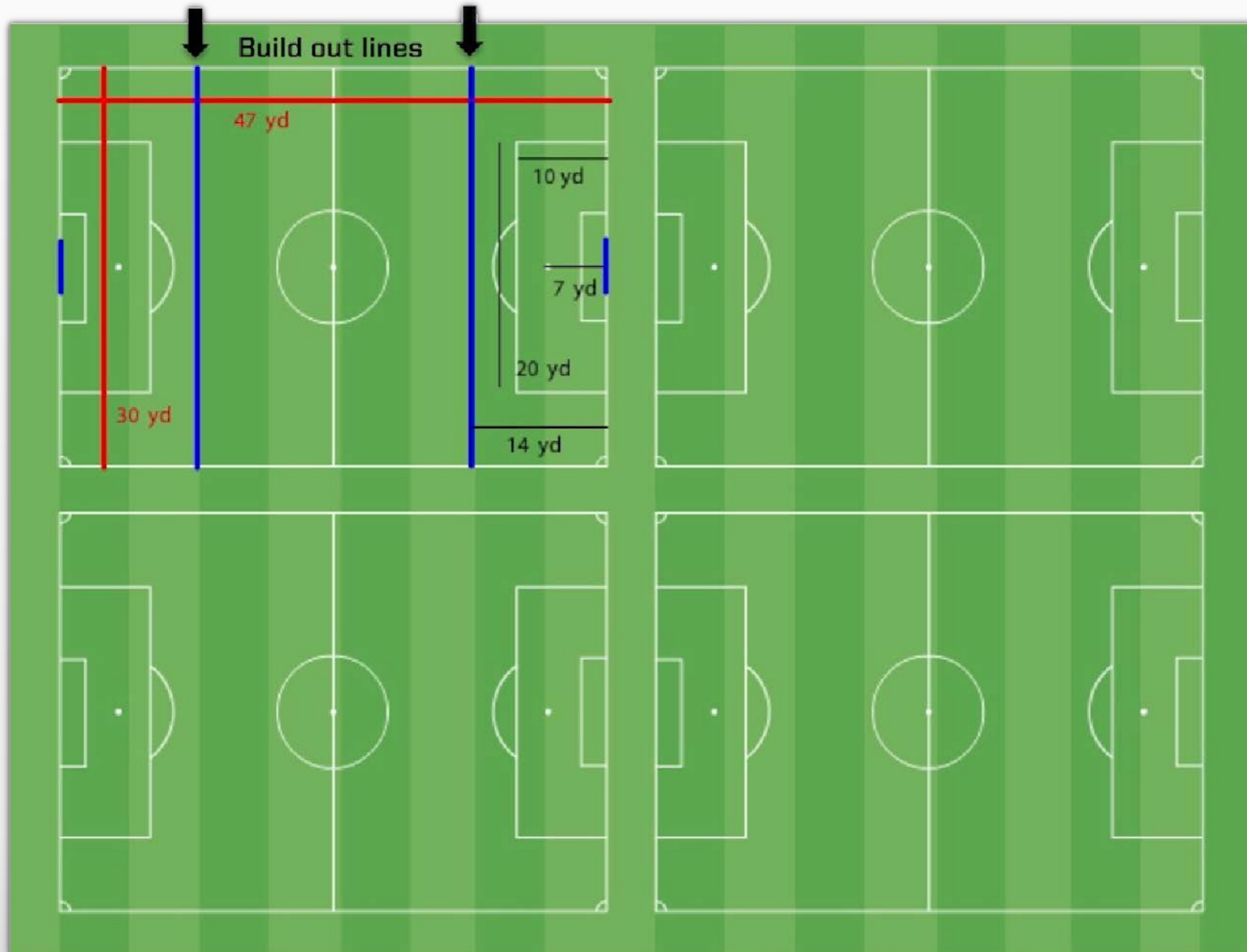
Current

- 6v6
- 50x40 field size
- 6x18 Goal
- Size 4 ball
- YES goalkeeper
- YES offside

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

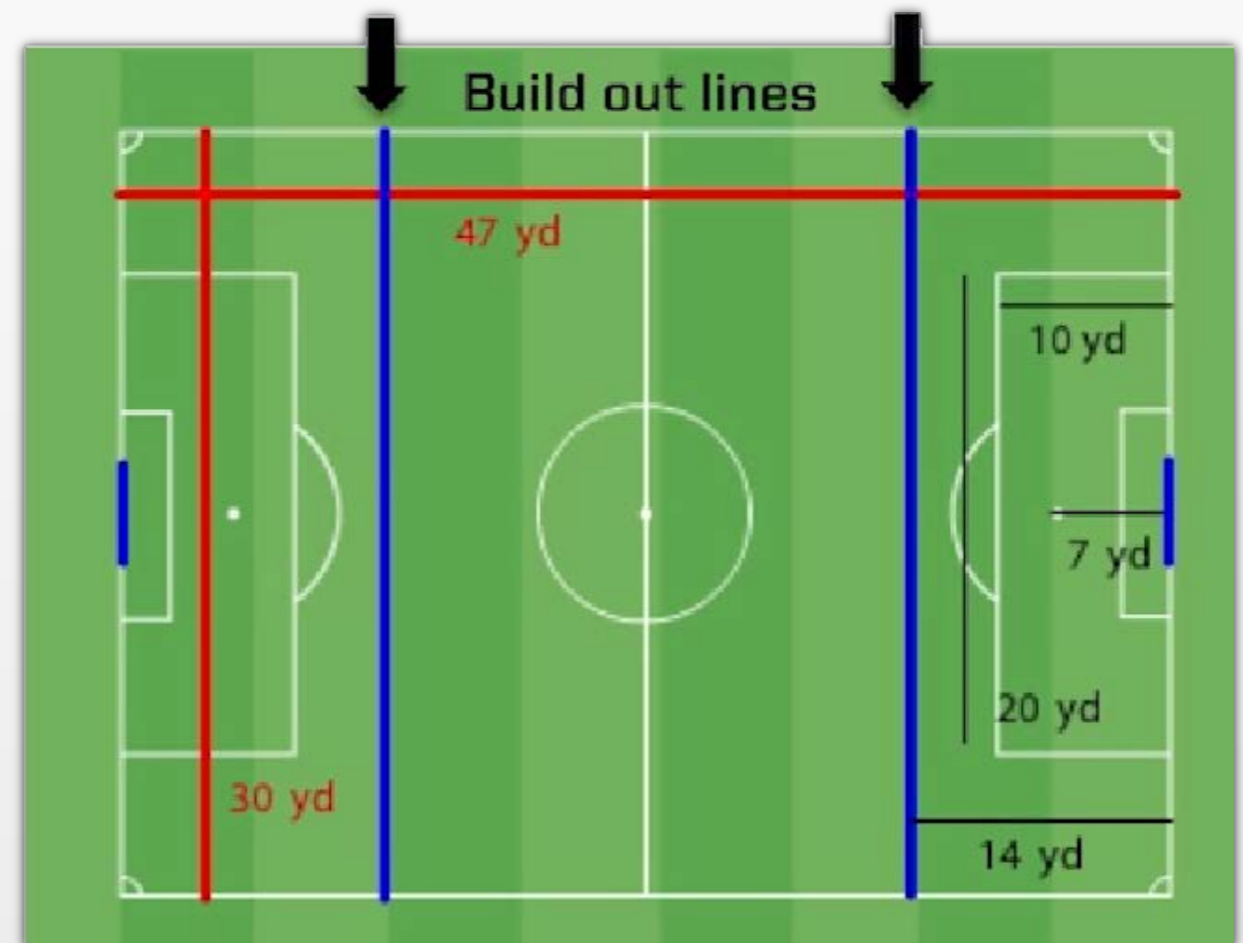
Development Field



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



Current

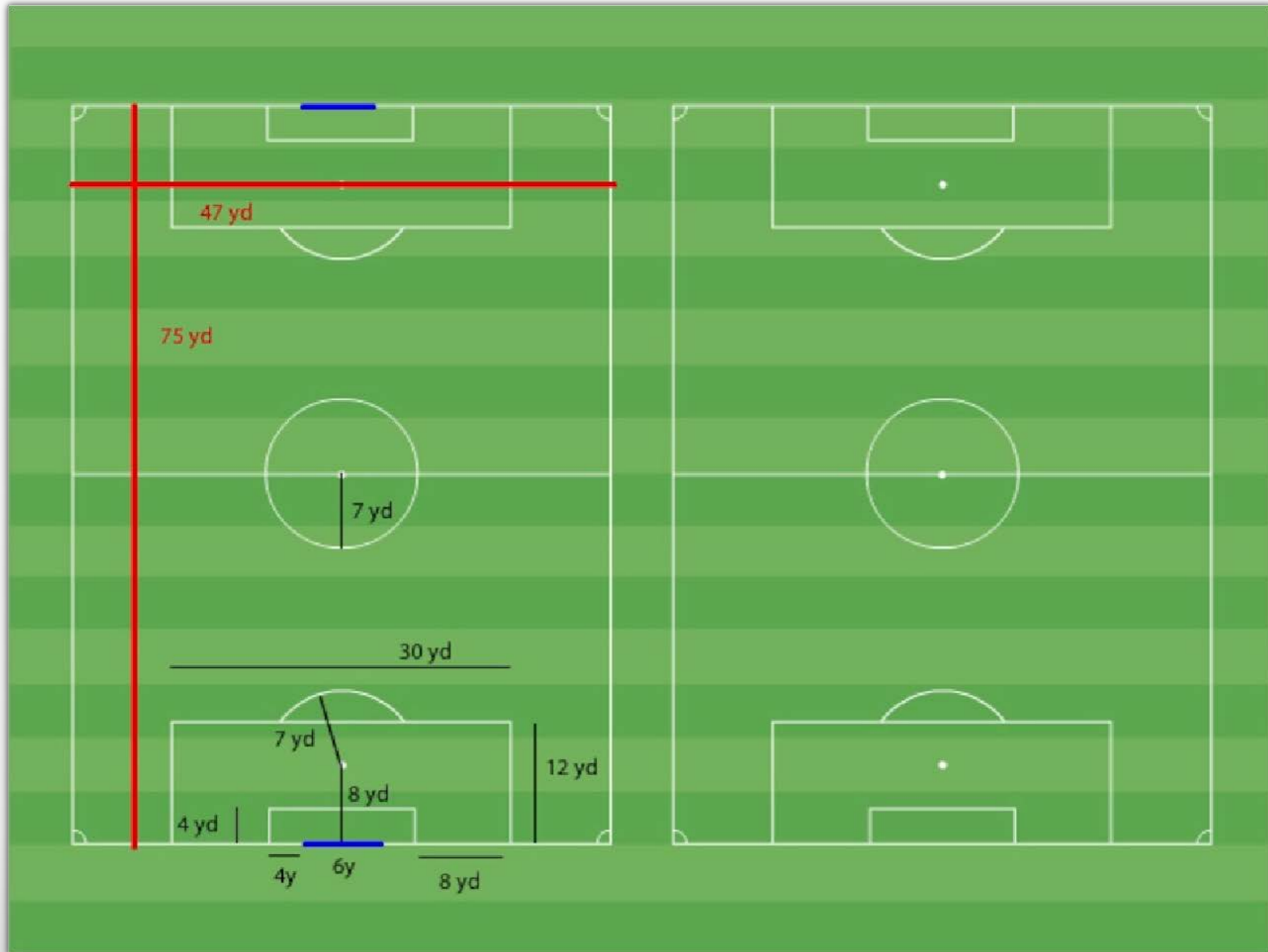
- 8v8
- 80x60 field size
- 8x24 Goal
- Size 4 ball
- YES goalkeeper
- YES offside

* NEW *

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

U11 | U12

Small Sided Field





Calendar Year Registration



U.S. Soccer has mandated that all U.S. Soccer members change playing divisions to calendar year age groups. US Youth Soccer, US Club Soccer, AYSO, and all 55 State Soccer Associations will change to birth year age groups in Fall 2016.



2016-2017 Age Groups



2015-2016 Current System				2016-2017 U.S. Soccer Matrix		
U10	2005-2006	Primarily 4th graders	→	U12	2005	5th & 6th graders; Last year or Academy/Small sided play
U11	2004-2005	Primarily 5th graders	→	U13	2004	6th & 7th graders; First year os select & 11v11, team's division placed by Select Committee
U12	2003-2004	Primarily 6th graders	→	U14	2003	7th & 8th graders; team's division placed by Select Committee for Fall 2016 ONLY
U13	2002-2003	Primarily 7th graders	→	U15	2002	8th graders & Freshmen; Spring season offered
U14	2001-2002	Primarily 8th graders	→	U16	2001	Freshmen/Sophomores
U15	2000-2001	Primarily Freshmen	→	U17	2000	Sophomores/Juniors
U16	1999-2000	Primarily Sophomores	→	U18	1999	Juniors/Seniors
U17	1998-1999	Primarily Juniors	→	U19	1998	Seniors/College Freshmen
U18	1997-1998	Primarily Seniors		U19/U20	1997	Fall Season will be offered



Implementation



Georgia Soccer will adopt calendar year age groups starting Fall 2016.



FAQ's



- Current teams have two calendar years on each team, **older calendar birth year will maintain playing slot.** Younger players can play up if team stays together.
- Players will play in birth year division unless playing up, **players will not miss a year**
- **1997** – will be offered a division if enough teams.
- **U15 Spring Season** will be offered
- **Georgia Soccer registration systems** will accommodate birth year age groups
- **Roster Continuity** - Roster continuity rules will remain
- **Team declarations due July 15**