



# 2017

## AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

# US Soccer Player Development Initiatives & Other Global Updates

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## AYSO National Coaching Program

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# Topics

- US Soccer Player Development Initiatives (PDI's)
- AYSO National Rules and Regulations
- AYSO National Rules and Regulations for EXTRA



## National Association

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# 1988

National Coaching Program  
Small Sided Games  
Approved

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# Background

**Aug 2015:** US Soccer PDI's Announced

2016 Season Transition

2017 Season Mandate

**Oct 2015:** Soccer Concussion Suit Settled

**Dec 2015:** Youth Technical Working Group Formed

# Youth Technical Working Group



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# Background

**Aug 2016:** American Youth Laws of the Game

**Sep 2016:** US Soccer Age Date Final Directive

**Oct 2016:** NBOD Approval

- National Rules & Regs

- National Rules & Regs for EXTRA

# Player Development Initiatives

- Small Sided Games
- Smaller Fields
- Birth Year Registration





# Rule #1

Provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives.

## Rule #2

**Keep Calm**

**And Play!**



# Why PDI's?

- US Soccer Zone 1– 6 to 12 yrs.
- Development over Winning
- Create Environment for Player Success
- Player Development Uniformity



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# Why PDI's?

- Reduce Advantage of Strongest/Fastest
- Increase Technical Skills
- Ball on the Ground





# PDI Mandate & AYSO

- US Soccer PDI's are for ages 5 to 12
- No change to AYSO Playground Soccer
- No change to Schoolyard Jamboree

# PDI Mandate & AYSO

- Birth Year Registration
- Player Age at Competition's End = July 31
- Change Division Name, 8 and under (8U)
- Player can be no older than 8 between start of play in August and end of play on July 31

# PDI Mandate: 4 v 4

- 6U to 8U
- Size 3 Ball
- No Goalkeeper
- No Throw-in
- Kick-in, Pass-in, Dribble-In



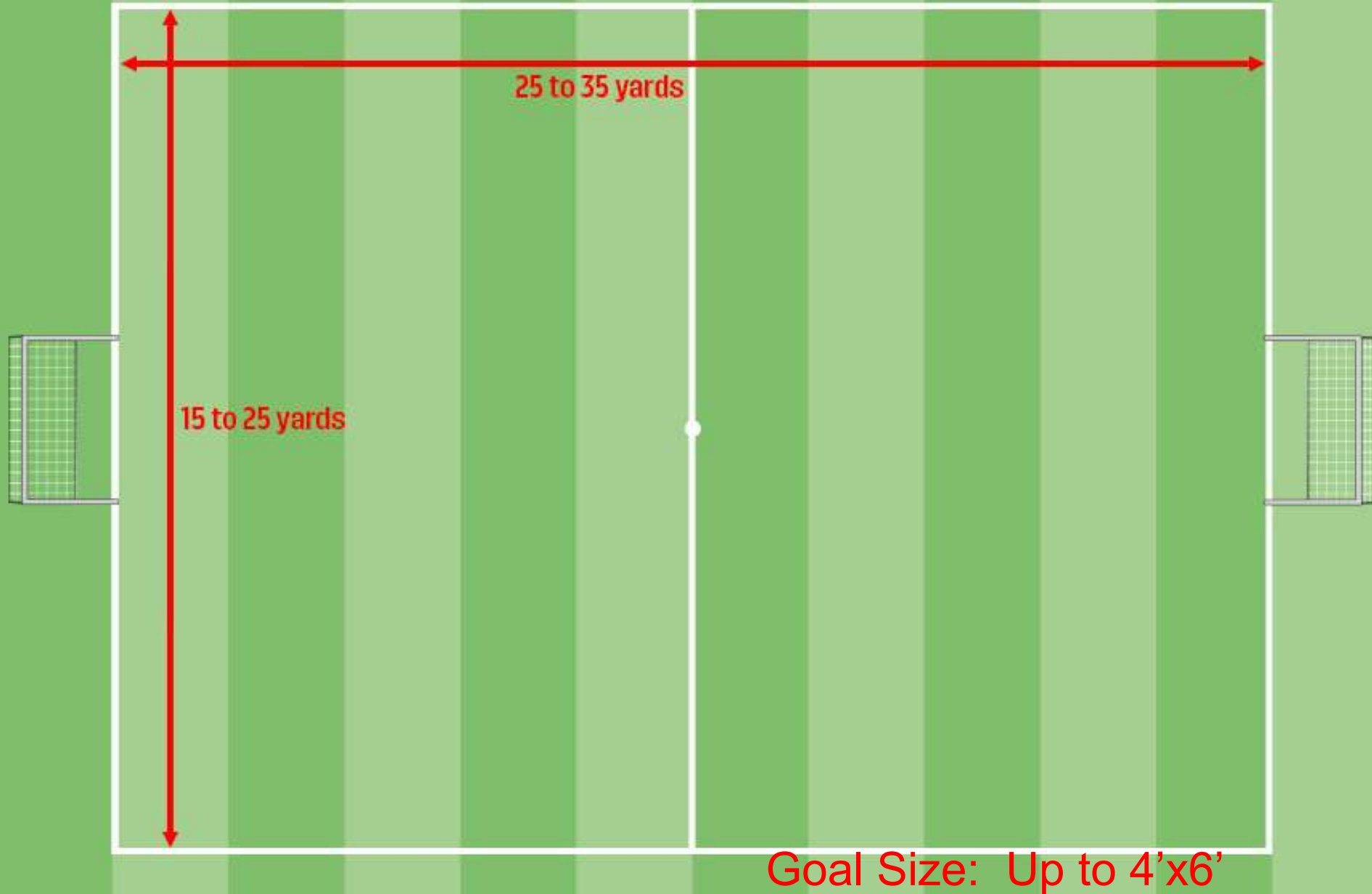
# PDI Mandate: 4 v 4

- All Indirect Free Kicks for fouls
- No Penalties
- No Offside
- No Heading





# PDI Mandate: 4 v 4



# PDI Mandate: 7 v 7

- 9U and 10U
- Size 4 Ball
- Goalkeepers
- Offside
- Throw ins
- No Heading
- Build-Out Line

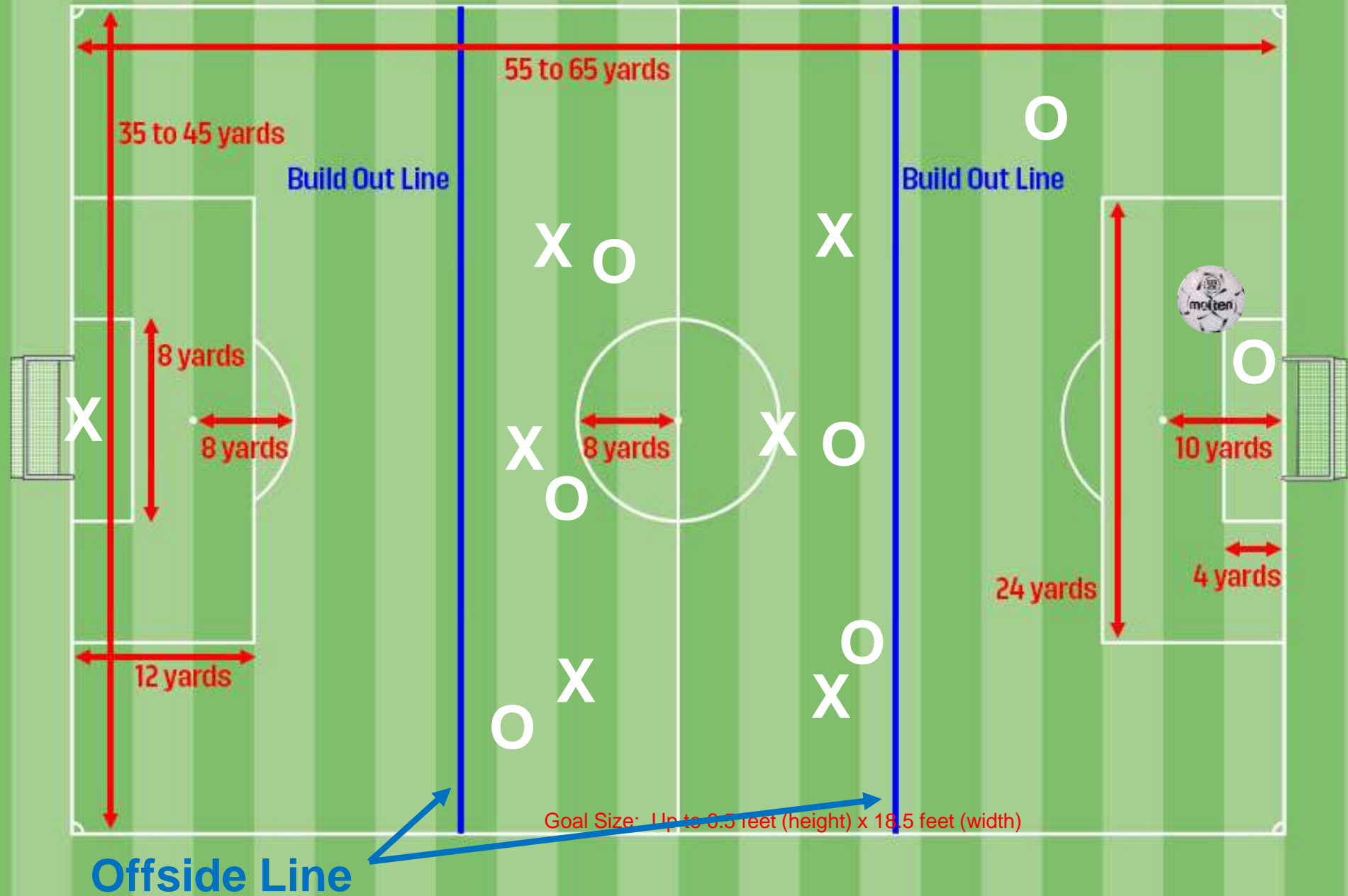


# PDI: Build-Out Lines

- Goal Kick or Goalkeeper Possession
- Opposing team moves beyond build
- Ball into play
- Also denotes offside line
- No punting

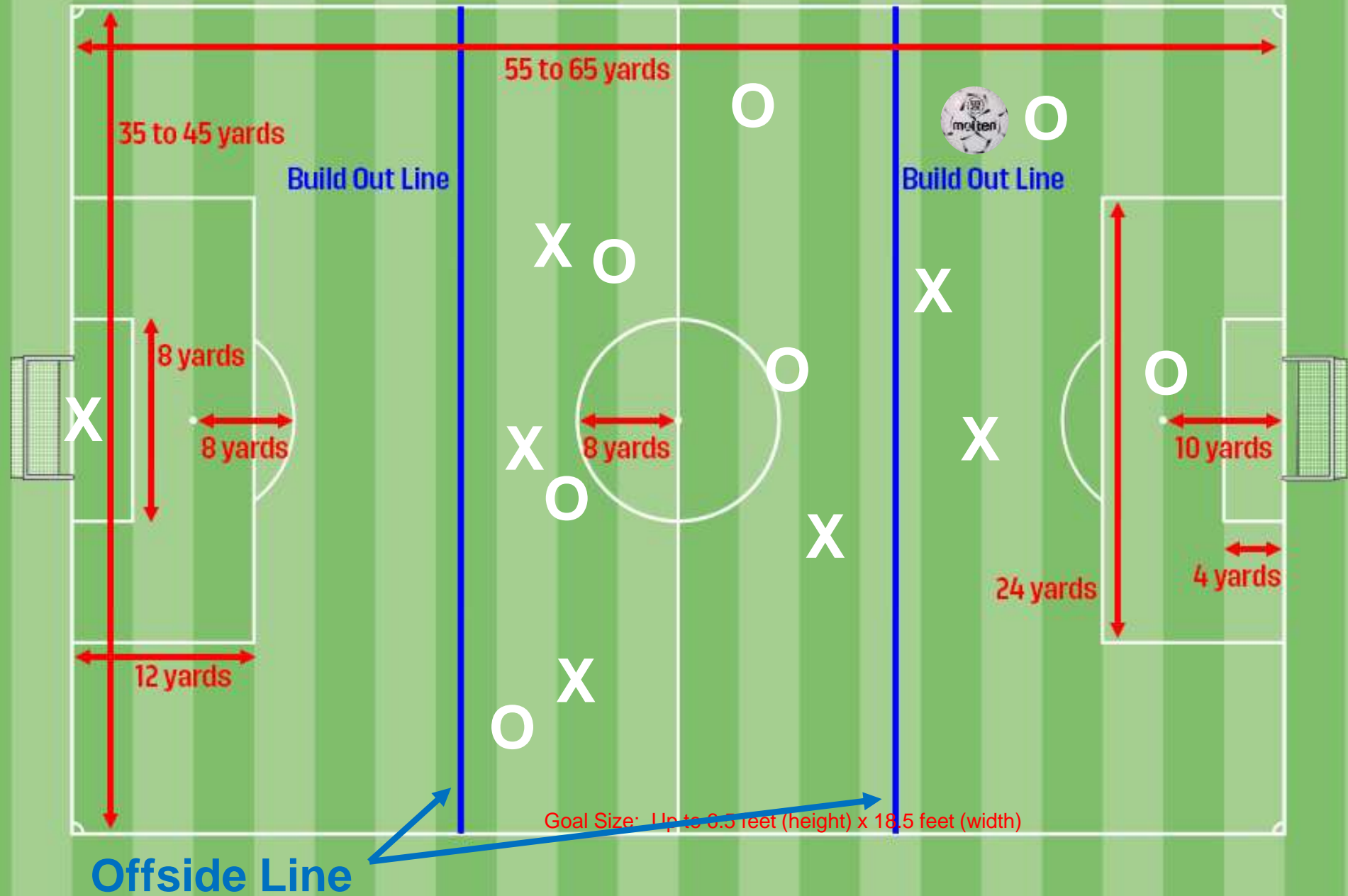


# PDI Mandate: 7 v 7

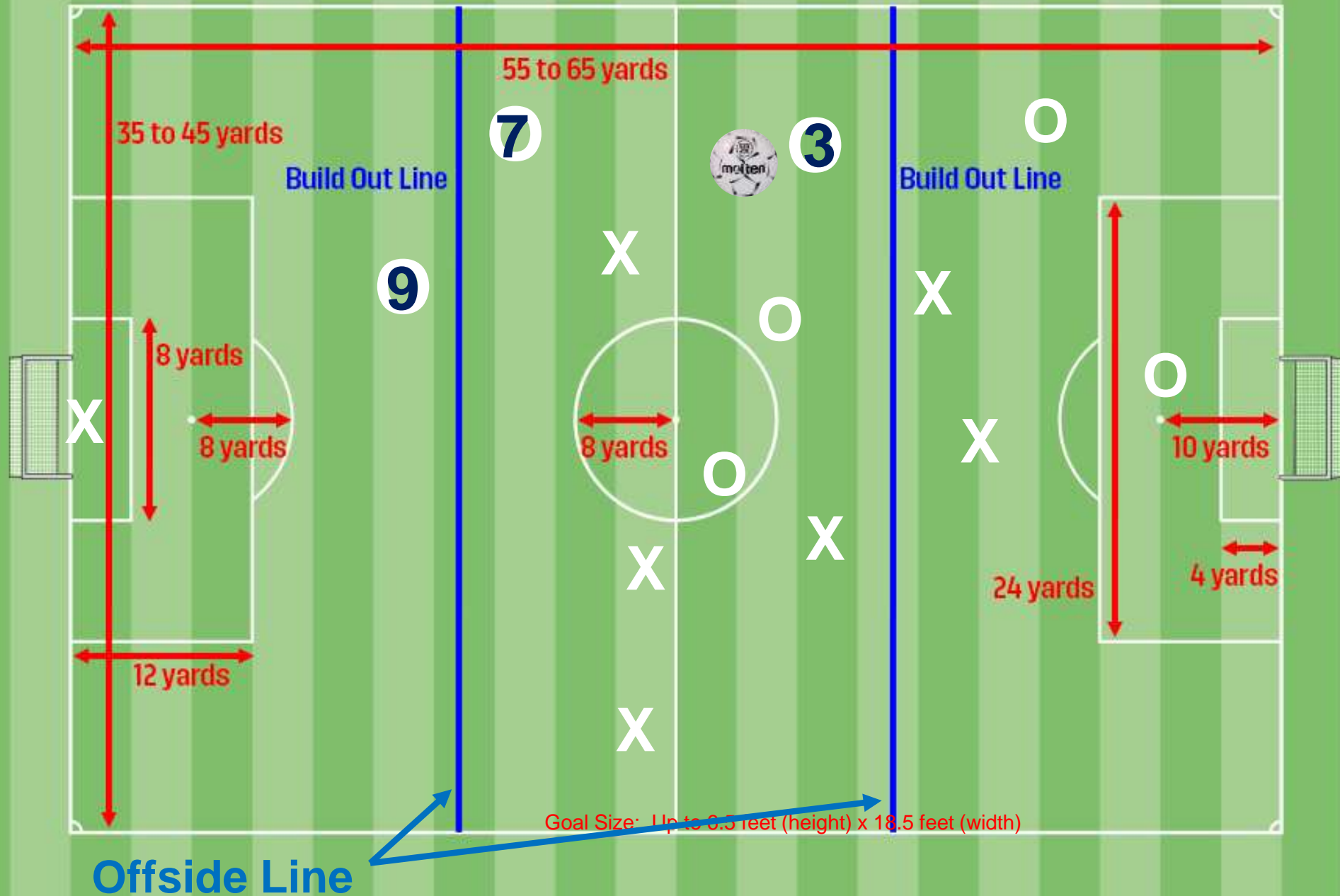




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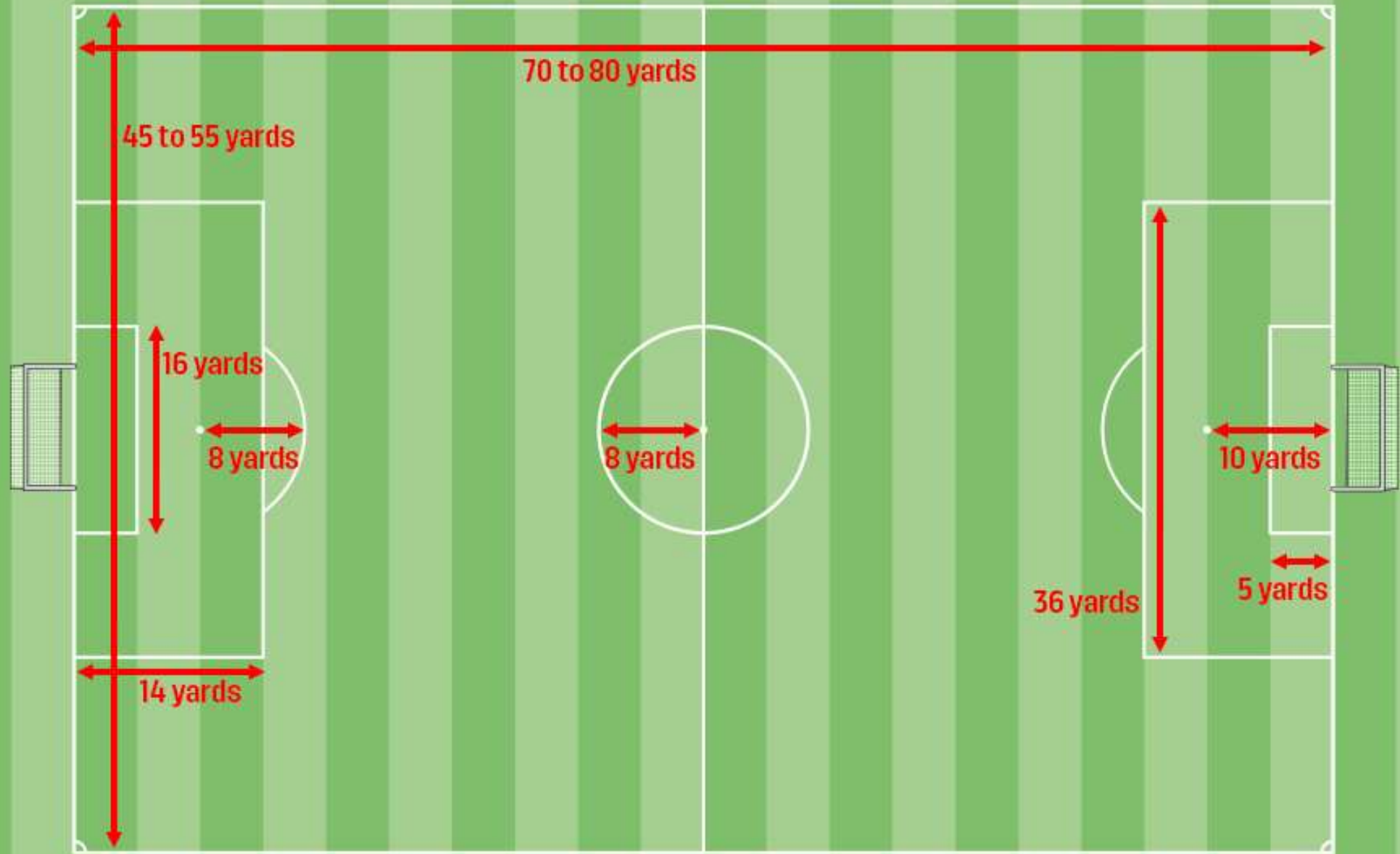


# PDI Mandate: 9 v 9

- 11U and 12U
- Size 4
- No Build-Out Line
- No Heading
- No Punting



# PDI Mandate: 9 v 9



Goal Size: Up to 7 feet (height) x 21 feet (width)



# PDI Feedback

- US Soccer wants hard data
- Ball in play time
- Ball out of play time
- Number of touches on the ball
- How many touches per player?

# Concussion Protocol



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# Concussion Protocol

- Same AYSO Training Requirements (Varies by state.)
- Maintain current CDC protocols
- Large Tournaments Require Trained Medical Staff
- Health Care Professional must release player to return
- Recommend US Soccer Video

# Transition

Over Time

- Goal Sizes
- Field Sizes





# Transition

MY2017

- Registration
- Rosters
- 4v4 - 6U/7U/8U
- Buildout Lines
- Modified LOTG



# Primary Objective



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## Primary Objective

Apply  
Rule #1 and  
Rule #2













# Thank You!

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# Thank you for attending!



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