

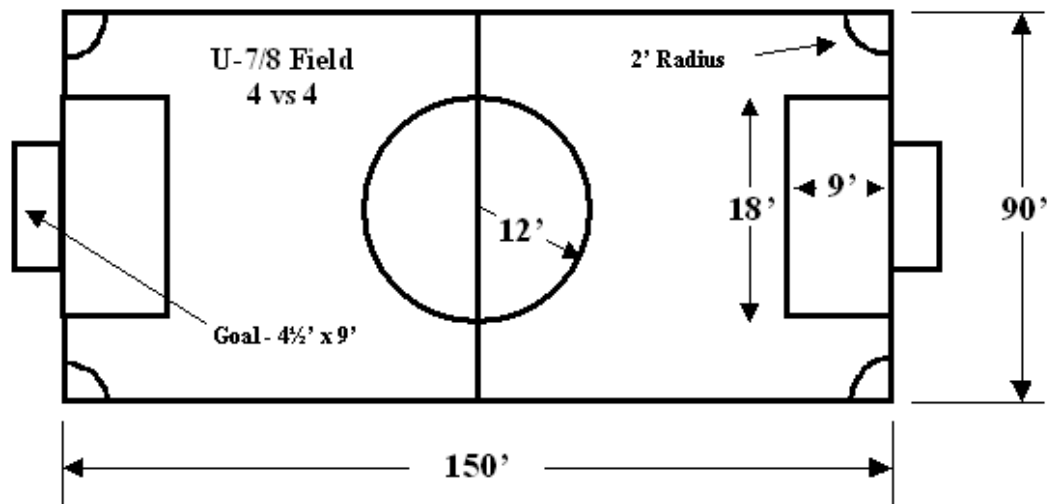
# AYSO AREA 1F Spring League Rules

## The Field:

The field size for 8U games is 50 yards long, 25 yards wide (max).

## The Markings:

Distinctive lines are recommended. The halfway line is the width of the field, marked equidistant between the goal lines. Center circle with a six-yard radius in the center of the field. Corner arcs with a one-yard radius at each corner of the field. Goal area in front of each goal measuring 6 x 12 yards.



## The Goals:

Maximum six feet high and six yards wide.

## The Ball:

A size 3 ball is used for U8 games.

## The Players:

There will be 7 players per team on field. Substitutions are between periods, at halftime and for injuries. Playing time is a minimum of two periods per game and no player should play four periods until everyone has played three.

## Player Equipment:

Shoes and shin guards, covered by the socks, are mandatory at all practice and game activities. Soccer shoes, tennis shoes, or similar type athletic shoes are recommended. The type and condition of cleated shoes must be inspected for safety before use.

## Duration of Game:

Four 10-minute periods. Halftime break of 5-10 minutes.

## The Start of Play:

The game should be started with a kick-off in the middle of the field.

### **The Kick-off:**

A coin toss is used to determine which team kicks off to start the game and the other team kicks off to start the second half. Opponents must be six yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

Goals will not be recognized from a kick-off. If the ball crosses the goal line and into the goal directly from a kick-off, the restart shall be a goal kick.

### **Fouls & Misconduct**

- **Any RED CARDS for Parents, Assistant Coaches, or Coaches will result in a team forfeit. NO EXEMPTIONS**
- The coaches will assess direct free kicks for all fouls, with the opponents six yards away from the ball.
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- Free kicks are awarded the attacking team inside the defending team's goal area should be taken from the nearest point on the goal area line in front of the goal
- There are **no penalty kicks**. Referees will work cooperatively with the coaches and eliminate the need for cautions and send-offs. Do not show yellow or red cards

### **8U Officials:**

- AYSO certified 8U Officials or higher are required for 8U games.
- The 8U Official should briefly explain any infringements to the player(s) and encourage proper play and sporting behavior.
- As with all games, every effort should be made to keep the game moving and free from stoppages for doubtful infractions. Let them play and enjoy.

### **Game Play**

- No scores or standings will be kept.
- This League is designed to give Fall AYSO players additional opportunities to play soccer, develop their skills, and bond with their friends and teammates in their Region, thereby further promoting the objectives of the Program.
- Above all, the 8U Spring League will emphasize good sportsmanship.
- No playoff games will be held at the end of the League.