

# **SYSA City Tournament**

## **Special Rules for U11 and U12 Games**

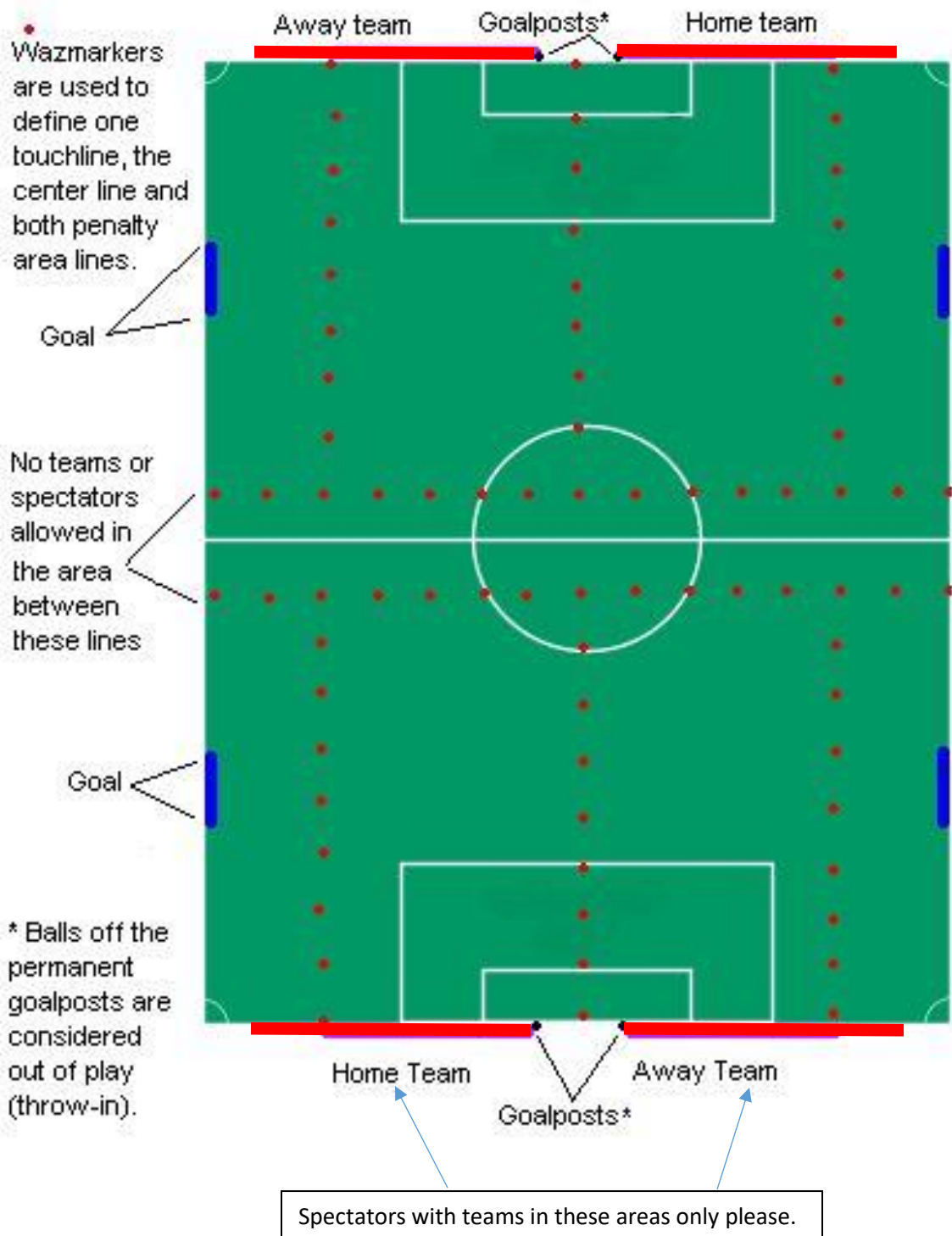
All games will be conducted according to “The rules of the Game” as published by FIFA and the “Small Sided Rules” published by Washington Youth Soccer. Because U11 and U12 require a smaller size field, we are adopting these field setup guidelines for all City Tournament games. Coaches are encouraged to print out these rules and bring them to all games as a reference. We realize it is hard to achieve precision when setting up the field. **Please cooperate and coordinate with the opposing coach and the match officials in setting up the field.**

- **Fields** – U11 and U12 games will be played at Jefferson, Washington Park, Van Asselt, Whitman, Shoreline A/B, Interbay, Eckstein, and Lower Woodland #2 playfields, with games running across the width of the field (except Jefferson). Field sizes will vary. Goals will be 6.5 x 18 feet at all fields.
- **Field Setup** (see diagrams below) – The penalty area and goal box should be marked with **disks provided by and placed by the teams playing the match**. Coaches should agree on this placement, and coordinate with the match official.

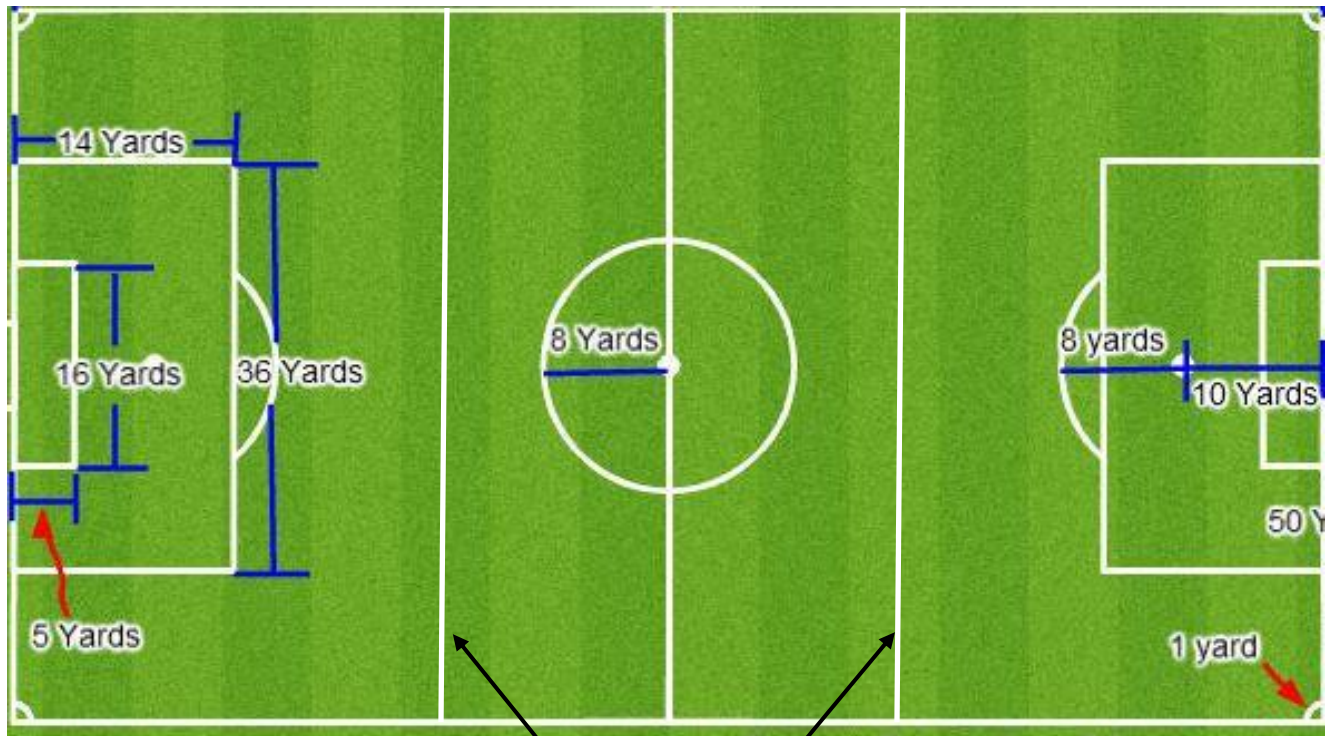
The touchline of the field should be marked 5 yards from the full-size field center line, thereby creating a buffer of 10 yards between the adjacent fields. **No persons shall enter the buffer zone other than the referees or players making throw-ins.** All discs will be removed at the completion of the match.

- **Center Circle** – There will be no center circle marked. The referee will place the ball for center play when necessary.
- **Coaching and Spectator Areas** – **Spectators and teams are not allowed in the buffer area between the two adjoining fields.** Both teams should always be on the same side of the field, on the touchline with the permanent goals. It really helps the referees when there are no spectators or teams between fields. Spectator should also stay clear of the field corners and not interfere with corner kicks.
- **Game Protests** – No protest will be accepted regarding the field of play, goal size, or referees’ discretion on the placement of the ball.
- **Build Out Line for U11 Games** – The Build Out Line and rules will be in effect for U11 games only, not for U12 games.

# SYSA City Tournament U11 and U12 Field Setup



Please use the dimensions below for laying out the fields.



The **Build Out Line** is halfway between the penalty area line and the center line. The BOL is used for U11 games only.