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Markings on the field	Minimum Dimensions	Maximum Dimensions
Field Size	(W) 35 x (L) 55 yards	(W) 45 x (L) 65 yards
Goals	Maximum: 18.5 x 6.5 feet 12 x 6.5 feet recommended	
Center circle	8 yards in radius	
Penalty Area	12 x 24 yards	
Goal Area	4 x 8 yards	
Penalty Spot	10 yards and perpendicular from the midpoint of the goal line	
Penalty Arc	8 yards radius from the penalty spot	
Build out lines	Build out lines should be equidistant between the penalty area line and halfway line (can be marked with painted line, cones, or flags placed on sidelines)	
Restarts	<p>Conform to FIFA with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least six (86) yards from the ball. Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any stoppage</p> <p>Restarts with Build out line: When the goalkeeper has the ball in his/her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play. Once opposing team is behind the line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw, or roll the ball into play (punts and drop kicks are not allowed) After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal. The opposing team must also move behind the build out line during a goal kick until the ball is put into play. If the goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the punt or kick occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred. Ideally, the goalkeeper will wait to put the ball into play once all opponents are past the build out line. However, the goalkeeper can put the ball into play sooner but he/she does so accepting the positioning of the opponents and the consequences of how play resume</p>	
Offside	<p>The FIFA Offside Rule shall apply. The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and the goal line.</p>	
Duration of Match (Law 7)	<p>2 halves 25 minute halves 10 min halftime No added time</p>	
Ball Size (Law 2)	Size 4	
Number of Players (Law 3)	<p>See STYSA Rule 6.1.1 7v7 (6 field players and 1 goalkeeper) Game may not start or continue if there are less than 5 players on a team</p>	
Heading	<p>Heading is not allowed in 7v7 games. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.</p>	

	If a deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.
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**SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:**

**Provide justification for the proposed change**

General Rules of Play: 6.0-6.1.2.

Specific to the 7v7 game format  
Table 6.1.3(C)

Current rules are included in this proposal as there are multiple corrections/updates that are required by ALL US SOCCER MEMBERS to meet US Soccer Player Development Initiatives. The PDIs went into effect nationwide on August 1, 2016 for all US Soccer members.

The implementation of the Build out line for this playing format (7v7) is clearly indicated as a key piece of player development initiative. Applying the build outline and the rules surrounding how to start possession from the goalkeeper as well as defend as an important component to this rule change proposal. Note that the the build out line is reinforced through all US Soccer Coaching Education programs for all coaches working within this age group. This PDI has shown through establish research to directly improve the 7v7 player's decision-making and technical skills. This shouldn't be necessary when considering to adopt this build out line as this rule is required of all USSF members for the 7v7 format but serves as a reminder to the "why" for this PDI.

This STYSA document requires updating to be in compliance with the US Soccer Player Development Initiative Mandates which went into effect on August 1, 2017. Our STYSA rules are out of date and inaccurate. Many of these US Soccer rules have already been implemented and are being used throughout South Texas but our rules document has not been updated to reflect the new mandate.

STYSA implemented most of these changes in August 2016 under the guidance of USYS so the need for updating our documents is important at this summer GBM as we are already out of compliance. Updating our rules provides our members additional clarity and allows for consistency.

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**Rules Committee Recommendation:** The Committee recommends approval.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** The Executive Committee recommends passage.