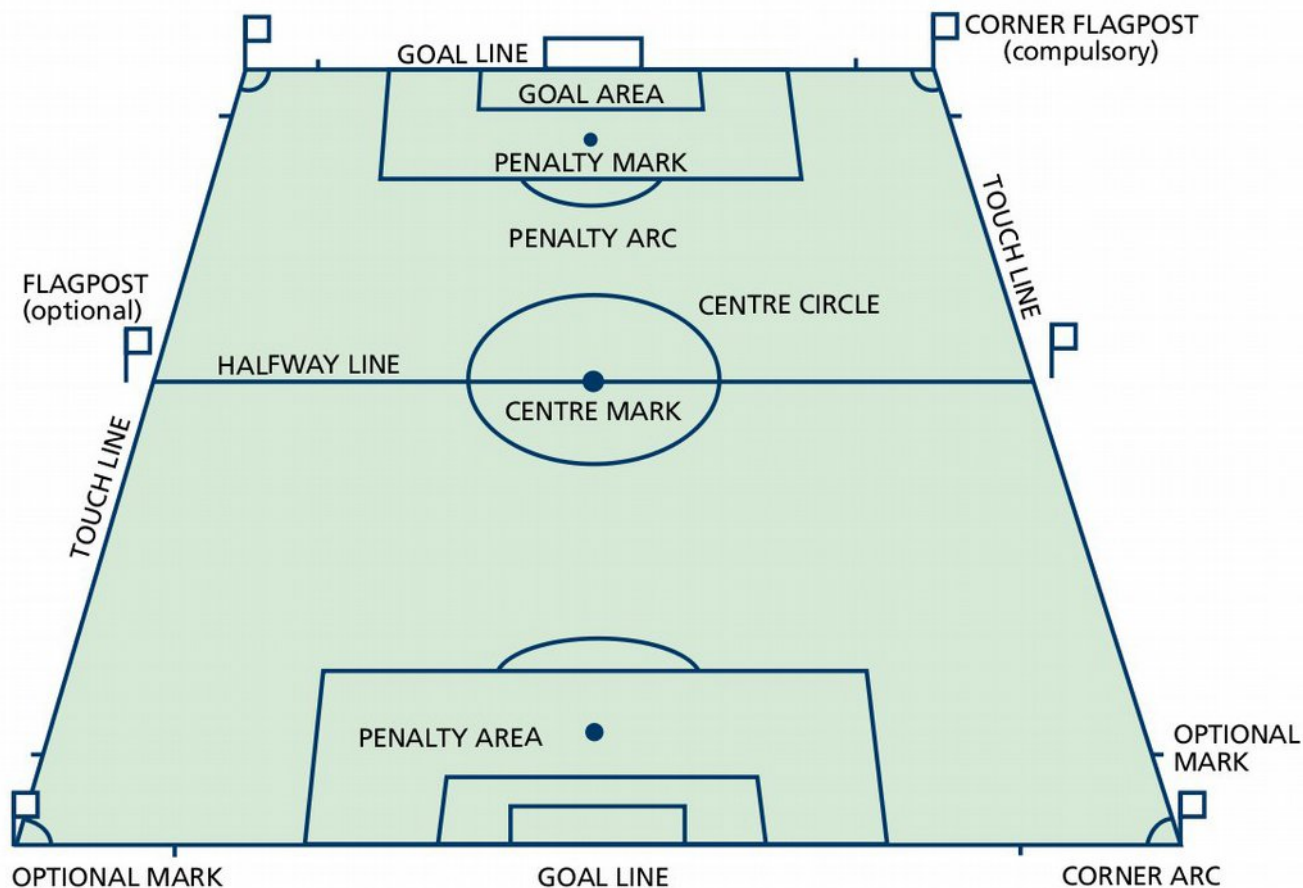


Field of Play



Source: FIFA 2014-15 Laws of the Game, page 12.

Throw-In¹

A throw-in is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball when the whole of the ball crosses the touch line, either on the ground or in the air.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.

Goal Kick²

A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the attacking team, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, but only against the opposing team.

¹ FIFA 2014-15 Laws of the Game, Law 15, pg 48.

² FIFA 2014-15 Laws of the Game, Law 16, pg 50.

Corner Kick³

A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the defending team, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team.

Substitutions⁴

For U7 and above, prior permission of the referee is required in order to make any substitution at any time, except at the resumption of play after the half-time break:

- ** On a throw-in (by the team in possession)
- ** On a goal kick (by either team)
- ** After any goal (by either team)
- ** After any stoppage of play for an injury (by either team)
- ** At half time (by either team)
- ** After a caution (the player receiving the caution)

U7/U8⁵

With younger ages, some rules are changed/omitted. For U7/U8 play, key changes to the game include:

- * 4v4 (10 minute quarters) or 5v5 (12 minute quarters)
- * no goalkeeper (CAYSA rule 7.1.2(a))
- * no penalty area (STYSA rule 6.3.3.7, if playing 4v4)
- * there are no offside violations (CAYSA rule 7.1.2(d))
- * there are no direct kicks for fouls (STYSA rule 6.3.3.10(b))

Players on the field may play anywhere on the field. Since there are no offside violations, they may play without fear of game stoppage. Game stoppage due to position of players should occur under these conditions:

- * a defensive player has encroached during a throwin (2 yards), or
- * a defensive player has encroached during a goal kick (5 yards), or
- * a defensive player has encroached during a corner kick (5 yards), or
- * a defensive player has encroached during an indirect kick (5 yards), or
- * a defensive player has encroached during a kickoff (inside the center circle).

3 FIFA 2014-15 Laws of the Game, Law 17, pg 52.

4 <http://dsyasoccer.light.sportspilot.com/Portals/984/Documents/DSYSA-Amended-Rules-Feb2015.pdf>

5 http://dsyasoccer.light.sportspilot.com/Portals/984/Documents/RuleInterpretationsforDSYSA_Soccer.pdf

U9/U10

For U9/U10 play, key changes to the game include:

- * 6v6 (25 minute halves).

Note at this level and beyond, offside is in effect. The goalkeeper is introduced at this level of play.

U11/U12

- * 8v8 (30 minute halves)

U9+

For U9 and above, kicks are awarded or re-taken in the event of these positional events:

- * an offside violation has occurred, or
- * a defensive player has encroached during a throw-in (2 yards)⁶, or
- * a defensive player has encroached during a goal kick (in penalty area)⁷, or
- * a defensive player has encroached during a corner kick (10 yards)⁸, or
- * a defensive player has encroached during a direct or indirect kick (10 yards)⁹, or
- * a defensive player has encroached during a kickoff (inside the center circle), or
- * any player has encroached during a penalty kick (in penalty area, or inside penalty arc)¹⁰.

Resources

FIFA:

<http://www.fifa.com/aboutfifa/footballdevelopment/technicalsupport/refereeing/lawsofthegame/>

US SOCCER:

<http://www.ussoccer.com/referees/lawsofthegame>

US YOUTH SOCCER:

<http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/coaches/PolicyonPlayersandPlayingRules/>

STYSA (Section 6):

http://www.stxsoccer.org/Publications/Publications/index_E.html

CAYSA (Section 7):

<http://caysa.org/page.php?p=13>

DSYSA:

<http://dsyasoccer.light.sportspilot.com/Portals/984/Documents/DSYSA-Amended-Rules-Feb2015.pdf>

6 FIFA 2014-15 Laws of the Game, Law 15, pg 48.

7 FIFA 2014-15 Laws of the Game, Law 16, pg 50.

8 FIFA 2014-15 Laws of the Game, Law 17, pg 52.

9 FIFA 2014-15 Laws of the Game, Law 13, pg 41.

10 FIFA 2014-15 Laws of the Game, Law 14, pg 44.