



OXFORDSHIRE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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The OYFL runs age groups from Under 7 through to Under 21.

Under 7 to Under 11 age groups are classed as “development” which means that results and match statistics are recorded in Full-Time but results and tables are not published and clubs/teams/individuals must not publish results nor tables from these age groups (see under **social media rules** and **finances**) apart from Trophy Events.

Under 12 and upwards are classed as “competitive” age groups, which means that results and match statistics are recorded, and results and tables are published. These age groups also take part in **County Cup** competitions run by their parent County FA – these are separate to League fixtures, but take priority when there is a clash of fixtures.

The following table shows a summary of a typical season for each age group

Age	All Season League	Autumn League	Autumn Trophy Event	KO Cup *	Winter/Spring League	Spring Trophy Event	
Rising Stars	x	x	x	x	tbc	x	Central venue
U7	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	development
U8	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	development
U9	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	development
U10	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	development
U11	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	development
U12	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	
U13	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	
U14	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	
U15	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	
U16	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	
U17	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	
U18	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	
U18-U21	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	

* seeded competitions in each age group depending on number of teams (e.g. Cup, Trophy, Shield, Plate)

Table 1. Competition guide, by age group



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Quick Guide

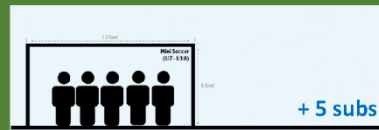
OYFL QUICK GUIDE TO AGE FORMATS

The following is intended as a quick reference guide and should be read alongside the rules of the League regarding pitch sizes, matchday squad sizes, number of substitutes and ball sizes.

Under 7 – Under 8



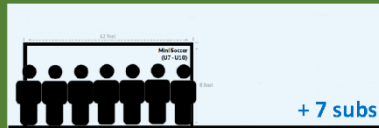
40 yards x 30 yards



Under 9 – Under 10



60 yards x 40 yards



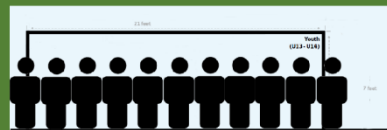
Under 11 – Under 12



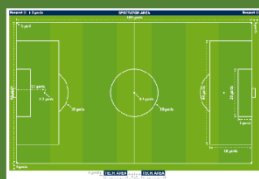
80 yards x 50 yards



Under 13 – Under 14



Under 15 – Under 21



Pitch sizes for Under 13 up to Under 21 vary – see League Rules for minimum and maximum sizes for each age group.



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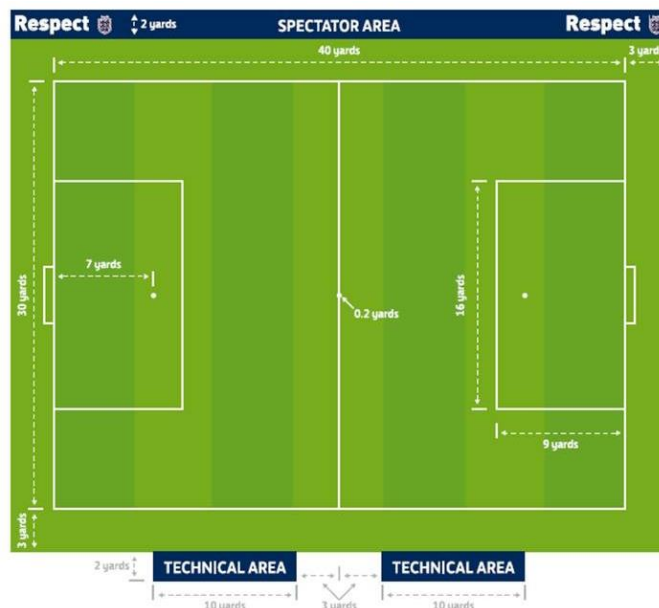
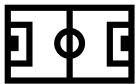
Under 7 - Under 8

Details



Format:	5 v 5
Registered Squad:	14 registered players maximum
Matchday Squad:	10 players maximum
Minimum Number:	4 players (required to play a match)
Matchday:	Saturday
Match Duration:	20 mins each way/ 10 mins per quarter
Match ball:	Size 3
Goal size:	12 ft x 6 ft
Pitch size:	40 yds x 30 yds (League recommended) 30 yds x 20 yds (FA minimum) 40 yds x 30 yds (FA maximum)
4 corner posts and flags	required
Respect barrier (designated spectator area)	required on one side of pitch (can be official barrier, cones, or painted line)
two Technical Areas	required on other side of the pitch

Pitch markings




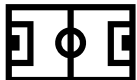
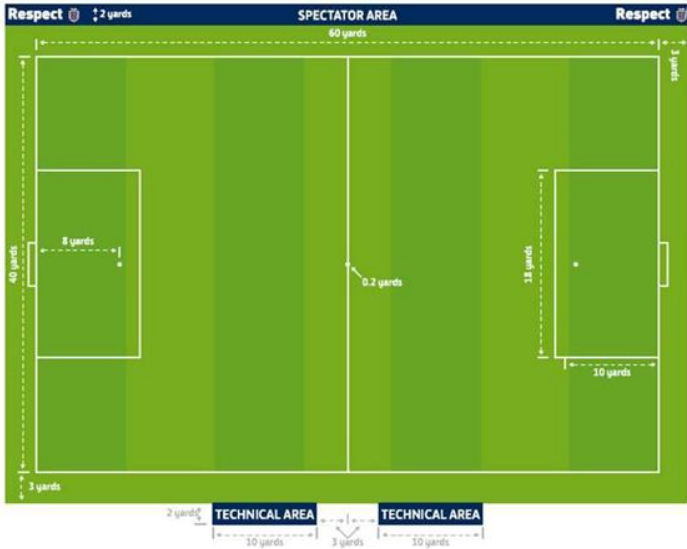
Goal area:	not required
Penalty area:	16 yds x 9 yds
Penalty Mark:	7 yds
Penalty Arc:	not required
Centre Mark:	required
Centre Circle:	not required
Corner Arcs:	not required



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Under 9 – Under 10

Details 	Format:	7 v 7
	Registered Squad:	14 registered players maximum
	Matchday Squad:	14 players maximum
	Minimum Number:	5 players (required to play a match)
	Matchday:	Saturday
	Match Duration:	25 mins each way/ 12.5 mins per quarter
	Match ball:	Size 3
	Goal size:	12 ft x 6 ft
	Pitch size:	60 yds x 40 yds (League recommended) 50 yds x 30 yds (FA minimum) 60 yds x 40 yds (FA maximum)
	4 corner posts and flags	required
	Respect barrier (designated spectator area)	required on one side of pitch (can be official barrier, cones, or painted line)
two Technical Areas	required on other side of the pitch	
Pitch markings 		
	Goal area:	not required
	Penalty area:	18 yds x 10 yds
	Penalty Mark:	8 yds
	Penalty Arc:	not required
	Centre Mark:	required
	Centre Circle:	not required
	Corner Arcs:	not required



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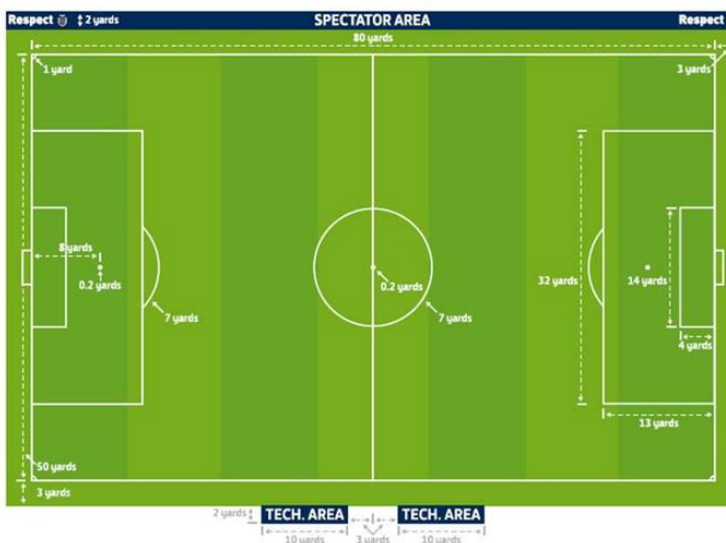
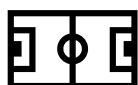
Under 11 – Under 12

Details



Format:	9 v 9
Registered Squad:	18 registered players maximum
Matchday Squad:	14 players maximum
Minimum Number:	6 players (required to play a match)
Matchday:	Sunday
Match Duration:	30 minutes each way
Match ball:	Size 4
Goal size:	16 ft x 7 ft
Pitch size:	80 yds x 50 yds (League recommended) 70 yds x 40 yds (FA minimum) 80 yds x 50 yds (FA maximum)
4 corner posts and flags	required (halfway posts/flags optional)
Respect barrier (designated spectator area)	required on one side of pitch (can be official barrier, cones, or painted line)
two Technical Areas	required on other side of the pitch

Pitch markings




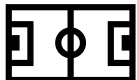
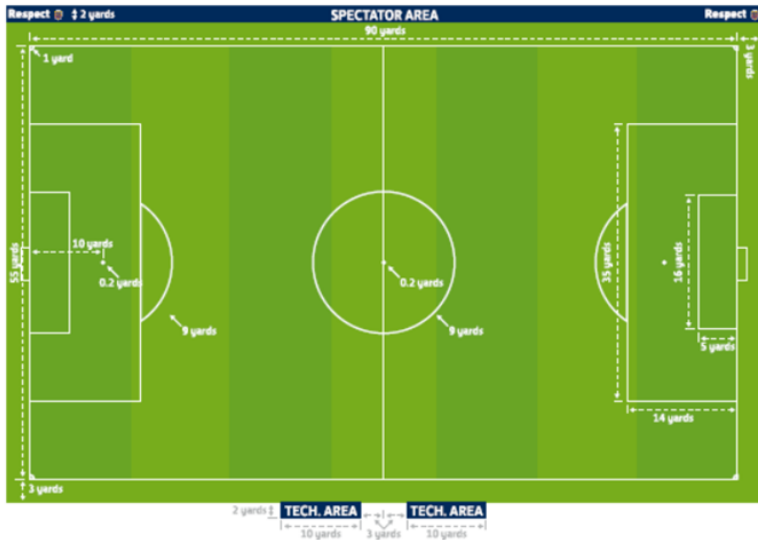
Goal area:	14 yds x 4 yds
Penalty area:	32 yds x 13 yds
Penalty Mark:	9 yds
Penalty Arc:	7 yd radius
Centre Mark:	required
Centre Circle:	7 yd radius
Corner Arcs:	1 yd radius



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Details 	Format:	11 v 11
	Registered Squad:	18 registered players maximum
	Matchday Squad:	16 players maximum
	Minimum Number:	7 players (required to play a match)
	Matchday:	Sunday
	Match Duration:	35 minutes each way
	Match ball:	Size 4
	Goal size:	21 ft x 7 ft or 24 ft x 8 ft
	Pitch size:	90 yds x 55 yds (League recommended) 90 yds x 50 yds (FA minimum) 100 yds x 60 yds (FA maximum)
	4 corner posts and flags	required (halfway posts/flags optional)
	Respect barrier (designated spectator area)	required on one side of pitch (can be official barrier, cones, or painted line)
	two Technical Areas	required on other side of the pitch
Pitch markings 		
	Goal area:	16 yds x 5 yds
	Penalty area:	35 yds x 14 yds
	Penalty Mark:	10 yds
	Penalty Arc:	9 yd radius
	Centre Mark:	required
	Centre Circle:	9 yd radius
	Corner Arcs:	1 yd radius
<i>If venue does not have space for a reduced size pitch, then use of standard 11v11 pitch is permitted</i>		



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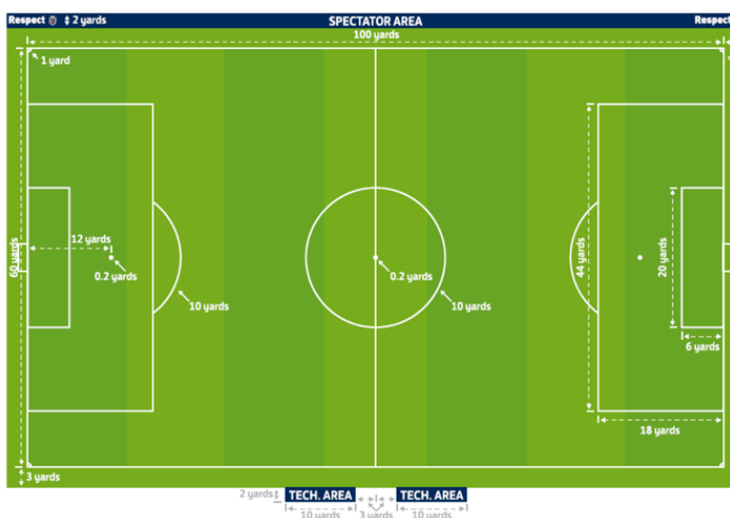
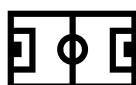
Under 15 – Under 16

Details



Format:	11 v 11
Registered Squad:	21 registered players maximum
Matchday Squad:	16 players maximum
Minimum Number:	7 players (required to play a match)
Matchday:	Sunday
Match Duration:	40 minutes each way
Match ball:	Size 5
Goal size:	24 ft x 8 ft
Pitch size:	100 yds x 60 yds (League recommended) 90 yds x 50 yds (FA minimum) 110 yds x 70 yds (FA maximum)
4 corner posts and flags	required (halfway posts/flags optional)
Respect barrier (designated spectator area)	required on one side of pitch (can be official barrier, cones, or painted line)
two Technical Areas	required on other side of the pitch

Pitch markings



Goal area:	20 yds x 6 yds
Penalty area:	44 yds x 18 yds
Penalty Mark:	12 yds
Penalty Arc:	10 yd radius
Centre Mark:	required
Centre Circle:	10 yd radius
Corner Arcs:	1 yd radius



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Under 17 – Under 21

<p>Details</p> 	Format:	11 v 11
	Registered Squad:	22 registered players maximum
	Matchday Squad:	16 players maximum
	Minimum Number:	7 players (required to play a match)
	Matchday:	Sunday
	Match Duration:	45 minutes each way
	Match ball:	Size 5
	Goal size:	24 ft x 8 ft
	Pitch size:	110 yds x 70 yds (League recommended) 100 yds x 50 yds (FA minimum) 130 yds x 100 yds (FA maximum)
	4 corner posts and flags	required (halfway posts/flags optional)
	Respect barrier (designated spectator area)	required on one side of pitch (can be official barrier, cones, or painted line)
	two Technical Areas	required on other side of the pitch
<p>Pitch markings</p> 		
	Goal area:	20 yds x 6 yds
	Penalty area:	44 yds x 18 yds
	Penalty Mark:	12 yds
	Penalty Arc:	10 yd radius
	Centre Mark:	required
	Centre Circle:	10 yd radius
	Corner Arcs:	1 yd radius



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Version history

1.0	Original document	14 Aug 20
1.1	2021-2022 season updates (U7-U10 playing times and halves/quarters)	05 Sep 21