



# OXFORDSHIRE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Age Formats

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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	
<b>Rising Stars</b>	x	x	x	x	tbc	x	Central venue
<b>U7</b>	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	development
<b>U8</b>	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	development
<b>U9</b>	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	development
<b>U10</b>	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	development
<b>U11</b>	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	development
<b>U12</b>	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	
<b>U13</b>	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	
<b>U14</b>	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	
<b>U15</b>	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	
<b>U16</b>	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	
<b>U17</b>	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	
<b>U18</b>	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	
<b>U18-U21</b>	✓	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

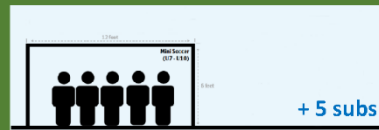
#### OYFL QUICK GUIDE TO AGE FORMATS

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



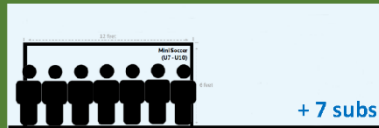
40 yards x 30 yards



##### Under 9 – Under 10



60 yards x 40 yards



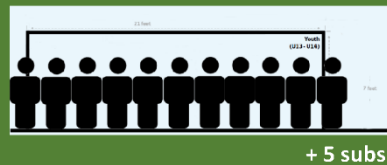
##### Under 11 – Under 12



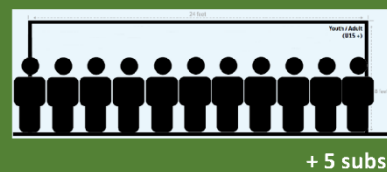
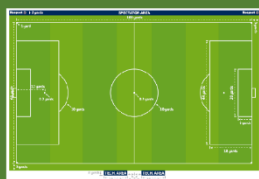
80 yards x 50 yards



##### 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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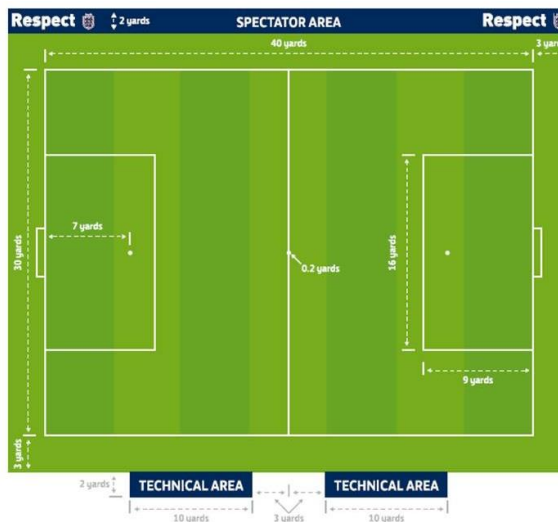
### Under 7 - Under 8

#### Details



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

#### Pitch markings



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



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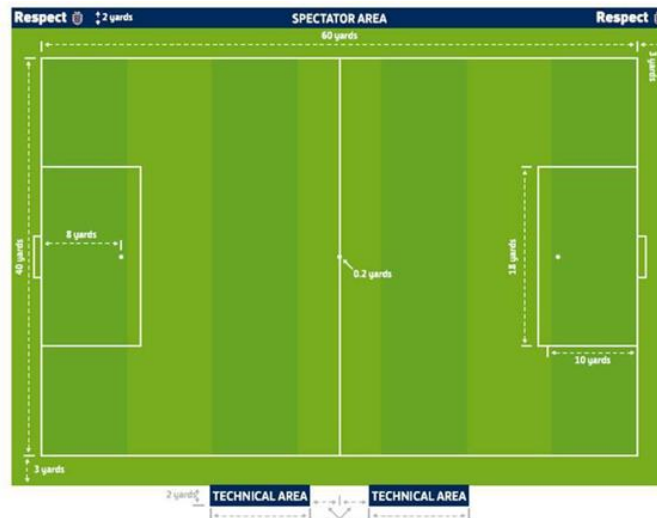
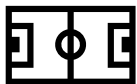
### Under 9 – Under 10

#### Details



<b>Format:</b>	<b>7 v 7</b>
<b>Registered Squad:</b>	<b>14</b> registered players maximum
<b>Matchday Squad:</b>	<b>14</b> players maximum
<b>Minimum Number:</b>	<b>5</b> players (required to play a match)
<b>Matchday:</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Match Duration:</b>	<b>25</b> mins each way/ <b>12.5</b> mins per quarter
<b>Match ball:</b>	Size <b>3</b>
<b>Goal size:</b>	<b>12 ft x 6 ft</b>
<b>Pitch size:</b>	<b>60 yds x 40 yds (League recommended)</b> 50 yds x 30 yds (FA minimum) 60 yds x 40 yds (FA maximum)
<b>4 corner posts and flags</b>	<b>required</b>
<b>Respect barrier</b> (designated spectator area)	<b>required</b> on one side of pitch (can be official barrier, cones, or painted line)
<b>two Technical Areas</b>	<b>required</b> on other side of the pitch
<b>Power Play option available for managers to use.</b>	

#### Pitch markings



<b>Goal area:</b>	not required
<b>Penalty area:</b>	<b>18 yds x 10 yds</b>
<b>Penalty Mark:</b>	<b>8 yds</b>
<b>Penalty Arc:</b>	not required
<b>Centre Mark:</b>	<b>required</b>
<b>Centre Circle:</b>	not required
<b>Corner Arcs:</b>	not required





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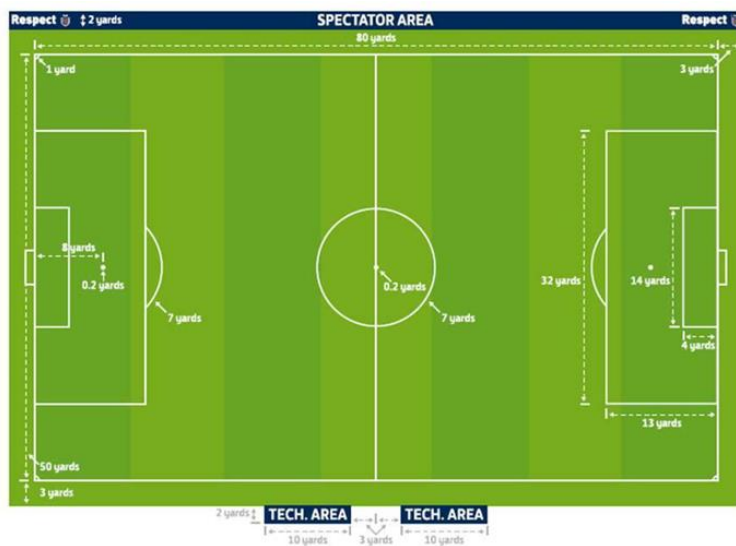
### Under 11 – Under 12

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

#### Pitch markings



<b>Goal area:</b>	<b>14 yds x 4 yds</b>
<b>Penalty area:</b>	<b>32 yds x 13 yds</b>
<b>Penalty Mark:</b>	<b>9 yds</b>
<b>Penalty Arc:</b>	<b>7 yd radius</b>
<b>Centre Mark:</b>	<b>required</b>
<b>Centre Circle:</b>	<b>7 yd radius</b>
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### Under 13 – Under 14

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



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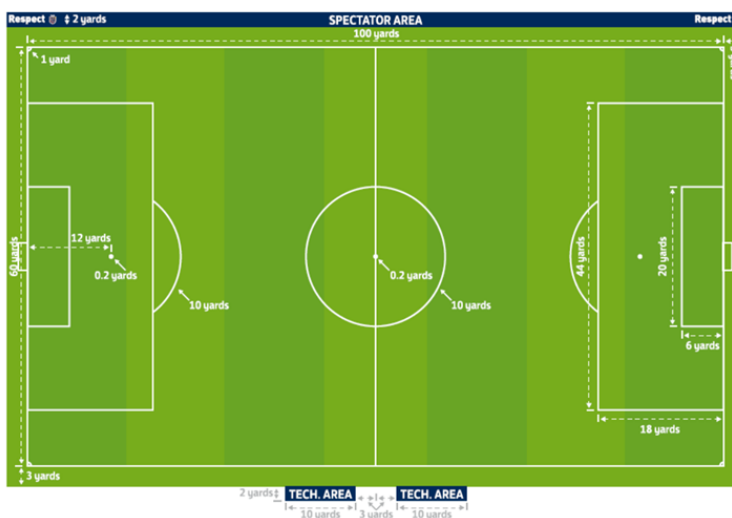
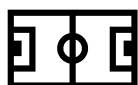
### Under 15 – Under 16

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

#### Pitch markings




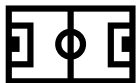
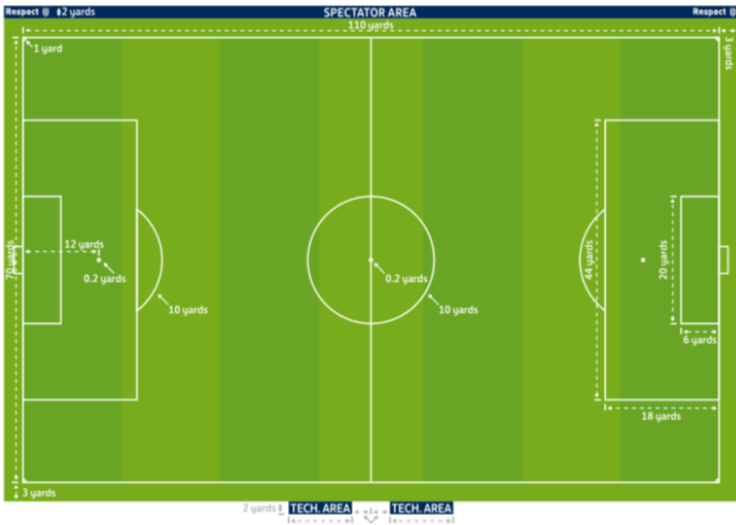
<b>Goal area:</b>	<b>20 yds x 6 yds</b>
<b>Penalty area:</b>	<b>44 yds x 18 yds</b>
<b>Penalty Mark:</b>	<b>12 yds</b>
<b>Penalty Arc:</b>	<b>10 yd radius</b>
<b>Centre Mark:</b>	<b>required</b>
<b>Centre Circle:</b>	<b>10 yd radius</b>
<b>Corner Arcs:</b>	<b>1 yd radius</b>



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### Under 17 – Under 21

<b>Details</b> 	<b>Format:</b>	<b>11 v 11</b>
	<b>Registered Squad:</b>	<b>25</b> registered players maximum
	<b>Matchday Squad:</b>	<b>16</b> players maximum
	<b>Minimum Number:</b>	<b>7</b> players (required to play a match)
	<b>Matchday:</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
	<b>Match Duration:</b>	<b>45</b> minutes each way
	<b>Match ball:</b>	Size 5
	<b>Goal size:</b>	<b>24 ft x 8 ft</b>
	<b>Pitch size:</b>	<b>110 yds x 70 yds (League recommended)</b> 100 yds x 50 yds (FA minimum) 130 yds x 100 yds (FA maximum)
	<b>4 corner posts and flags</b>	<b>required (halfway posts/flags optional)</b>
	<b>Respect barrier</b> (designated spectator area)	<b>required</b> on one side of pitch (can be official barrier, cones, or painted line)
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<b>Pitch markings</b> 		
	<b>Goal area:</b>	<b>20 yds x 6 yds</b>
	<b>Penalty area:</b>	<b>44 yds x 18 yds</b>
	<b>Penalty Mark:</b>	<b>12 yds</b>
	<b>Penalty Arc:</b>	<b>10 yd radius</b>
	<b>Centre Mark:</b>	<b>required</b>
	<b>Centre Circle:</b>	<b>10 yd radius</b>
	<b>Corner Arcs:</b>	<b>1 yd radius</b>





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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
1.2	2022-2023 season updates (increase in registration numbers U13-U21)	26 Jun 22