

AYSO Region 624 Basic Referee Course



Module 4 Starting the Game

Number of Players on Field

Division	AYSO Region 624	AYSO Suggested	Minimum # of Players
U5 & U6*	4	3	
U8	7	5	
U10	7	7	5
U12	11	9	7
U14	11	11	7
U16-U19	11	11	7

* No Goalkeepers in U5 & U6



The Kick-Off

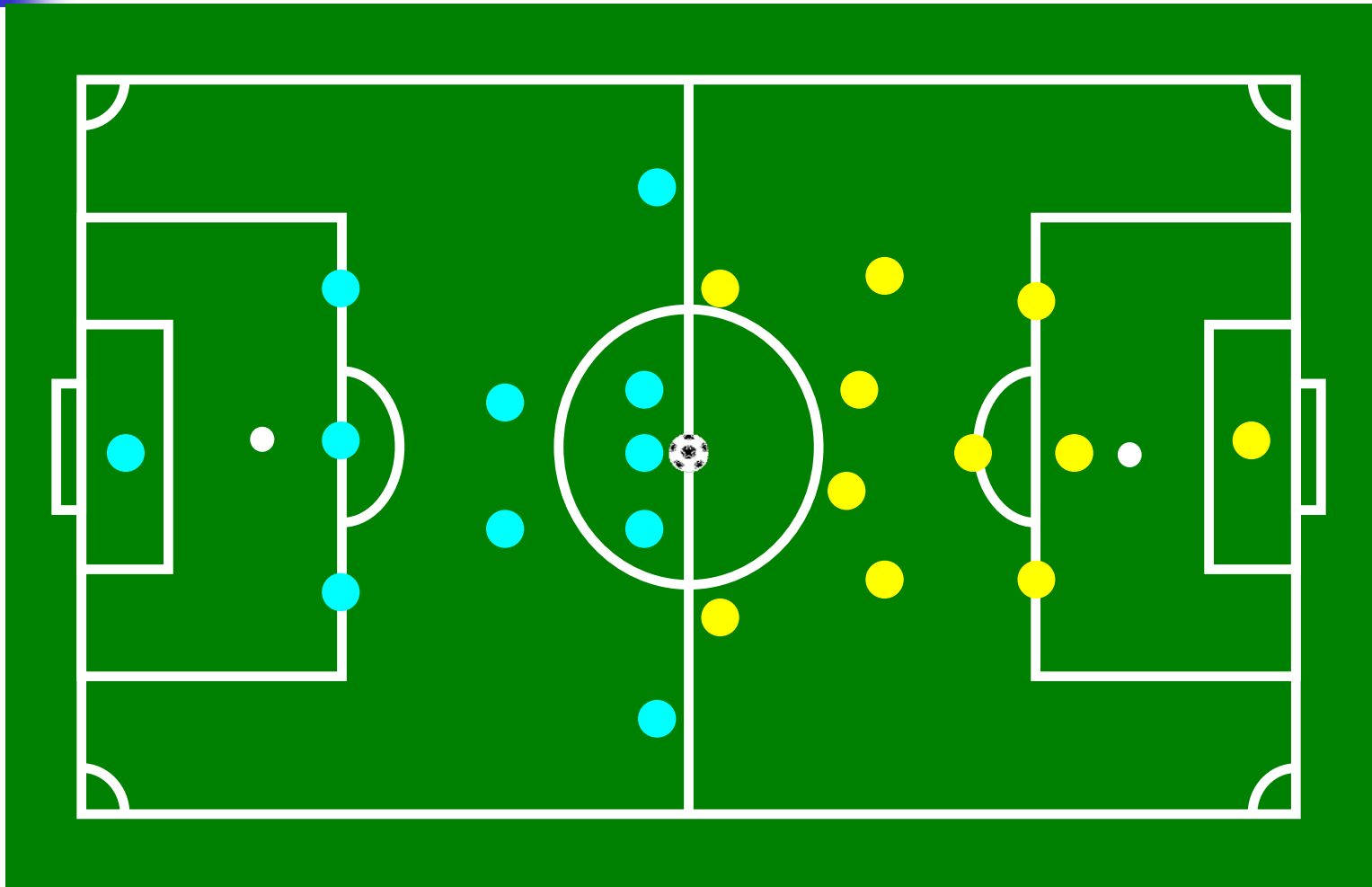
- Play starts with a kick-off
 - At the beginning of each half
 - After each goal
 - A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off.
- The referee should silently count to be certain that each team has the correct number of players on the field before blowing the whistle to signal the ball may be kicked.



Kick-off Procedure

- Players must be in their own half of the field.
- Opponents must also be outside the center circle until the ball is kicked.
- The kicking team may have any number of players in the circle.
- The ball is stationary.
- The referee signals for the start of play.
- The ball is in play when it is kicked forward.
- If kickoff starts a half, referee starts the time as soon as the ball is in play.

Kick-Off





Kick-Off Infringements

- If the kick-off is not taken correctly, it must be retaken.
 - If the ball is not kicked forward (backwards).
 - If the defending team enters the kick-off circle before the ball is put in play.
- After the kicker puts the ball in play, he/she may not touch the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player. If he does touch the ball a 2nd time, the opponents get an indirect free kick from the spot of the 2nd touch.



Keeping Time

- Referee keeps the official game time. Ask assistant referees to back you up on time.
- The watch starts when the kick-off is properly completed.
- In Region 624, time runs continuously for the entire half, including substitutions which occur about halfway through each half. Most official lineup cards list game lengths.



Length of Game by Division

Division	Total Game Time	Halves
U19	90 minutes	45 minutes
U16	80 minutes	40 minutes
U14	70 minutes	35 minutes
U12	60 minutes	30 minutes
U10	50 minutes	25 minutes
U8	40 minutes	20 minutes
U5 & U6	30 minutes	15 minutes

Most official AYSO Game Cards list the time on the back