

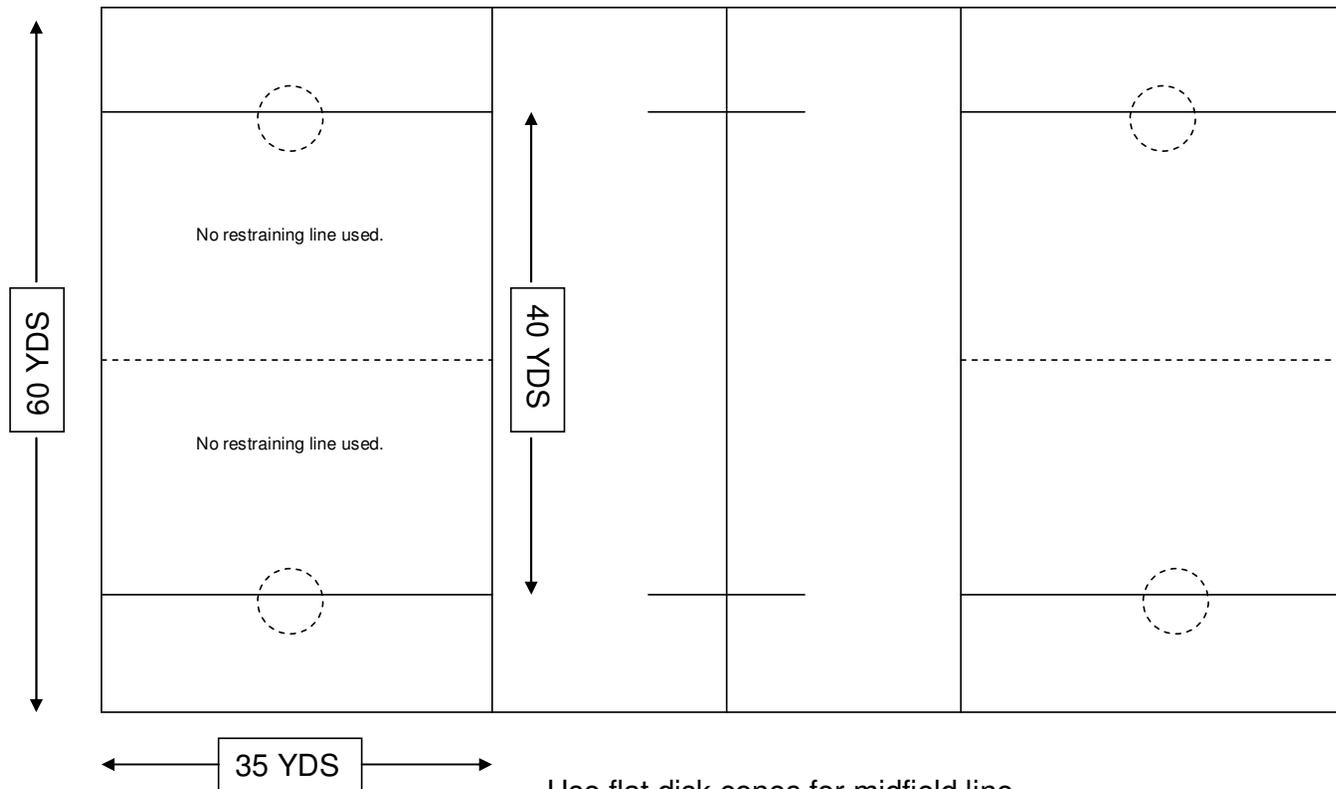


#### U-9 Rules:

1. Adopt U-9 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade players, no 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are allowed at U-9, all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders must be placed at the U-11 age group) into MBYLL
2. Each Region votes individually to play either in a 10 v. 10 traditional format or 8 v. 8 (2 Attack, 3 Midfielders, 2 Defense men, 1 Goalie) set up.
3. Field Size would be for 10 v. 10 a regulation size lacrosse field.
4. Field Size for 8 v. 8 would use the approximate dimensions of 60 yards long by 35 yards wide (Diagram Attached on how to turn a full field into a short sided field).
5. Equipment: All players would conform to current MBYLL lacrosse equipment rules requirements (i.e. No Hockey Helmets)
6. All rules used by U-11 will be followed with the following exceptions/additions
  - a. No downward stick checks are allowed, Only Poke Checks and Lifts are acceptable stick checks
  - b. A team must make two attempted passes (they do not need to be completed) in the offensive side of the field prior to being able to shoot.
  - c. If two pass attempts have occurred in the offensive end and the defensive team gains possession of the ball but does not successfully clear the ball before losing possession, the original offensive team does NOT have to attempt any additional passes prior to shooting.
  - d. Regardless of meeting the shooting criteria, AFTER every whistle, at least 1 pass must be attempted prior to shooting (example: Team A attempts their two passes in the offensive end and then takes a shot. Team A backed up the shot for possession. Even though they have attempted their two passes, they still need another pass attempt prior to shooting.)
  - e. Teams can have up to 2 coaches on the field (4 total between the two teams) with the players. If there are two coaches, one must stay on the offensive end and one on the defensive end.
  - f. No time-served penalties. No fast breaks on penalties. Penalties will be explained to all players by the referee during a stoppage and then a change of possession will occur. If a player is deemed to be "out of control," it will be up to the referee and coaches to sit him down until he can continue in the game. If an incident occurs with the same player after he has been sat down once, he will be removed from the game.
  - g. Games will consist of two 25 minute running time halves.
  - h. There will be a 6 game schedule for the U-9 level with their first game scheduled for week 3 of the MBYLL schedule.
  - i. EACH PROGRAM WHO ENTERS A TEAM INTO U-9 MUST HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL AGED OR OLDER INDIVIDUAL BECOME AN ASSOCIATE REFEREE THROUGH THE ASSOCIATE REFEREE PROGRAM OFFERED THROUGH THE EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS LACROSSE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION AND MBYLL.



## 8 v. 8 MBYLL U-9 Field Layout



Use flat disk cones for midfield line.

Painted goal creases are preference but flat cones can be used.

Set up allows for 2 games to be played at once.