

# MINI-PITCH INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS

TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SOCCER IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, THE U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION WORKS WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS NATIONWIDE TO OFFER *SOCCER FOR SUCCESS*, A HIGH-QUALITY AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM, AND TO CREATE SAFE PLACES TO PLAY THE GAME.

## THE MINI-PITCH

In communities where space is at a premium, the U.S. Soccer Foundation developed what we call the mini-pitch. These are small, customized hard court spaces perfectly suited for organized soccer programs and pick-up games. Not only do mini-pitches provide quality playing surfaces for children and adults, they also transform the look and feel of neighborhoods. Below, please find information to help your organization target potential spaces for mini-pitch installation.

BEFORE



AFTER



### MINI-PITCH SITE REQUIREMENTS

- Current concrete/asphalt surface – cannot construct on grass or dirt
- 5,000–7,200 square feet (typically 100–120' long and 50–60' wide)
- Surface is open, flat, acceptable for soccer play and free of major obstructions
- Surface is in a state of good repair, with minimal cracks (1" or less in width) or deviations
- No planned installation on proposed site for a minimum of 6–8 years
- Confirmation that landowner is comfortable with repurposing of space

### MINI-PITCH SITE PREFERENCES

- Targeted mini-pitch space is currently unused or underutilized (common targets are defunct or underutilized tennis/basketball courts, parking lots, or open play spaces)
- Availability for branding/logo placement on mini-pitch surface and potential windscreens
- Potential to host youth development programming, such as the U.S. Soccer Foundation's *Soccer for Success* program
- Accessible to the public for year-round use

For more information on mini-pitch installation and other *Safe Places to Play* initiatives, contact Alex Bard at [abard@ussoccerfoundation.org](mailto:abard@ussoccerfoundation.org) or 202-872-6660.