MINI-PITCH INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS

TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SOCCER AND CREATE POSITIVE, LASTING CHANGE, 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

Mini-pitches are small, customizable, hard-court soccer spaces that are ideal for urban areas and other communities where finding a safe place to play can be difficult. 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 identify potential spaces for a mini-pitch installation.

MINI-PITCH SITE REQUIREMENTS

- Current concrete or asphalt surface (Our mini-pitches are not installed on grass or dirt.)
- 4,000-8,000 square feet
- Current surface is open, flat, free of major obstructions, and has minimal cracks (1” or less in width) or surface deviations
- No planned renovations for proposed mini-pitch area for at least 6 years

MINI-PITCH SITE PREFERENCES

- Space is currently underused (We have had great success repurposing underutilized tennis and basketball courts in addition to sections of parking lots and open hard-court play areas.)
- Landowner open to sponsorship acknowledgment and branding on mini-pitch surface and/or signage
- 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 or 202-872-6660. If you are ready to submit a mini-pitch site for review, please click here.