



Soccer Terms



Goal Kicks

When the ball has completely crossed the goal line after being touched last by the offensive team, it will be put back into play by a kick from the goal area by the defending team. Balls kicked over the end line will result in a goal kick.

Corner Kicks

When the ball has completely crossed the goal line after being touched last by a player from the defensive team, it is put back into play by the attacking team from the corner on the side the ball went out. Balls kicked over the end line by the defending team will result in a corner kick for the opposing team.

Throw-In

A throw-in will be awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball before it went out of bounds. It will be spotted where the ball crossed the line. The player must be facing the playing field. Throw-ins must be two handed, both feet must be outside the line and both feet must be touching the ground.

Kick-Off

There will be a kick off to start each quarter and after a goal has been scored. All kickoffs to start a quarter or after an opposing teams goal must be passed to a teammate in a **forward direction** (no passing behind mid-field line to start play). Teams must alternate kickoffs at the start of each quarter.

Ball in/out of play

1. After the ball crosses the line either on the ground or in the air, it is out of play.
2. A ball striking a referee, goal post, or corner post and does not cross the line is in play.
3. The line itself is in bounds; the ball is out of play only when the ball has completely crossed the outer edge of the line.
4. All balls kicked out of bounds on the sidelines will result in a throw-in by the opposing team.

Handballs

1. A handball is classified as any ball that touches any part of the arm from the shoulder to the fingertips.
2. Handballs in the field of play will result in a free kick for the opposing team.

Scoring

A goal is scored when the whole ball completely crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar.