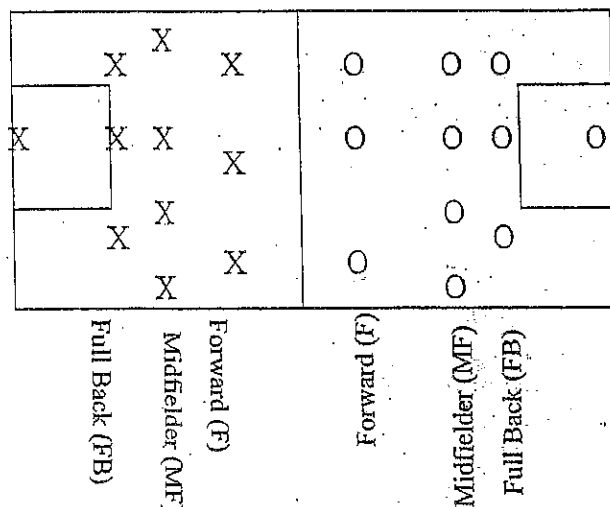


# SOCCER

## The Field and Setup



### Basic Rules:

1. The ball may be contacted with any portion of a person's body except from the shoulders down. If the ball is touched with any part of the arm it is a **HAND BALL**, and the other team is awarded an **INDIRECT KICK**.

An **INDIRECT KICK** is a kick that must be touched by another player before a goal can be scored.

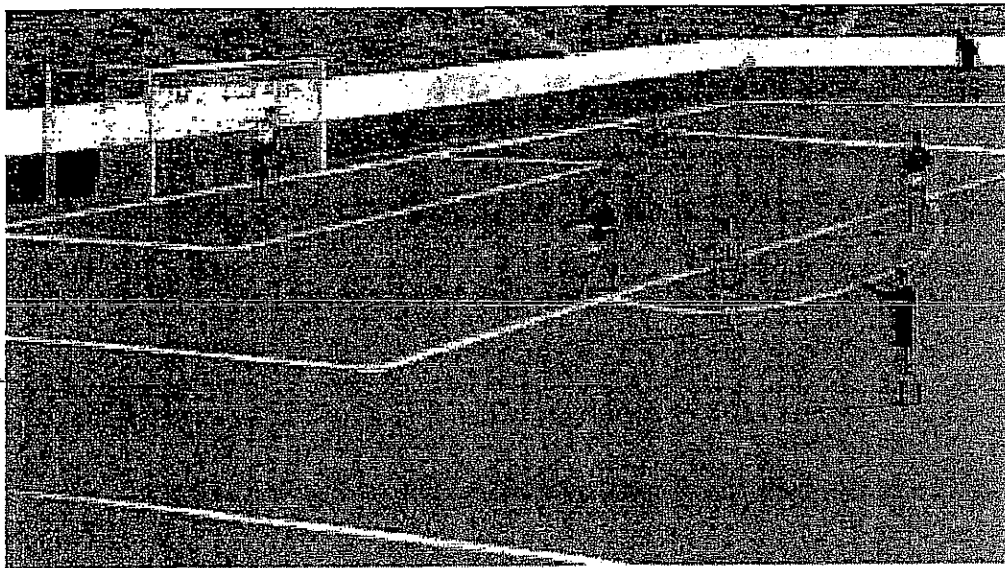
2. The game begins with a **KICK OFF**, where every player is to be within their own half of the court and every player on the opposing team must be at least 10 yards from the ball.

3. When the ball travels out of bounds on the sidelines, a **THROW IN** occurs by the team that did not touch it immediately before it went out of bounds. The thrower is to use two hands and throw the ball overhead.

4. The goalie is the only person on the field that may use their hands to contact the ball. The goalie is only awarded that privilege if they are within the **GOALIE BOX**. Once the goalie has stepped out of the goalie box, they no longer can use their hands.

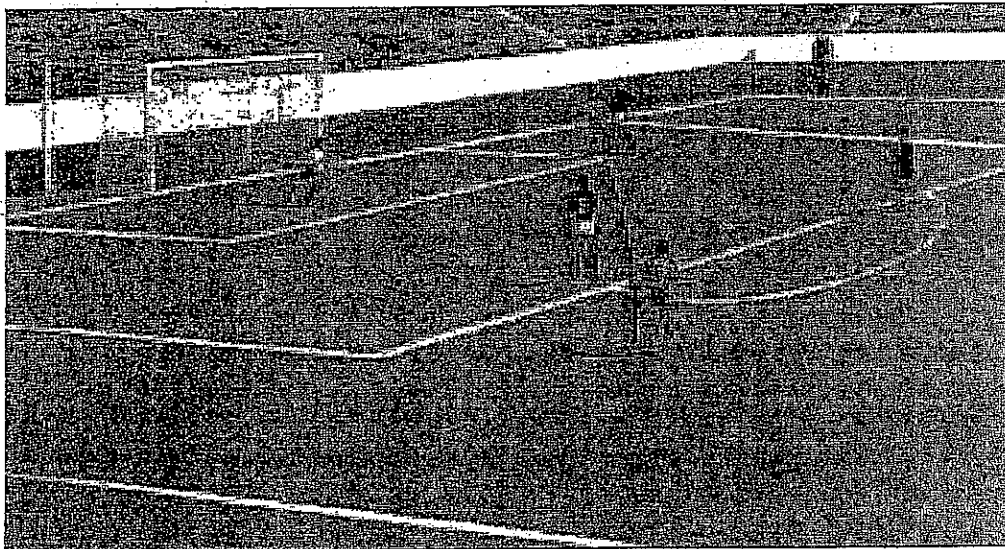
5. The **GOALIE BOX** may be entered by any player. Any defensive player may play defense in the goalie box. An offensive player who has possession of the ball outside of the goalie box may dribble the ball into the goalie box to score. An offensive player who does not have possession of the ball may not gain possession of the ball in the goalie box. Possession must occur outside of the goalie box.

6. A player is considered **OFFSIDE** if: he is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second to last opponent. \*\*\*The goalie is the last opponent!



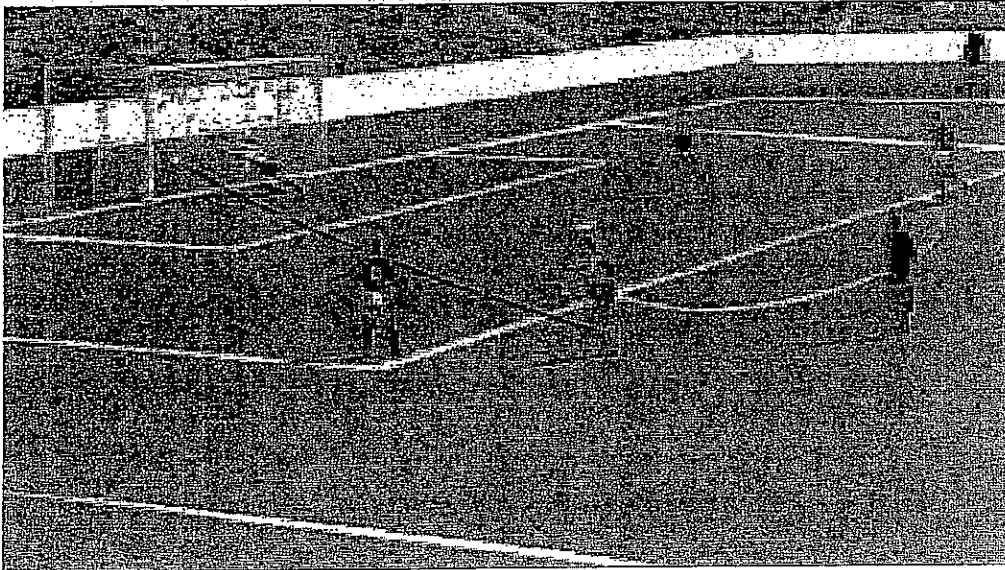
### OFFSIDE

The attacker who receives the ball from his team-mate is offside since he is nearer to his opponents goal line than the ball and the second to last defender and gains an advantage by being in that position.



### NOT OFFSIDE

The attacker who receives the ball from his team-mate is not offside because when the ball is kicked he is level with the second to last defender.



### NOT OFFSIDE

Although the attacker is in an offside position when the ball is kicked by his team-mate, he is not penalized because he is not involved in active play and does not gain an advantage by being in that position.