

General Glossary Terms

Assist: the pass or passes which immediately precede a goal

Attacking team: the team that has possession of the ball

Breakaway: when an attacker with the ball approaches the goal undefended

Corner Flag: the flag located at each of the 4 corners of the field

Corner Kick: a type of restart where the ball is kicked from the corner arc in an attempt to score;

Central Defender: a player who guards the area directly in front of his own goal in a zone defense

Dribbler: a player who advances the ball while controlling it with his feet

Formation: the arrangement into positions of players on the field

Free Kick: a kick awarded to a player for a foul committed by the opposition

Goal Kick: a type of restart where the ball is kicked from inside the goal area away from the goal

Goalkeeper: the player positioned directly in front of the goal who tries to prevent shots from getting into the net behind him

Hat-trick: 3 or more goals scored in a game by a single player

Kick-Off: the method of starting a game or restarting it after each goal

Marking: guarding a player to prevent him from advancing the ball towards the net

Midfielders: the 2, 3 or 4 players who link together the offensive and defensive functions of a team; they play behind their forward

Off Side: a violation called when a player in an offside position receives a pass from a teammate

Officials: the referee and 2 linesmen who work together to make sure the game is played according to the rules of soccer

Penalty Kick: a kick taken from the penalty spot by a player against the opposing goalie without any players closer than 10 yards away

Possession: control of the ball

Square pass: a pass made by a player to a teammate running alongside him

Stopper: the defender that marks the best scorer on the attacking team

Striker: a team's most powerful and best-scoring forward of the team

Sweeper: the defender that plays closest to his own goal behind the rest of the defenders

Throw In: a type of restart where a player throws the ball from behind his head with two hands while standing with both feet on the ground behind a sideline

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Sweeper, central back, left / right back

Defensive priorities when outnumbered

Possession Play Topics – attack play topics

Attack from corner kicks

Direct, central free kicks in the attacking 3rd

Free kicks from flank positions in the attacking 3rd

Understand passing, support and movement to retain possession

Quicken up or slow down the play

Reduce square and back passes to a minimum