

# **Soccer: The Basics**

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## **Soccer Positions**

**In soccer there are many positions like goalkeeper, offense and defense. They all serve a job and they are all important to the game. Offense is the position that scores goals for the team to win. The defense defends the goal and maybe they make some goals. And the goalkeeper is the one on the team who defends with his or her hands and denies the other teams goals.**



**Offense & Defense**



# Goalkeeper



## **Gear**

**Soccer gear is important to soccer. For example shin guards, uniforms, soccer balls and cleats.**

### **Soccer ball**







**Cleats**



# Soccer Uniform





**She is doing the wrong thing by studying soccer. Instead she should start playing.**



## **How to play soccer**

**Soccer is an easy sport to learn all you need to do is kick the ball in the net or defend your goal. You don't need to study. All you need to do is practice.**

I have played soccer almost my whole life and I never let a ball pass by me. Like this one time this team was going to score and I jumped to catch the ball.

Soccer is a popular sport and people all around the world play it. Soccer is known for its World Cup and remarkable events like the first ever red card in the 1974 World Cup. A red card is given to a player if he or she tackles or injures another player. There hadn't been any other red card before 1974.

According to [Buzzle.com](#) soccer became so popular that back in the 1700s and 1800s, the military skipped archery practice to watch soccer games. The website [www.historyofsoccer.com](http://www.historyofsoccer.com) said that in 1872 soccer was one of the most popular sports in the world.

Also, the stereotypical soccer ball design with black pentagons and white hexagons resembles the telestar communication satellite launched by NASA in 1962.



According to [www.20Amazingfacts.com](http://www.20Amazingfacts.com) soccer was illegal in Mississippi until 1991.

From my own experience soccer is one of the most well known sports in the world because it started in China in the year 500 and no other sports I know of have been around this long! Around 2,000 years!

In an interview with my cousin, Alem Mujaj, a 17 year old soccer player, he said how to play soccer depends on what position you play. Additionally I asked my father and he said It matters how good you are. I agree with Alem Mujaj because from my experience watching soccer, the goal of the offense is to make a goal, and defense is to defend the goal and maybe put some goals in there. And the most important position in soccer is goalkeeper because they deny goals, but I think that offense and goalkeeper are on the same level.

When my team was playing we had 2 points and the other team had 1, there were 7 more seconds on the clock and the other team shoots and I jump to the right and block the ball with my body. And that's when I realized the importance of the goalkeeper.

As you can see, soccer is a very popular sport and many people around the world play it.