

SOCCER

- Rectangular field
 - Aim to knock the ball through the opponents' goal
 - US – soccer; outside the states – football – association football – abbreviation assoc. – soccer (slang)
1. FIELD
 - penalty areas, sidelines, end lines, corner kick quarter circles = corner arc
 - a kick out of bounds over a sideline – *throw-in* from the spot where it left the field, use hands
 - ball passes beyond an end line – a *corner kick* awarded to the other team
 2. TEAM
 - 11 players: goalkeeper
 - 3-4 defenders (fullbacks)
 - 3-4 midfielders (halfbacks) – link between defense and offense
 - 2-4 forwards – score goals
 - most common formation: 4 defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 forwards
 - in the professional game a limited number of substitutes are permitted per contest and a replaced player may not reenter the game
 3. OFFICIALS
 - one referee, 2 linesmen (carry flags)
 - ejection from the game: 2 yellow cards in one game for unbecoming conduct (the team plays a player short);
red card = automatic ejection for a violent foul
 4. EQUIPMENT)
 - jerseys, shorts, socks, shoes with cleats (spikes)
 - protection – shin guards
 5. PLAY
 - 90 min. in two halves, 10 min. break – halftime
 - before the game the ref tosses a coin to determine the kickoff
 - the team in possession of the ball advances the ball by dribbling or passing
 - the defending team intercepts passes
 - tie can be broken with an overtime period (30min.) or a penalty kick tiebreaker (5 indiv. Shots)
 6. INFRACTIONS
 - intentional kicking, tripping or jumping at an opponent; violently charging, striking, holding, pushing, spitting at them, tackling an opponent without a ball, touching the ball with hands
 - for a major foul – direct kick (may be kicked directly into the goal);
 - for lesser infractions - indirect kick (must touch one other person before a goal can be scored)
 - offside – a player receives a pass and there aren't at least two opponents ahead, between the player and opponents' goal line

7. SKILLS

- kicking, dribbling, passing, heading, trapping (zpracování, zastavení míče), tackling (taking the ball away from an opponent not bringing him down)
- faking
- headers