



A soccer field has many markings on it. The whole field length is 38 yards and 1 foot long, and 25 yards wide. Of course, like any other ball sport, there is a goal. The goal should be 8 yards wide and 8 feet high. The posts and crossbar should be 5 inches wide. The goal is always placed in the middle of the goal line, which is 2 feet wide and 20 feet long. Surrounding that is an 18 yard box, which is also the maximum length that a goalie can hold the ball in their hands. Then, there is the half-way line, which is roughly 19 yards long. In the center of that half-way line, there is a circle. That circle is the kickoff circle. The circle is where it all begins, after months of hard work and training.

One of the most fun and helpful parts of soccer is the amount of fitness and hard training that your coach will make you do. Fitness not only helps you in your games, but also keeps you very healthy for anything. Some coaches make you run two or three miles, while other coaches barely make you run at all. My personal preference is a coach who will make you run until you pass out. I know from experience, that the more fit you are, the much farther you will get in your life time. Many times, a team will be winning in the first half of a game, due to one team having more skill than the other. However, all you need to come back in the second half is being fit, so you can out run them when they are tired, and to have a huge heart.

Just recently, I had a soccer game in a final. In the first half, my team was down 4-0! We were all very upset. During half time, I told my team that the game was not over until the referee blew the final whistle. That brought the spirit of my team up, and we came fired up in the second half. Very quickly, a kid on my team got an amazing goal. Then the referee blew the quarter whistle. That meant that we had 10 more minutes to score three goals. With five minutes left in the game, I scored three goals! It was tied. After overtime, it went into penalty kicks. We won! That showed that if you believe in yourself, anything could happen.

Soccer is about love, and nothing else. The soccer field is as if it were my own backyard. When I step on any soccer field, I feel like I own it. That is why the soccer fields are my favorite places to be on at any moment.