

# Soccer Review Sheet

## Soccer History:

- It is not known when soccer began, but early variations of the game were played 3000 years ago.
- It has been documented that the game was played in China and Japan in 50 B.C.
- The game began to look like modern day soccer played during the Middle Ages in England.
- Today, every country refers to the game of soccer as football, except for the United States.
- Soccer is the most popular game in the world.

## Positions:

- **Strikers (forwards):** Offensive Players, responsibility is to score goals
- **Midfielders:** Offensive and defensive players, responsibility is to score and help defend the goal
- **Backs (defenders):** Defensive players, responsibility is to defend the goal
- **Goalie:** defensive player, responsibility is to defend the goal, only player that can use their hands.

## Terms:

- **Kickoff:** begins the game and restarts the game after a goal has been scored. Ball must be kicked forward.
- **Corner Kick:** taken by the offensive team when the defensive team kicks the ball out of bounds over the end line.
- **Goal Kick:** taken by the defensive team when the offensive team kicks the ball out of bounds over the end line. Kick is taken from the goal line.
- **Penalty Kick:** taken by an offensive player when a defensive player commits a foul in the penalty box. The kick is taken on the penalty line (12 yards from the goal line).
- **Throw in:** two handed overhead throw taken by a player after the opposing team kicks the ball over the touch line.
- **Offside:** a player who is nearer to the opposing team's goal than both the ball and the last defender (excluding the goalie).

## Fouls:

- Handball
- Preventing the goalie from releasing the ball
- Deliberately tripping or holding another player
- Reckless play, dangerous play, unsportsmanlike conduct

