

AYSO Glossary and List of Acronyms

<u>Area</u>	A group of regions/leagues.
<u>Area Director (AD)</u>	The elected official who leads the area in decision making and works with the Section Directors and National.
<u>Assistant Referee (AR)</u>	Assist the center referee with penalties, offside's, and which team receives possession of the ball on a throw-in
<u>Bicycle kick</u>	When a player kicks the ball in mid-air backwards and over his own head, usually making contact above waist level; an acrobatic shot
<u>Center Circle</u>	A circular marking with a 10-yard radius in the center of the field from which kickoffs are taken to start or restart the game
<u>Controlling</u>	When a player maintains speed and direction without having to change course due to the ball
<u>Corner Arc</u>	The arc in which the ball is placed during a corner kick, a quarter-circle with a radius of 1 yard located at each of the 4 corners of the field
<u>Corner Kick</u>	A type of restart where the ball is kicked from the corner arc in an attempt to score
<u>Diving header</u>	When a player dives to hit the ball with their head
<u>Dribbling</u>	The basic skill of advancing the ball with control
<u>Forward</u>	Responsible for the teams scoring, 2-3 players
<u>Foul</u>	A violation of the rule, which results in a free
<u>Fullbacks</u>	Primary task is to stop the opposing team from scoring, usually 3-4 players
<u>Give n' go</u>	Passing the ball to a teammate who immediately passes it back to original player, helping them advance the ball and get around defenders
<u>Goal Area</u>	The rectangle area 20 yards wide by 6 yards deep in front of each from where the goal kicks take place
<u>Goal Kick</u>	A type of restart where the ball is kicked from inside the goal area away from the goal awarded to the defending team when a ball that crossed the goal line was last touched by a player on the attacking team.
<u>Goal Line</u>	The field boundary running along its widths end runs across the front of the goal
<u>Goalkeeper</u>	A player whose job is to prevent shots from crossing the goal line into the net behind them, they are the only ones allowed to pick up the ball while the ball is in play, within the penalty area
<u>Halfway line</u>	The midfield line that separates team sides and at its center point is where kick-offs take place
<u>Hat trick</u>	A single player scores 3 or more goals in a single game
<u>Heading</u>	When a player strikes the ball with their head
<u>Kick-off</u>	A method of starting or restarting the game after each goal
<u>Midfielders</u>	These players link together the offensive and defensive functions of a team, 2-4 players
<u>Nutmeg</u>	When the player with the ball kicks the ball through the defenders legs

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<u>Offside</u>	When a teammate is in the offside position and receives a pass from another teammate
<u>Passing</u>	When a player kicks the ball to their teammate
<u>Penalty Area</u>	A rectangle area 44 yards wide by 18 yards deep, with its long edge on the goal line
<u>Penalty Kick</u>	A kick taken from the penalty spot by a player against the opposing goalie without any players closer than 10 yards away
<u>Penalty Mark</u>	The small circular spot located 12 yards in front of the center of the goal line from which all penalty kicks are taken
<u>Referee</u>	the chief official
<u>Region</u>	A league.
<u>Regional Commissioner (RC)</u>	The elected official who leads the league/region in decision making and works with National staff.
<u>Section</u>	A group of areas.
<u>Section Director</u>	The elected official who leads the section in decision making and works with the areas and regions within his/her section. Also works with the National staff.
<u>Shooting</u>	When a player kicks the ball at the opponent's goal in hopes of making a goal
<u>Throw-in</u>	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; taken by a player opposite the team that last touched the ball before it went out of bounds across a sideline.
<u>Touchline</u>	A line that runs the length of the field on both sides

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Additional commonly used soccer terms

back swing	midfield
backward	non-kicking
backyard	offside
center circle	one-touch
center mark	out of bounds
corner arc	out of control
corner flag	outside
corner kicks	overtime
counterattack	penalty area
direct kick	penalty kick
follow through	penalty mark
forehead	pre-game
forward	pullback
free kick	shootout
goal area	short-distance
goal line	shorthanded
goalkeeper	short-sided
half volley	side volley
halftime	sidelines
halfway line	sideways
hand ball	small-sided
indirect	sportsmanlike
inside	stopwatch
instep	sudden-death
kicking foot	teammate
liftoff	throw-in
linesperson	touchline
long-distance	turnovers
man-to-man	unsportsmanlike

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ACA	Area Coach Administrator
ACT	Area Coach Trainer
AD	Area Director
ADA	Area Director of Referee Assessment
ADI	Area Director of Referee Instruction
AIF	Area Information Form
ARA	Area Referee Administrator
ARC	Area Referee Course
ARM 1	Applied Regional Management
ARM 2	Advanced Regional Management
ARTC	Assistant Referee Training Course
AST	Area Staff Training
AYSO	American Youth Soccer Organization
BASIC	Board and Staff Instructional Course
BOD	Board of Directors
CAP	College Athlete Program
FIFA	Federation International de Football Association
MLS	Major League Soccer
NAGM	National Annual General Meeting
NAP	National Accounting Program
NC	National Coach
NCC	National Coaching Commission
N1RC	National 1 Referee Course
N2RC	National 2 Referee Course
NRA	National Referee Administrator
NRP	National Referee Program
NSTC	National Support & Training Center
PRO	Player-Referee Organization
RC	Regional Commissioner
RCA	Regional Coach Administrator
RCT	Regional Coach Trainer
RDA	Regional Director of Referee Assessment
RDI	Regional Director of Referee Instruction
RIF	Regional Information Form
RRA	Regional Referee Administrator
RRC	Regional Referee Course
SCA	Section Coach Administrator
SCT	Section Coach Trainer
SD	Section Director
SDA	Section Director of Referee Assessment
SDI	Section Director of Referee Instruction
SIF	Section Information Form
SRA	Section Director Administrator
SRC	Section Referee Course
USSF	United States Soccer Federation
USYS	United States Youth Soccer
VIP	Very Important Player