

American Football vs Soccer

American football and soccer are two very popular sports played in the USA. The sports are very different from one another. Let's look at the differences between the two sports. We will compare the fields, the uniforms, the balls, the players, and how to score in both football and soccer.



Football Players vs. Soccer Players

In **football**, there are 11 players on the football field at once. The football team is allowed to have up to 20 players on their roster.



In **soccer**, there are also 11 players on the soccer field at once. The soccer team is also allowed to have up to 20 players on their roster.



A football vs. a soccer ball

The **football** is in the shape of an oval. It is brown and white and designed to help the players use the ball to throw. Football is a sport that is played using only the hands. The players throw the ball. Only one player on the team is allowed to use his feet to kick the ball when a field goal is required.



The **soccer ball** is round and in the shape of a circle. It is white with black spots. The soccerball is only played using the feet. The players kick the ball and only the goal keeper is allowed to use their hands. If the ball goes out of bounds and requires a throw in the hands may be used.



How to score in football vs. Soccer

In **football**, a touch down is six points and a field goal is three points. A touch down is scored in American football by touching the ball down over a touch line. The touchdown in American football can be scored by a pass or a run.



In **soccer**, a goal is scored to gain points while in football, a touch down is needed to gain points. A goal is scored by putting the ball into a net that is made up of two posts and a crossbar. Each goal is one point. Soccer players can only use their head or foot to score a goal.



Football Uniform vs. Soccer Uniform

Football players wear a tight top; tight shorts, helmets and shoulder pads. The football uniform is more form fitting than the soccer uniform.



Soccer players wear jerseys, shorts, shinguards, and cleats. The soccer uniform has a looser fit than the football uniform.



Football Field vs. Soccer Field

The **football field** is 120 yards long, including two 10 yard deep end zones on both end and 30 yards wide. The American Football field is narrower than the Soccer Field.



A **soccer field** can range from 100 yards to 130 yards long and 50 to 100 yards wide.

