



With summer almost here, it's the perfect time to organise a game of street football with your neighbours and friends. Just follow these simple rules.



Play



7-11



1-2 hrs



## What you need

- A soft ball or football
- chalk to mark pitch and penalty areas
- items for goal posts (cans or jumpers)
- a whistle and stopwatch
- a yellow card and a red card.



## Remember

Streets have pedestrians, children playing, people's gardens and windows, and parked and moving vehicles to look out for. Be prepared to stop play if needed. One-way streets or cul-de-sacs are great if possible.



## Street football rules

Teams have five players: a goalkeeper, three players and a substitute. If no referee can be found, sidelined subs also act as referees.

1. Each game consists of two five-minute halves. It begins with the ref throwing the ball into play from a sideline. Players can sub on and off whenever they like. Leaving players tag the newcomers in as they leave (and the outgoing player takes over as a ref).
2. Goals can only be scored from outside the penalty areas. Goals scored from goal kicks don't count unless the ball touches another player on its way. After goals, play continues with a goal kick from the goalkeeper.
3. Only the goalkeeper can handle the ball in his or her penalty area. If they handle the ball outside of it, a penalty is awarded to the opposition. In intentional pass-back situations, goalies mustn't handle the ball.
4. If the ball crosses a sideline, a low underarm 'roll-in' is awarded against the team that last touched the ball. If the ball crosses the goal line, the goalie has a goal kick.
5. Penalties: the defending goalie stands in their penalty area. The taker starts in their penalty area, advancing on the whistle to shoot from outside the other penalty area. Drawn games go to sudden-death penalty shoot outs!



### The play area

In your street, decide on the pitch and chalk the two end lines. The sides of the street (or its parked cars) are the sidelines. Put markers down for the two goal mouths. Chalk a D-shaped penalty area in front of each goal.

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Rough play is not allowed and the usual yellow card, red card, OFF! rules apply.

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