

Differences Outdoor LOTG vs. Beach Soccer LOTG

Outdoor Soccer	Beach Soccer
ALL lines and markings are real	Touchline and goal line are real marked boundaries. Other lines and spots are imaginary and marked by flags off the pitch
Goal line is real line	Goal line between goal posts is imaginary
Penalty area: marked by 18 yd box	Penalty area, marked by flags off the pitch, 9 meters line from goal line
Penalty mark: 12 yds from center of goal	Imaginary mark: 9 meters from center of goal
Two team and one official technical areas	Substitution zone and two technical area
Goal-large 8' by 24'	Goal-small 6' by 18'
No net required on goal	Net required on goal
Surface is grass, turf, or dirt	Surface is sand
Players may not alter the field	Players may not alter the field Except: Players may mound sand for restarts, but only with ball or feet
2 teams of 11 players on the field	2 teams of 5 players on the pitch
2 teams of 18 players/substitutes	2 teams of 10 players/substitutes
3 substitutions	Unlimited substitutions on the 'fly'
7 players on each team required to start game	3 players on each team required to start game
Game abandoned any team less than 7 players	Game abandoned any team less than 4 players
Players equipped with shirts, shorts, socks, shin guards, and shoes	Players equipped only with shirts and shorts
Footwear must be safe	No footwear, socks or shin guards
Referee, two Assistant Referees, and 4th official	2 Referees on field, a 3rd Referee, and a Timekeeper
Referee on the field, AR's off the field	Both Referees normally off the pitch during active play
Two 45 minute halves	Three 12 minute periods, plus 3 minute extra time if needed
Ties are allowed	No ties allowed
Running clock kept by Referee	Visible clock with stops and starts, kept by time keeper
Restarts and free kicks no set time limit to take	4 seconds to take free kick, throw-in/kick-in, corner kick or goal clearance
Team, except GK w/hands, may possess ball in own penalty area for an unlimited time	Team may possess ball in own penalty area for only 4 seconds
Goalkeeper may only possess ball in hands in OWN penalty area for 6 seconds	Goalkeeper may only possess ball in OWN half of pitch for 4 seconds
Offside law used	No offside
13 fouls/offences: free kick or penalty kick 9 indirect free kick offences	13 fouls/offences: free kick spot of foul or penalty kick 9 offences: free kick spot of foul, but never penalty kick 12 offences: free kick center of pitch, but never penalty kick

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15 cautionable offences	10 cautionable offences
8 sending-off offences	Extra sending-off offence: defender touching ball in kicking area between spot of foul and goal posts MAY BE considered denying a goal (handball) or DOGSO
No sub for player sent-off	Player sent-off may be replaced after 2 minutes OR when the team with the greater number of players scores a goal.
Substitute, second caution anytime: sent-off with no replacement	Substitute, second caution during substitution procedure: sent-off, replacement allowed with no 2 minute delay
Direct free kicks and indirect free kicks	Free kicks are all direct
Any player may take free kicks or penalty kick	Only fouled player (sub if injured) may take DFK or PK
Walls allowed on free kicks	No walls allowed on free kicks
10 yds required for opponents on free kicks	5 meters required for ALL players, except kicker and defending goalkeeper on direct free kicks
	Free kick opponent's half or penalty kick, all players behind the ball except opposing goalkeeper in OWN penalty area
	Free kick spot of foul own half or center of pitch, all players outside of 'cone zone' between ball and corner flags except opposing goalkeeper in OWN penalty area
Opponents may play/touch ball outside of 10 yds on free kicks	Free kick spot of foul own half or center of the pitch ('cone zone'): No player, except the opposing goalkeeper, may touch ball before it touches sand, defending goalkeeper, goal posts, crossbar, or exits kicking zone.
Throw-ins 2 yds required by opponents and walls allowed	Kick-in or throw-in 5 meters required for opponents and wall allowed
Goalkeeper may not handle throw-in from a teammate	Goalkeeper MAY handle throw-in/kick-in from a teammate
Goal kick: any player and goal may be scored directly	Goal clearance: only by goalkeeper with hands and goal may not be scored directly with hand(s)
Goalkeeper may score throwing the ball	Goalkeeper may not score throwing the ball
Goalkeeper may punt the ball	Goalkeeper may not punt ball
Backpass to goalkeeper: Deliberate pass by teammate with feet to hands is indirect free kick offence	Double Backpass to goalkeeper: after playing ball with arm/hand, goalkeeper may not touch ball with arm/hand passed by teammates w/o touching ball touching an opponent, free kick center of the pitch
Kicks from mark: only players on field participate	Kicks from mark: all players and substitutes participate

