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# Soccer Tournament



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# Going for the Goal!









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**Did You Know?**

More people play soccer than any other sport. It's called *football* all over the world except in North America.

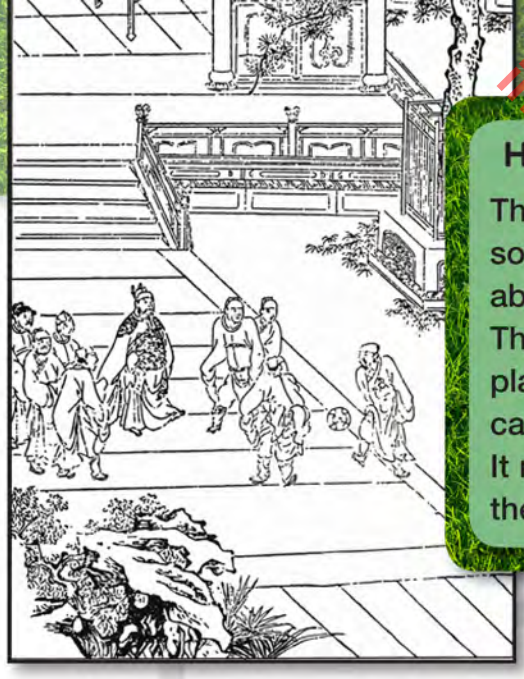
Run, pass, and kick the ball into the goal! Soccer is so much fun! But it takes a lot of hard work.

Soccer is a very simple game. To play, all you need is a field, two goals, and a ball. Players try to get the ball into the other team's goal. Your hands can't touch the ball. The team that scores the most goals wins.

# Championship Dreams



If your team works hard, you may even get to play in the big **tournament**. That means you get to keep playing after the regular season is over.



**History of Soccer**

The game of soccer dates back about 4,000 years. The Chinese played a game called *Tsu Chu*. It means "kicking the ball with feet."



It is a big honor to play in the tournament. But it also means you and your team must get ready to play the best teams around. That means more practice.

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| Tournament Practice Schedule | | |
|---|---|---|
| Monday | Wednesday | Friday |
| 4:00 P.M.–5:30 P.M. | 5:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. | 4:30 P.M.–5:30 P.M. |
| Based on this tournament practice schedule, how long do players practice every week? | | |

Your coach may set a new practice **schedule** (SKEJ-ool). During the regular season, you may have practiced once a week for one hour. Now, the coach may want your team to practice three times a week for a total of four hours a week.





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**World Cup**

The World Cup is the world's biggest soccer tournament. This international contest is held every four years.



The tournament games are on the weekend. That means you may be on the soccer field five times in one week. It's a good thing your team loves to play!