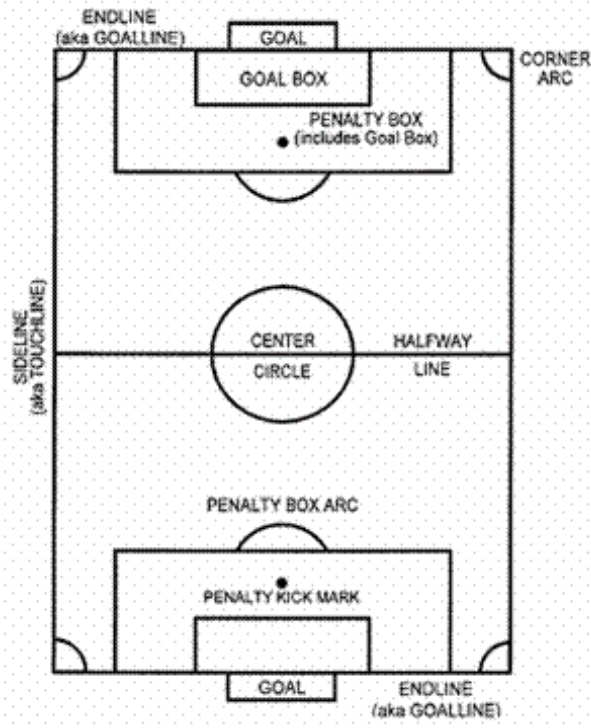




Week 9: The Field or Pitch



- **The Soccer field or Pitch** is a rectangle playing area where the touch lines have to be longer than the goal lines. The half way line runs across the field and is used for the starting kick off, from the center mark. During the kick off each team has to stay on their own half of the field. When one team is taking the kick off, the opponents have to also stay outside the center circle. The other purpose of the center line is determining the off side. A player cannot be called off side while he is on its own half.
- **The Goal area** is the area 6 by 20 yards (on a regular size field) close to the goal. Inside this area the goalie has considerable protection by the referee from collision with opponents. This area also indicates where a goal kick has to be taking from.
- **The Penalty area** is the 18 by 44 yards (on a regular size field) and includes the goal area in it. A goalie can use their hands inside the penalty area and the goal area.
- **The Penalty arc** is an extender from each penalty area. Players cannot stay inside the penalty arc during a penalty kick or inside the penalty area. A goalie cannot use their hands inside the penalty arc and the referee will not allow a penalty kick if a foul is committed inside the penalty arc.
- **The Corner areas** are quarter circles with a radius of 1 yard. The corner areas indicate where a ball has to be placed for the corner kick. Corner flags have to be placed in the corners of the field right on the outside edge of the lines.