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#### Various tactical schemes are used in soccer; among the best known is the 4-4-2, a formation with four defenders, four midfielders and two forwards.

#### forward [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/12330&title=forward)

Offensive position usually placed behind the striker; this player uses speed to make crisp accurate passes.

#### right back [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/05254&title=right+back)

Defensive position that covers the right side of the field; this player’s role is to impede an opponent’s progress toward the goal.

#### right midfielder [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/05321&title=right+midfielder)

Center position that plays on the right side of the field; this player uses playmaking skills to pass the ball to the forwards.

#### defensive midfielder [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/05361&title=defensive+midfielder)

Center position; this player tries to take the ball from the opponent before that player reaches the defenders and quickly mount a counterattack.

#### goalkeeper [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/04966&title=goalkeeper)

Position whose role is to prevent the ball from entering the goal; this is the only player allowed to touch the ball with the hands.

#### striker [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/11860&title=striker)

Offensive position whose main role is to score goals; this player plays a forward position in the opposing team’s zone.

#### left midfielder [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/04986&title=left+midfielder)

Center position that plays on the left side of the field; this player uses playmaking skills to pass the ball to the forwards.

#### defensive midfielder [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/05361&title=defensive+midfielder)

Center position; this player tries to take the ball from the opponent before that player reaches the defenders and quickly mount a counterattack.

#### left back [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/04906&title=left+back)

Defensive position that covers the left side of the field; this player’s main role is to slow or stop an opponent’s progress toward the goal.

#### stopper [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/04926&title=stopper)

Position that stays back, marks an opposing forward and prevents that player from being in a scoring position.

#### sweeper [click to hear](http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com/pronunciation.php?id=sports-games/ball-sports/soccer/04866&title=sweeper)

Position that stays back, anticipates defensive mistakes by teammates and makes up for them; this player is not required to closely mark an opposing player.

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