



## Soccer Activities

**Sponsor AYSO** Boys and girls all over the United States participate in soccer through the American Youth Soccer Organization. Teams are always looking for sponsors. Have your community sponsor a local team. Your residents can attend the games and root for the team or invite the young players to visit.



**Learn the Basics** Soccer, known as football in most countries outside the U.S. and Canada, is the world's most popular sport. In recent years it has gained popularity in the United States. Your residents probably didn't play soccer growing up and may not be familiar with the game. [Learn the basics.](#)



**Soccer Film Fest** Soccer is known as football in most countries. Hold an international film fest featuring soccer-centered movies . Enjoy a few of these popular titles: Bend it Like Beckham, Goal!, The Beautiful Game, Gregory's Girl, United, Escape to Victory, Fever Pitch.





**Fantasy Soccer** Another great way to become more familiar with soccer is to join or start a fantasy soccer league. You can invite families to participate along with the residents. [Fantasy Soccer](#)

**Guess the Circumference** What is the circumference of a soccer ball? Have each person look carefully at a soccer ball. Then cut a length of yarn or string they think is the circumference of the ball. Once everyone has cut their yarn, measure around the ball to see who comes closest.



**World Cup** The 2018 World Cup will be held in Russia. Teams from all over the globe will be there to play soccer (football). Russia is a fascinating country with an interesting history, culture and cuisine. Virtually explore Russia through the iN2L travel section or [online](#).



**Soccer Discussion** Gather a group together to talk soccer. Although most of your residents raised in the United States probably didn't play soccer growing up, residents raised elsewhere may be willing to share their stories. What teams did they follow? Can they recall some memorable games? What is everyone's feeling about soccer and its passionate fans?



**Soccer Pictionary** Write words or phrases relating to soccer on slips of paper. A player selects one slip of paper and tries to get their team to guess the phrase by drawing it. Once the word is guessed, it is the other team's turn. Some suggestions include goal, offsides, penalty, team, referee, red card, World Cup, goalkeeper, striker etc.



**Shoebox Foosball** Making a shoebox foosball game would be a great intergenerational activity. Invite young guests to create this fun project with your residents. [Shoebox Foosball](#)