

# Football History

Soccer is considered by many to be the king's sport worldwide. In Europe especially, it is undoubtedly the sport that has more followers, well above basketball or tennis, to name a few. Move passions, move people, move a lot of money, move to televisions. But to understand all this social phenomenon you have to look a little in history, know its origins and its evolution until now.

We could go back to past times to talk about the first origins of football, but we will only refer to the birth of modern football, which dates back to the end of the 19th century. During this period the rules of the sport began to be written as we know it today. In 1848 the different rules that were used in the regions of England to play football are unified in a document known as the "Cambridge Rules", although no originals are preserved from these texts. However, a few years later, in 1856, new rules are developed that are still used today: the start and restart of the game after each goal, the goal and band kicks, the use of the hands to touch the ball and push or hold the rivals, the definition of the matches and even an offside rule.

The Cambridge rules were taken as the basis for the creation of the football association and the Football Association in 1863. The only differences were that the rules of the Association did not allow rough play and the use of the hands to move the ball of feeling . They were stuck in the trees of Parker's Piece, a large park in the city of Cambridge used for popular games, and there the first game was played following the new rules.

Parallel to these rules emerged the so-called "Sheffield Rules" in 1857, which allowed the creation of the oldest football club in the world according to the Football Association: the Sheffield Football Club, recognized by FIFA with an Order of Merit. The "Sheffield Rules" provided several rules that are currently used in modern football: the use of a solid material crossbar to join the vertical goalposts, the introduction of corner kicks, free throws after receiving a foul and the throw-ins, the first matches with artificial lighting and the tie-breaker systems, including the notion of extension and the gold goal.

Although it is difficult to establish a specific date, the birth of football is usually dated October 26, 1863, the day of the founding of The Football Association, which governs the designs of football in England.

Despite the unification in a single code, disputes over the creation of a definitive and universal code continued until the late 1870s, particularly with the followers of the Sheffield rules. In 1878 there was the definitive merger between Sheffield and London (FA). The creation of the International Football Association Board put an end to all differences.

The FA Cup, a tournament that is still played every year in England and was founded in 1871, laid the foundations of modern football in terms of making players real professionals. It was the first time that they began selling tickets to watch the games and thus offer money to the players to play the games with the participating teams. In 1885 the world's first football league began to be played: the Football League. You can watch live football matches on [bee789.com](http://bee789.com).

Football gradually spread to the rest of the European countries at the end of the 19th century thanks to the activity of soldiers, sailors, civil servants, businessmen, engineers and English teachers, who practiced the new sport and promoted its dissemination. Among the locals.

The Fédération Internationale de Football Association, best known for its acronym FIFA, was founded on May 21, 1904 in Paris, France, by representatives from 7 countries: Belgium (Union Belge des Sociétés de Sports), Denmark (Dansk Boldspil Union), Spain (Madrid Football Club), France (Union des Sociétés Françaises de Sports Athlétiques), the Netherlands (Nederlandsche Voetbal Bond), Sweden (Svenska Bollspells Förbundet) and Switzerland (Association Suisse de Football); Germany (Deutscher Fußball-Bund) confirmed its affiliation the same day by telegram. FIFA's foray into the Olympic Games from 1924 led to the creation of its own and higher level tournament. Thanks to the work of Jules Rimet, on May 28, 1928 in Amsterdam the realization of a Soccer World Cup was approved every four years.

Due to the number of existing national associations, from the beginning and especially in the middle of the 20th century, sub-organizations affiliated to FIFA began to be created with the aim of organizing football in the different regions of the planet.

Today, football is constantly evolving. Adapting to the development of new technologies, today it is precisely controlling phantom goals, those balls in which it is not possible to know for sure if the ball has crossed the goal line or not completely. With 14 cameras watching each of the goals it is possible to know in real time (thanks to a device worn by the referee on the wrist) if the ball has entered or not. Currently, the Premier League incorporates this new system and other competitions begin to incorporate it.