

# Anatomy of a Football Pitch

There's no exact fixed dimension for a football pitch – they measure between 90m and 120m in length and 45m and 90m in width

However, the markings on a pitch are very precise:

Goals are placed at either end of the pitch. They are made up of two posts and a crossbar.

- The width of the goal must measure 7.32m (8 yards)
- The height of the crossbar must be 2.44m (8 feet)

The goal area, also known as the 6-yard box, is 5.49m (6 yards) from the goal posts and goal lines.

The penalty area, also known as the 18-yard box, is 16.5m (18 yards) from each goal post and the goal line.

- The penalty spot is exactly central to the two goal posts and 11m (12 yards) from the goal line.
- The arc on the edge of the penalty area is 9.15m (10 yards) from the penalty spot, to ensure opposition players remain that distance from the penalty spot while a penalty is taken.

The centre circle marks an area 9.15m (10 yards) from the centre spot and ensures that opposition players remain that distance from the centre spot during kick-off.

The half way line divides the pitch in two.

