

SOCCER POSITIONS ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES

STRIKER

- *Responsible for being the main finisher
- *Mainly operate in the final third of the pitch around the opposition's box
- *Need to be tough in order to hold up the ball and bring their teammates into play
- *Makes play predictable when defending

CENTER ATTACKING MID

- *Most attack minded center midfielder
- *Helps create goal scoring opportunities
- *Should have great technical and passing ability
- *Looks to score as well as distribute to other dangerous areas of the pitch
- *Has freedom to move around in the attack

CENTER BACK

- *Covers central areas of defense
- *Protects goalkeeper from uncontested shots
- *Keeps defensive players in shape
- *Plays tough and physical making it difficult for opposing attackers
- *Should be dominant in the air

GOALKEEPER

- *Last line of defense
- *Shot stopper
- *Keeps defense organized and communicates with all field players
- *Should have great reflexes and be very agile
- *Needs to take control of the box



WINGER

- *Attack minded player that provides width
- *Must have great stamina and discipline to cover 18 to 18
- *Looks to attack the opposition's fullbacks with speed, deception, and creativeness
- *Defensively responsible for opposing wingers

HOLDING CENTER MID

- *Supports attacking players from behind
- *Provides a pivot point to change the attack
- *Must have great positional awareness and be able to cover teammates out of their position
- *Should have good anticipation skills to intercept the ball before it reaches the box

OUTSIDE BACKS

- *Work as a unit with the center backs
- *Support from the outsides in the attack
- *Good positional awareness to maintain balance
- *Needs to be able to put in good firm tackles
- *Must be very fit to cover their whole side of the pitch

ALL PLAYERS

- *Should communicate well with teammates
- *Must defend and attack when necessary
- *Be mentally tough and physically fit
- *Help maintain team shape by knowing roles
- *Should predict and adapt to the game because it is ever-changing