

Soccer Vocabulary

Relating to the Field:

<u>Left Channel</u>	=the left part of the field as our team is attacking, vertical.
<u>Goal Channel</u>	=the center of the field, vertical.
<u>Right Channel</u>	=the right side of the field as our team is attacking, vertical.
<u>Final Third</u>	=the third of the field closest to our opponents keeper, horizontal.
<u>Middle Third</u>	=the middle third of the field, horizontal.
<u>Defending Third</u>	=the third of the field closest to our keeper, horizontal.

Relating to Passing the Ball:

<u>Line</u>	=pass the ball up the sideline to a receiver.
<u>Center</u>	=pass to the goal channel from outside channel.
<u>Cross</u>	=pass from outside channel to other outside channel.
<u>Back Pass</u>	=pass back.
<u>Inside</u>	=pass inside toward goal channel.
<u>Outside</u>	=pass outside away from goal channel.
<u>Up</u>	=pass up the field.
<u>Square</u>	=pass square =lateral. to the receiver.
<u>Through Ball</u>	=pass through defenders usually up the field.
<u>Wall Pass</u>	=pass to stationary player who passes to original passer.
<u>Give and Go</u>	=pass to moving player who passes to original passer.
<u>To Target</u>	=pass to a target forward.

Relating to Runs Off of the Ball:

<u>Overlap</u>	=runs behind and up field in relation to team mate with the ball.
<u>Diagonal</u>	=runs along imaginary lines from corner to corner.
<u>Lateral</u>	=square, usually horizontal.
<u>Line</u>	=runs up or down a line.
<u>Up</u>	=runs up field, toward the final third.
<u>Out</u>	=same as above.
<u>Back</u>	=runs down field, toward the defending third.

Relating to Dribbling or Holding the Ball:

<u>Man On</u>	=an opponent is coming fast.
<u>Time</u>	=no opponent is near.
<u>Shield the Ball</u>	=use your body to prevent an opponent from taking the ball.
<u>Hold</u>	=hold the ball so your team mates can set up.
<u>Slow the Game</u>	=keep a high work rate but make more safe passes to slow the tempo of the game.
<u>Turn</u>	=move with the ball in the opposite direction as you are facing.

Relating to Player Movement Off of the Ball:

<u>Push Up</u>	=all players quickly move up field—away from our keeper, toward the final third.
<u>Pull Back</u>	=all players quickly move down field—toward our keeper, toward the defending third.
<u>Mark</u>	=go to closest opponent and hold position slightly to the inside side and a half step behind.
<u>Drop the Mark</u>	=do not mark instead move to space.
<u>Pressure, Cover, Balance</u>	=movement of first, second, and third defenders when opponents have ball.
<u>Scatter</u> on the Touch	=on our throw in, move to space as soon as our player touches the ball.
<u>Support</u>	=teammate behind player with the ball in support of that player.
<u>Two Front</u>	=required movement by forwards in the final third of the field.
<u>On the 18, Rush the Box</u>	=our corner kick, stand on the 18 and rush to the ball.

Relating to the Keeper:

<u>Out</u>	=clear the box and push up.
<u>Clear the Box</u>	=all team mates out of the penalty box.
<u>Open</u>	=get away from the player that is marking you.
<u>Get Wide</u>	=spread the field.
<u>Mine or Keeper</u>	=do not touch the ball, the keeper will get it.