

An ESL Lesson

Football Rules!

Modal verbs of obligation
and prohibition



Warm Up

Have you played football before?

Do you have a favourite football team?

Do you watch the world cup?

Do you have a favourite player?

True or false?

Both teams should wear the same colour.

False

Players must wear shin guards.

True

World cup stadiums must be able to hold 40,000 people.

True

Players must leave the pitch if they receive a yellow card.

False

We use modal verbs **must**, **have to** and **should** to talk about obligations (things that must be done).

You **must** brush your teeth twice a day.

I **should** finish my homework before dinner.

The students **have to** wear a school uniform.

Negative Modals

We use modal verbs **mustn't** and **shouldn't** to talk about prohibitions (things that are not allowed).

Drivers **mustn't** use their phones while driving.

I **shouldn't** bite my fingernails.

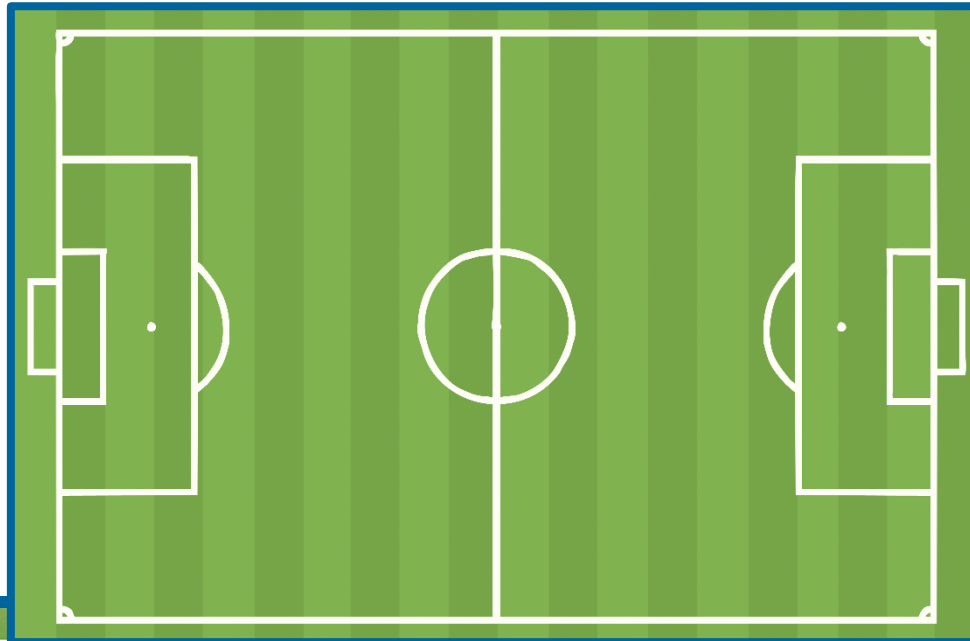
The Pitch

Can you choose the correct words to complete the sentences?

The field **must** be rectangle/square shaped.

The goalposts and crossbars **should** be the colour red/white.

The centre of the pitch is marked with a star/circle.



Before the Match

Which of the modal verbs of obligation best complete these sentences?.

A match **must not/should not** start if either team has fewer than seven players

To begin the game a coin **must be/should be** tossed and the team that wins choose which goal to attack in the first half of the match.

Prohibition

Can you use negative modal verbs of obligation to make sentences about what players shouldn't do?

Players must not / should not ...

Touch the ball with your hands.

Hit teammates.

Wear a tutu on the pitch.

Your Turn

How would you describe some rules of these sports using modal verbs of obligation and prohibition?

