

## What is Good Soccer?

<u>Good Soccer</u>	<u>Bad Soccer</u>
1. Play on ground.	Played in the air.
2. Ball control and accurate.	Played first time.
3. Frequent and accurate shots.	Rare opportunities.
4. Shots come from skillfully created openings	Shots come from rebounds and errors
5. Players vary passing and dribbling	Players pass and kick hopefully
6. Players make space	Players create no
7. Players have purpose	No purpose or aim
8. Players change position	No movement
9. Players use skill	Players foul and
10. Defenders mark, cover and tackle fairly	Late hits, yellow cards and violent tackles
11. Players play for each other	Players play for themselves
12. Players use positive communication	Players whine and curse
13. Players come off the field physically exhausted	Players come off the field A with something left

## What is a Quality Player??

### **1. A definition:**

Has sensitive touch and tight control...can receive the ball under pressure.  
Can make space/time for himself  
He is deceptive  
Can get "out of trouble"  
Can he combine with a player? With a third player?

### **2. Does the player "have a game?"**

Does he play for himself or for others? Can he do both if necessary?  
Does he create problems without the ball?  
Can he free himself from tight markers? Can he free others?  
Does he react to play or is he a move or two or is he a move or two ahead of the play?  
Is he farsighted or nearsighted?

### **3. What are the physical attributes?**

Does he have fluid movement?  
Does he have good agility?  
**Does he have a good change of pace?**  
Can he produce a high level of work and sustain it over time.  
**Does he use athletic ability or does he depend upon it?**  
Is he strong in 1 v 1 situations?

### **4. What kind of competitor is he?**

Can he impose his will on opponents?  
How does he react to intimidation?  
How does he react to dirty play?  
Does he have physical and moral courage?  
How tough minded is he?  
How does he react to losing?