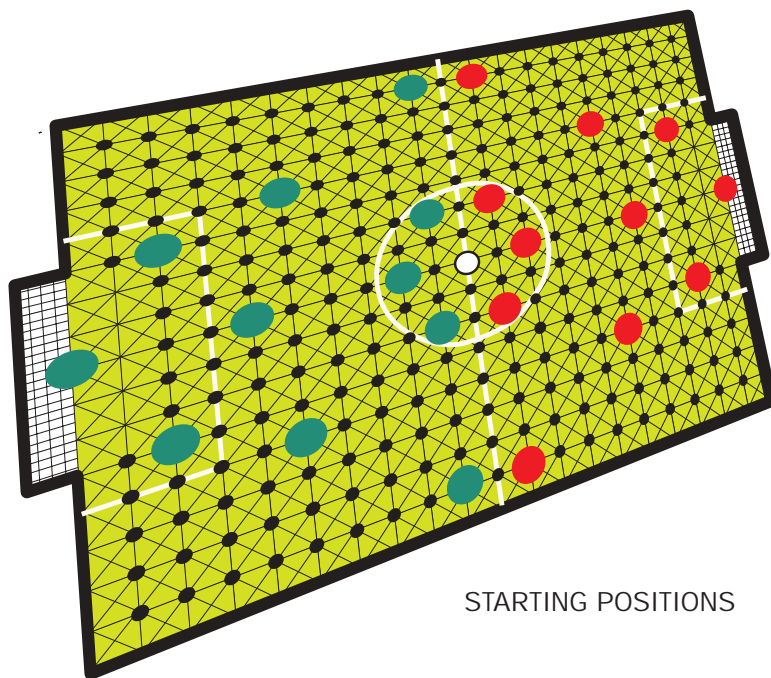


It comes as no surprise that soccer, the world's most popular sport, has provided the inspiration for dozens of table and pencil-and-paper games. Here is one for you to play that is very simple but challenging.



STARTING POSITIONS

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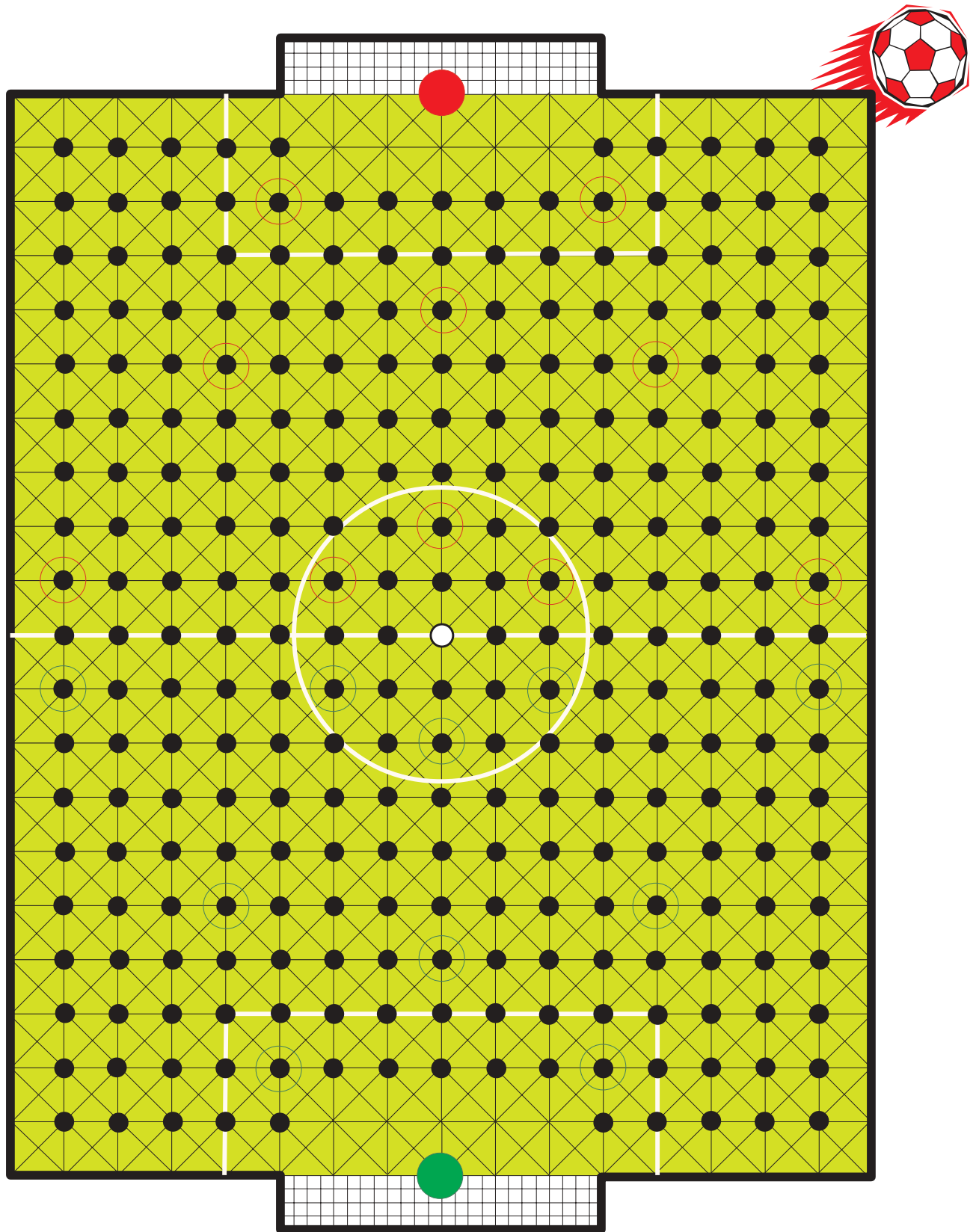
For this game you need 11 players for each team plus a ball. The players can be represented by disks in two colors or two sets of different coins, etc. The ball can be a small white button. Initially, the two sets of playing pieces are set up as shown above. The rules are very simple:

1. Players can move any distance along straight lines in any direction. They cannot jump over another player or the ball.
2. To make a kick, a player travels along a line until he meets the ball. He then stays on the spot just before the ball and the ball is kicked forward in the same direction, any

desired distance. After kicking the ball the player stays on the spot before the ball.

3. Normally the ball may not pass over the heads of any of the other players. However, if a player is starting his move from a point next to the ball, he is allowed to kick it over the heads of his opponents. In this case the ball can travel up to a maximum of two dots beyond the last man on the line of play.

4. When a goal is scored, the loser has the next kick off (the game is first reset).



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