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SOCCERGROUND MINI-PITCH · CLASSIC

# The original **DFB mini-pitch.**

Anchored in the ground with socket foundations: the stationary board system chosen by the German Soccer Federation for more than 1,000 school and club courts.

**CLASSIC**
MADE IN GERMANY · DIN EN 15312

THE PROJECT

# The 1,000 DFB Mini-Pitches Project

**1,019**
DFB MINI-PITCHES BUILT

**21**
REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

**4,000+**
APPLICATIONS

In 2008, the DFB (German Soccer Federation) decided it was time to actively promote soccer as a school and grassroots sport, and to use play to help integrate children and young people.

Big or small, boy or girl, German-born or with roots abroad: playing together and getting to know one another was the goal, and it still is today.

More than 4,000 schools and clubs applied for the DFB grant, which covered the cost of the entire court (excluding groundwork) and offered a great opportunity to expand what schools could offer in a meaningful, lasting way.

1,000 mini-pitches were planned at the start, and 1,019 SoccerGround courts were built in the end, funded by the proceeds of the 2006 World Cup and UEFA subsidiaries.

Spread evenly across Germany's 21 regional soccer associations, the courts now provide coverage across the whole country, so that as many children as possible have a court nearby.

All courts are fitted with particularly high-quality Polytan artificial turf and completed by a SoccerGround board system including goals and ball-stop nets.

And it didn't stop there: following the DFB's example, the Brandenburg Soccer Association built another 84 courts, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania 15, and many other clients around 300 additional SoccerGround courts to date, all supporting the same goal.

**SoccerGround: more play and more fun in sport.**

AREAS OF APPLICATION

## An all-rounder for many settings

The SoccerGround Classic can be used in many different settings:

- Schools, sports academies and boarding schools
- Soccer clubs, sports clubs and soccer associations
- Club hotels and resorts expanding their sports offering
- Companies with employee sports programs
- Shopping centers, amusement parks and public pools
- Parks and playgrounds
- Community centers and social institutions for children, youth and people with disabilities

SITE REQUIREMENTS

## Groundwork by the client

The SoccerGround Classic requires groundwork to be carried out by the client. First, the soil is excavated, filled with sand, gravel and chippings, and compacted. Socket foundations are then built according to our construction plan. This method complies with the German DIN 18035-7 standard for sports ground sub-structures. We provide detailed documentation on the necessary work.

In our experience, the preparatory work is usually not a major issue and can often be done at relatively low cost by working with local contractors.

If the work does turn out to be time-consuming and costly, or if the site is already paved with asphalt or concrete (e.g. a schoolyard or parking lot), we recommend comparing it with our **SoccerGround Advanced**. This system is just as sturdy and high-quality but usually needs no foundations at all.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

# Built to last, safe from day one

- The SoccerGround Classic is set in concrete using socket foundations (e.g. 14 sockets for a 65' × 42' court)
- The complete, ready-to-play system consists of surrounding boards, goals and ball-stop nets behind both goals
- The entire structure is extremely sturdy, structurally certified, long-lasting and virtually maintenance-free
- Hot-dip galvanizing makes all steel components permanently weatherproof and corrosion-resistant
- The boards are 3'3'' high and made of double-walled, metal-coated sandwich panels with a special sound-absorbing foam core for optimal noise reduction
- Board colors: green (RAL 6029), silver (RAL 9006), white (RAL 9010) or gray (RAL 9007); other RAL colors for boards and nets on request
- The goals, including goal nets, are integrated into the steel structure and allow access for artificial turf maintenance vehicles
- Players enter the court through doors in the goals, which are TÜV-approved as emergency exits
- An entrance door can be integrated into the boards on request
- High-quality ball-stop nets behind both goals, 10 ft high including boards (higher nets available), keep the ball from flying over the target. With a mesh of approx. 2'' × 2'' and 5/32'' thick cord, children cannot climb them and they won't cut into fingers
- The nets are evenly tensioned by stainless steel tensioning systems and neatly threaded onto a round tube directly at the edge of the boards
- Add side and roof nets to keep the ball on the court even during the wildest games
- Also available as a multi-sport court
- No finger traps, no sharp edges and no protruding corners
- TÜV GS-tested as a complete system and compliant with DIN EN 15312 (freely accessible multi-sport equipment), so the court does not need constant supervision

COURT & GOAL SIZES

## Sized to *your* site

The size of the SoccerGround Classic can be chosen freely, depending on the available space, the target group (children, youth or adults) and the number of players.

| COURT SIZE | GOALS (H × W) | IDEAL FOR |
|---|---|---|
| 50' × 32' | 6'5'' × 9'8'' | children, youth and small teams of approx. 3 vs. 3 |
| 65' × 42' DFB STANDARD | 6'5'' × 9'8'' | children, youth and small teams of approx. 5 vs. 5 |
| 78' × 50' | 6'5'' × 9'8'' | youth, adults and medium-sized teams of approx. 5 vs. 5 to 6 vs. 6 |
| 100' × 50' | 6'5'' × 9'8'' | youth, adults and medium-sized teams of approx. 6 vs. 6 |
| 131' × 66' | 6'5'' × 16'5'' | adults, pros and larger teams of approx. 8 vs. 8 |

Sizes match the court sizes in our online configurator at soccerground.com/en-US. Any other size can be built to fit your site; several courts can be combined side by side, board to board.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

## Complete the court

**High-quality surface** – for the ultimate playing experience and better training results; depending on your needs, e.g. a professional artificial turf system with shock-absorbing layer, or a synthetic surface for a multi-sport court

**Protective side nets** – in various heights (standard 10 ft incl. boards, 13 ft or 16 ft safety nets)

**Roof nets** – for complete protection against lost balls

**Sponsor branding** – for commercial use as part of sponsorship activities, ideal for refinancing

**Integrated floodlights** – turn your court into a complete stadium, keep it playable late into the evening and, for commercial use, make it more profitable

**Multi-sport modules** – add basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer tennis and much more

**Bleachers** – for events with spectators

Detailed information on request.

INSTALLED

# SoccerGround Classic in use

*Borussia Mönchengladbach, 65' × 42'*

*Lohmar, 65' × 42'*

Small space.
*Big game.*


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