

TEN COOL FACTS ABOUT SOCCER

1. The word “soccer,” which is believed to have originated in Britain about two hundred years ago, comes from the sport’s official name, “association football.”
2. To make them round, soccer balls are made by sewing together exactly thirty-two panels. Twenty of the panels are six-sided shapes (hexagons), and the other twelve are pentagons (five-sided shapes).
3. With four billion fans worldwide, soccer is the most popular sport in the world.
4. FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) is the organization that runs soccer worldwide. It’s often called the United Nations of soccer, as its members represent 211 countries.