

Sports Terminology: Important Sports-Related Terminologies

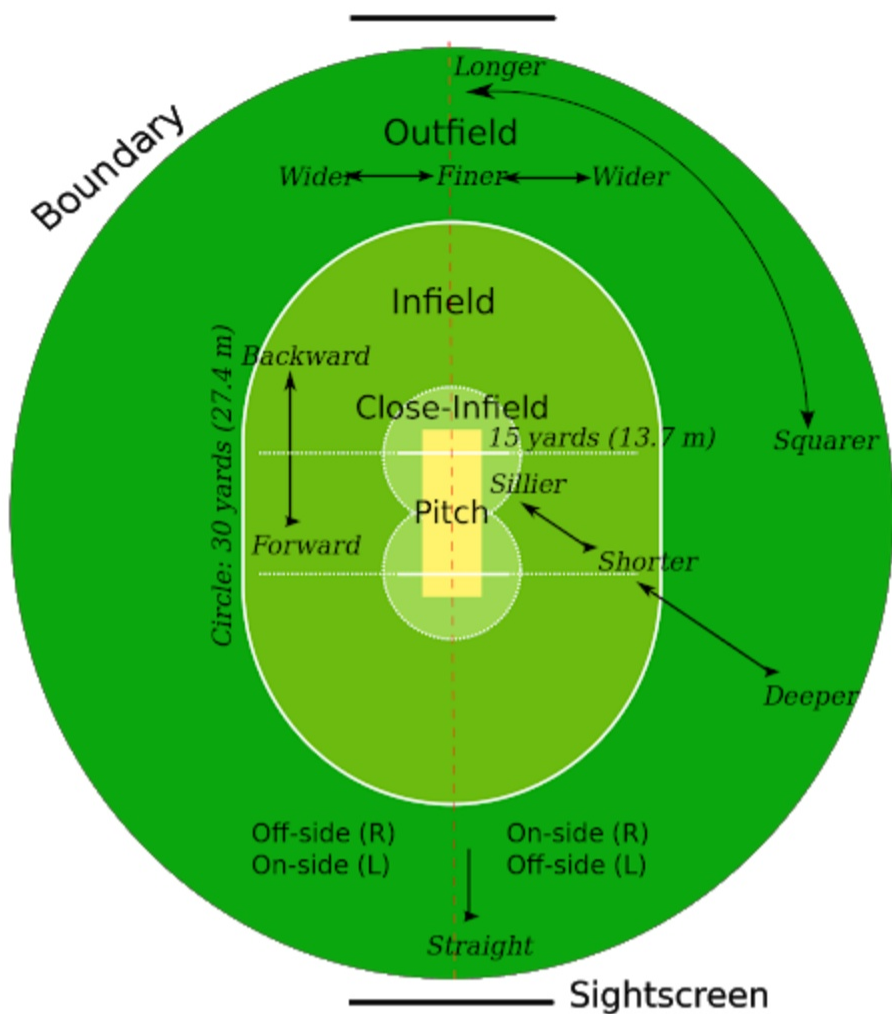
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Sports-related terms constitute an important part of the general awareness segment of various competitive exams. The General Awareness section is a part of almost all important Government exams like SSC CGL, CHSL, MTS, Bank, and so on; and securing good marks in this section is somewhat easy since no calculations and solutions are needed. But this is achievable if an aspirant has a thorough knowledge of the topic. This article brings to you information on various Sports and their Terminology with images for better understanding.

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Cricket and its Terminology

- **Cricket** is the National Game of **England**.
- Cricket is a bat-and-ball sport in which two teams of **eleven players** compete on a field with a **22-yard (20-meter) pitch** in the middle and two **wickets** at each end, each with two bails balanced on three stumps.



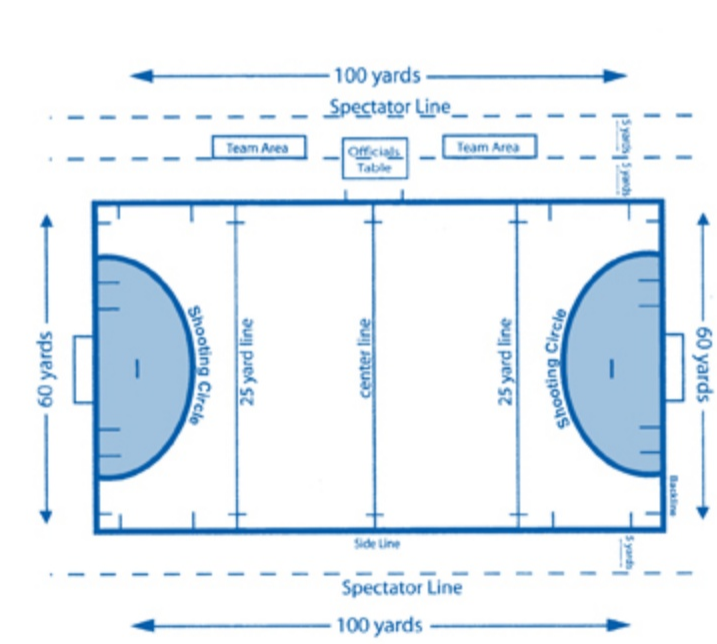
Sports Term	Cricket Terminology
Yorker	A yorker is a ball bowled (a delivery) that hits the cricket pitch around the batsman's feet. When a batsman assumes a normal stance, this generally means that the cricket ball bounces on the cricket pitch on or near the batsman's popping crease.
Crease	The crease is a certain area demarcated by white lines painted or chalked on the field of play, and pursuant to the rules of cricket they help determine legal play in different ways for the fielding and batting side. They define the area within which the batsmen and bowlers operate.
Pavilion	A cricket pavilion is a pavilion at a cricket ground. It is the main building within which the players usually change in dressing rooms and which is the main location for watching the cricket match for members and others.
LBW	Leg Before Wicket – When a batsman uses his pads to prevent the ball from striking his stumps and is afterward dismissed.
Stump	The wicket comprises three cricket stumps and two bails. The bails are placed horizontally between each of the stumps.
Bails	Bail is one of the two smaller sticks placed on top of the three stumps to form a wicket.

Silly	Distances of the fielding positions from the batsman are described as: Silly is very close. Short is quite close. Mid is a midpoint to the boundary. Long and Deep are closer to the boundary.
Maiden over	When a bowler bowls a full over without allowing the batsman to score a run.
Edge (Snick or Nick)	When a batter only just makes contact with the ball with the side of his bat and is caught by the wicketkeeper or the slips.

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Hockey and its Terminology

- **Hockey** is the Unofficial National Game of **India**.
- There are many types of hockey such as bandy, field hockey, ice hockey, and rink hockey.
- It is an outdoor game played by two opposing teams of 11 players each who use sticks curved at the striking end to hit a small, hard ball into their opponent’s goal.



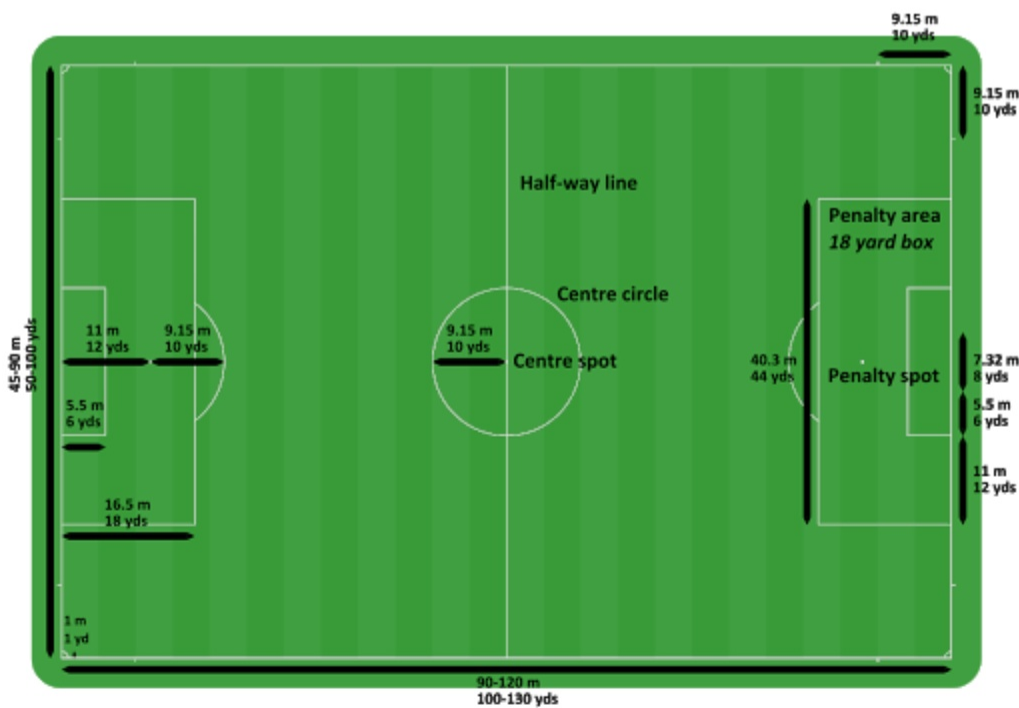
Sports Term	Hockey Terminology
Bully	The term “ bully ” refers to a method used. by two opposing players to restart the play. Once the ball is in play, it must be hit or touched by an attacking player’s stick.
Short corner	A penalty corner , sometimes known as a short corner , is a penalty given against the defending team.
Penalty	A penalty stroke , sometimes known as a penalty flick, is the most severe penalty given.

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Pushin	A push pass is used to move the ball speedily over shorter distances.
Scoop	The scoop is an aerial pass on the dribble from the left side of the field.
Dribble	Dribbling is the primary means of controlling the puck when you're moving on the ice. The movement requires good peripheral vision and the ability to control the puck, not only inside your base of support but also when the puck is outside your primary area of control.
Halfback	Half-backs often take attacking free hits inside the opposition half, and support attacks on the wings by providing sharp crosses.
Astroturf	A hockey pitch is a playing surface for the game of field hockey. Historically, the game was played on natural turf (grass) but nowadays it is predominantly played on artificial turf .

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Football and its Terminology

- Football is the most popular game of **Brazil**.
- A maximum of **eleven players** can be on each team.



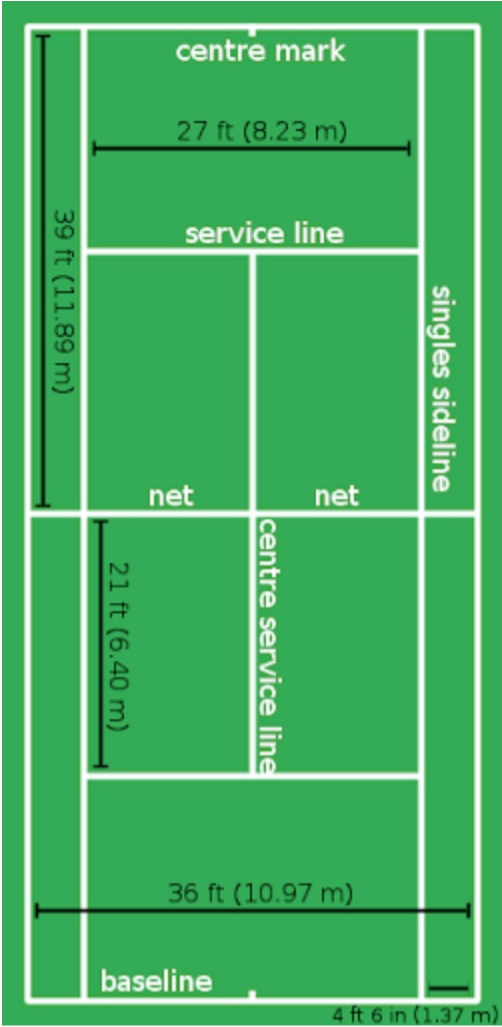
Sports Term	Football Terminology
Kick	When the attacking team plays the ball past the goal line, the defending team receives a goal kick .

Goal	In football, the goal is the sole way to score .
Head	In association football, a header is a technique for controlling the ball with the head to pass, shoot, or clear the ball.
Penalty kick	A penalty stroke , sometimes known as a penalty flick, is the most severe penalty given.
Dribble	Dribbling is the manipulating of a ball by one player while traveling in a specific direction while avoiding efforts to intercept the ball by other players.
Offside	If a player of the opposition team is closer to the opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second-last opponent , then the player is in an offside position .
Move	A fantastic move in which a player performs a backflip in the air.
Hat-trick	A hat-trick is when a player scores three goals in a single game.
Defender	A defender is a player who plays in the outfield and is primarily responsible for stopping attacks during the game.

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Tennis and its Terminology

- Tennis is a **racket sport** that can be played individually (singles) or between two teams of two players each (doubles).
- Each player hits a hollow rubber ball wrapped in felt over or over a net and into the opponent's court with a tennis racquet connected with a cord.



Sports Term	Tennis Terminology
Service	The point begins with the serve (or service). Per point, a player has two serves : a first and a second serve.
Grandslam	In tennis, a Grand Slam is achieved when a player wins all four major titles in the same calendar year: Australia, France, the United Kingdom (Wimbledon), and the United States.
Deuce	When the score is 40-40 it is called Deuce . A player must win two consecutive points from deuce to win a game
Breakpoint	When two conditions are met, a breakpoint occurs 1) One player is one point away from winning the game, and 2) their opponent is serving.
Smash	In tennis, a smash is a shot that is hit with a serve-like action above the hitter’s head.
Shot	Tennis shots can be classified based on when they are struck (serve, groundstroke, volley, half volley).
Break	Break: To win a game by breaking serve as the receiving player or team. Because the server

	is more likely to win a game at a high level of play, breaks are frequently crucial occasions in a match.
Grass Court	A grass court is one of four main types of tennis courts on which tennis, sometimes known as “lawn tennis,” is played.
Baseline	The line at the back of the court runs parallel to the net.

Sports Terminology – Other Important Sports Terms

Check the below table to know about all the sports terms and the sports they’re used in:

Sports Term	Sports Terminology
Table Tennis	Volley, Late service, Drive spin, Half volley, Backhand, Chop, Backhand, Backspin, Block, Chop, Closed, Dead ball, Doubles, Drive, Drop shot, Expedite rule, Forehand, Inverted, Let, Lob, Long pips, Loop, Match, Medium-long, Open, Penhold, Pips-in, Pips-out, Push, Receive, Seemiller, Serve, Set, Shake hands, Short, Sidespin, Skunk, Smash, Topspin, etc.
Baseball	Pinching, Homerun, Base runner, Perfect game, Throw, Strike, Put out, etc.
Badminton	Shuttlecock, Service court, Double fault, Fore-hand, Back Hand, Smash, Hit, Drop, Net, Love, Game, Service court, Halfcourt Shot, Kill, Let, Long Service Line, Match, Midcourt, etc.
Boxing	Knock out, Jab, Round, Hook, Punch, Uppercut, Kidney punch, Timing, Footwork, Canvas, Card, Caught Cold, Clinch, Corkscrew Punch, Cornerman, Low Blow, Mauler, Neutral Corner, Plodder, Ring Generalship, Roughhousing, Southpaw, Spar, Stablemate, Technical Knockout, Walkout Bout, Whiskers, etc.
Athletics	Relay, Track, Lane, Photo Finish, Hurdles, Shot Put, Discuss Throw, Hammer Throw, High Jump, Triple Jump Cross Country, middle-distance, pole-vault, relay, record, shot put, sprint, starting blocks, steeplechase, track, track, and field, triple jump, Cross Country, etc.
Cycling	Sprint, Time trial, Track race, Point race, etc.
Chess	Gambit, move, resign, stalemate, checkmate, Grandmaster, international master, Kings Indian Defence, etc.
Golf	Ace, albatross, double eagle, all square, approach putt, apron, ball mark, ballooning, beach, birdie, blind shot, bogey, bunker, caddy, chip, Claw grip, condor, dogleg, dub, flag, Four-Ball, Mulligan, off the deck, peg, sand trap, a tee shot, etc.
Horse Riding	Three-day Event, Dresses, Showjumping, Faults, Punter, Jockey, Place, Win, Protest, Racecourse, steeple chase, bets, bookies, etc.
Swimming	Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly stroke, Lane, Pool, Crawl, Add Up, Anchor,

	Approved Meet, Carpool, Cards, Check-In, Check-Out, Course, Dryland, False Start, Freestyle, Gun Lap, Heats, Jump, Lane Lines, Paddle, Parka, Pool, Pull Buoy, Relays, Split, Stroke, Yardage, etc.
Shooting	Rapidfire Pistol, Standard rifle, Free pistol, Air rifle, Range, Bull's eye, Marksmanship, Plug, Skeet, etc.
Weight Lifting	Bounce, Complex, Concentric, Double Knee Bend, Dynamic Start, Drive Position, Eccentric, First Pull, Second Pull, Hang, Hook Grip, Power, Pulling Position, Power Position, Receiving Position, Scoop, Split, Starting Position, Static Start, Straps, Technique Primer, Third Pull, Warm-up Couplet
Wrestling	Freestyle, Point, Hal Nelson, Heave, etc.
Volleyball	Ace, Antenna, Approach, Assist, Attack, Attack Block, Attack Error, Attacker, Attack, Line, Backcourt, Back Set, Back Row Attack, Beach Dig, Block, Bump, Ball Handling Error, Bump Pass, Campfire, Center Line, Closing The Block, Cross Court Shot, Cut Shot, Decoy, Deep Set, Dig, Dink, Double Block, Double Hit, Double Quick, Doubles, Down Ball, Five, One, Five Set, Flare, Floater, Forearm Pass, Foul, Four Set, Four-Two, Free Ball, Held Ball, Hit, Hitter, Hitting Percentage, Inside Shoot, Isolation Play, Jungle Ball, Jump Serve, Joust, Key, Kill, Line, Line Shot, Let Serve, Middle-Back, Middle-Up, Multiple Offense, Offside Block, Off-Speed Hit, Outside Hitter, Overhand Pass, Overhand Serve, Overlap, Pass, Penetration, Point Of, Service, Power Alley, Power Tip, Power Volleyball, Quick, Quick Set, Ready Position, Reception Error, Red Card, Roll, Roof, Rotation, Serve, Server, Service Error, Service Winner, Set, Setter, Side Out, Six Pack, Six-Two, Spike, Strong Side, Turning In, Underhand Serve, Weak Side, Wipe, Yellow Card
Polo	Polo-Bunker, Mallet, Chukker, Handicap, goal, sixty yarders, etc.
Judo	Cocoa, White, Blue, Green belt, etc.
Kho-Kho	Runner, Chaser, Poleby, Out, Foul, etc.

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Sports Terminology FAQs

Q.1 What does LBW stand for?

Ans.1

LBW stands for leg before wicket.

Q.2 What are some of the common terms in football?

Ans.2

Kick, Goal, Defender, Attacker are few common terms in football.

Q.3 What are some of the basic skills in athletics?

Ans.3

Strength, flexibility, endurance, speed, and power are some of the basic skills in athletics.

Q.4 The term ‘Butterfly Strokes’ is related to which game?

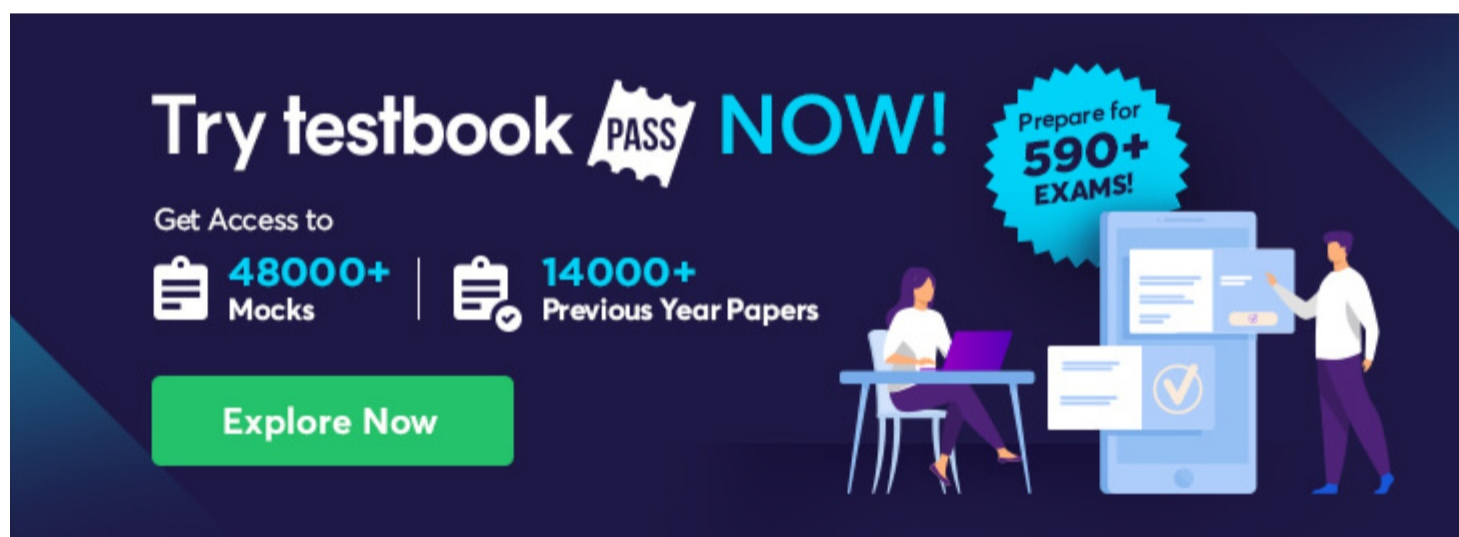
Ans.4

Butterfly Strokes are related to Swimming.

Q.5 The term Hook Pass Term applies to which sports?

Ans.5

Hook Pass is related to Basketball. It is similar to a hook shot.



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