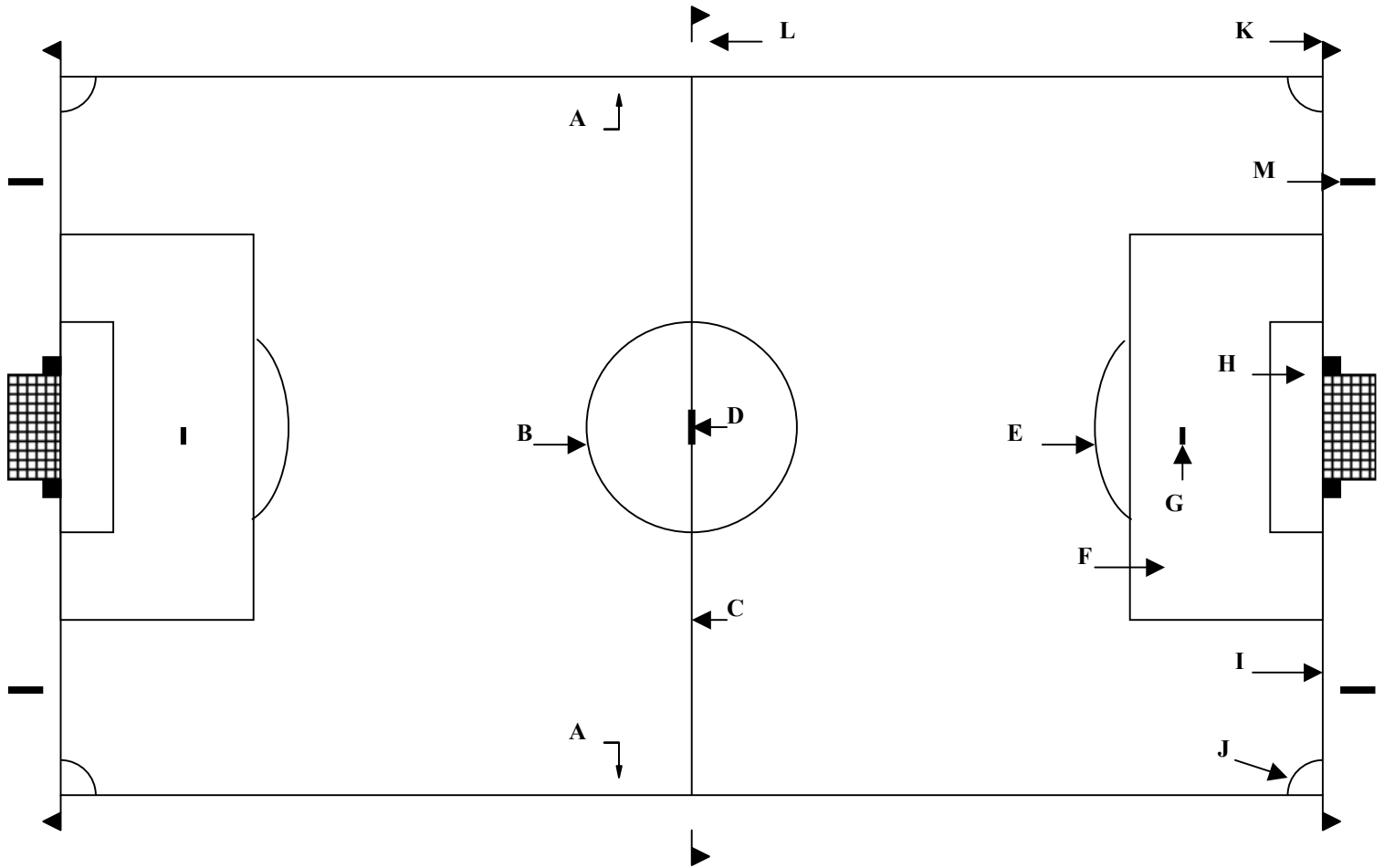


Basic Soccer Field Diagram and Nomenclature



LEGEND:

- A:** Touchline – Line connecting ends of goal line (**I**) on each side of the pitch; lines are parallel to each other; distance between ranges from 50 yards to 80 yards depending on level of play
- B:** Center Circle – Radius of 10 yards from the Center Mark (**D**); used to determine encroachment violations at kick-offs
- C:** Halfline – Extends and connects both touchlines; divides the length of the field into two equal halves; used as one criteria for offside
- D:** Center Mark – Used as origin in measuring the Center Circle (**B**); placed on the halfline midway between touchlines; can be a “spot” or “cross”; point where ball is placed for kick-offs
- E:** Penalty Kick Encroachment Arc – Radius of 10 yards from the Penalty Kick Mark (**G**); used to determine encroachment violations during penalty kicks
- F:** Penalty Area – 44 yards in length; 18 yards in width; fouls committed within this area which are sanctioned by awarding a direct kick result in the award of a penalty kick
- G:** Penalty Kick Mark – “Spot” or “Line” where ball is placed for the taking of a penalty kick
- H:** Goal Area – 20 yards in length; 6 yards in width; area within which goalie cannot be interfered with by attacking players
- I:** Goal Line – Line connecting the two touchlines (**A**); used to determine when a goal is scored, a corner kick is awarded, or a goal kick is awarded
- J:** Corner Arc – Used to determine placement of the ball during a corner kick; radius of one yard from the intersection of the goal line (**I**) and the adjacent touchline (**A**)
- K:** Corner Flag – Vertical flag placed on the outer edge of the intersection of the goal line (**I**) and the adjacent touchline (**A**)
- L:** Halfline Flag – Vertical flag placed one yard off both sides of the field and in-line with the Halfline (**C**); used by officials as a reference for location of the halfline (Optional)
- M:** Hash Mark – Line one yard in length drawn perpendicular to the goal line (**I**) and eleven yards from the intersection of the goal line with the nearest touchline (**A**); does NOT touch the goal line; used by officials as a visual reference for encroachment during corner kicks