

# step inside

**STREET SOCCER PITCHES**  
PARK DISTRICTS AND MUNICIPALITIES



**METTLE**  
**SPORTS**

**Mettle Sports is embracing the idea of street soccer and free-play, which will enable more kids to play more soccer, developing greater spatial awareness, anticipation and decision-making abilities so critical in elevating the level of play.**

**Dr. Mark Williams**

Professor and Editor-in-Chief,  
Journal of Sports Science

# changing the face of US soccer

Mettle Sports is changing the face of US soccer by promoting the game in its purest form: street soccer. Our street soccer pitches invite spontaneous, unstructured play that generates faster, smarter, more creative soccer.

In street soccer:

- Everything disappears, except the joy of the game
- Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill, age, race, gender or background
- Every player gets more time and touches on the ball

Working with park districts and municipalities, schools and universities, soccer clubs and coaches, we're opening new pathways to the sport, turning soccer into a valuable resource accessible to all.

**Step inside and feel the power of the pitch.**

## STEP INSIDE

An investment in a Mettle Sports street soccer pitch is not just an investment in soccer development. It's an investment in your community.

According to NRPA, successful parks usually encompass five elements: engaging, adaptable, authentic, connected, and iconic. Mettle Sports street soccer pitches create engaging community spaces that attract users almost 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They encourage physical activity and build community through the interplay of different ages, races and ethnicities. They contribute to the quality of life of the neighborhood and city and become a destination for free-play. Finally, they are iconic in their design and novelty, turning heads from the street and attracting visitors and players not only from the other side of the park, but also from the other side of town.

Our street soccer pitches provide more places for more kids to play—and more spaces for communities to come together. The pitches are durable and safe, ready to handle the toughest level of play. And they're versatile, perfect for large parks that want to relieve stress on their full-sized fields, or urban centers that need to make the most of the space they have.

On the pitch, kids build confidence, pride, health and fitness while experiencing the pure joy of soccer. And municipalities create new pathways to the sport while making their communities a better and safer place to live and play.







# the pitch



## THE PITCH

Our street soccer pitches are built with rigorous use in mind and are aesthetically pleasing to players and spectators alike. They have been awarded the highest GS safety rating from TUV Rheinland.

### FEATURES

- Panels are constructed with a high-quality, noise-condensing inner core and have an aluminum and PVC shell.
- The rear and side netting system, with 4mm thickness, has tensioners to keep the ball in play on errant shots.
- Galvanized steel corner posts, stanchions and goal systems look and feel solid for long-term use and wear.



## THE PITCH



### PERMANENT PITCHES

#### Advanced

The Advanced Pitch is a more substantial version of our Portable Pitch offering that can be installed with a partial foundation or counterweights. The additional strength of the materials used in construction allows for longer panel lengths with permanent netting supports and solid bracing systems. Because the substrate is flexible, the pitch can be placed on existing pads or on soil with curbs and foundation.

#### Classic

Our Classic Pitch is a fully permanent pitch solution. Built on a full-foundation base with drainage, the Classic Pitch has heavier panels and is ideal for multi-pitch centers. Pricing available upon request.



### PORTABLE PITCHES

The Portable Pitch solution includes semi-permanent goals, nets and boards, and includes all necessary hardware. The pitch can be placed easily on any surface and can be fully set up in 90-120 minutes with a 4-5 person crew. Portable Pitches can remain in place for an indefinite period of time, though grass may wear due to use and weather conditions. If a Portable Pitch will be set up indefinitely, please consider asking about a Classic Pitch.







## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES



### ARTIFICIAL TURF

The artificial turf is Fast Grass AT740 from Sporturf. The turf will be lined for typical small-sided street soccer play and includes the center circle, halfway line, goal lines and goal area arcs.



### LIGHTING

Lighting kits incorporate high-intensity post lights in each corner for full-coverage lighting across the pitch. Installation requires a licensed electrician to run a dedicated 120V service feed the four corners of the site (electrical work not included, though available).



### SEATING

Optional bleachers are available and can feature custom colors of your choice. The Anly Series bleacher system by Avant offers 144 total seats in four rows of seating and measures 19 meters in total length.

The durable, all-metal construction has been honored with some of the highest safety ratings in the industry.

Site preparation requires 12 concrete footings for the system to rest on.

Every kid is one  
caring adult away from  
**being a success story.**

**Josh Shipp**

Former at-risk foster child  
turned youth advocate





#### AT-RISK FUELS THE REWARD

We are committed to empowering at-risk youth through job opportunities and career development. All of our field and warehouse crew members are selected from various not-for-profit programs that serve and support the 18- to 25-year-old at-risk male population.

## ABOUT METTLE SPORTS

Working with Municipalities, Park Districts, Universities, Schools and Soccer Clubs, Mettle Sports designs solutions to improve soccer development and provide valuable playing resources, especially in underserved communities, while fostering community through the sport of soccer.

We plan to place 2,000 street soccer pitches across the US over the next three to five years. This will not only improve soccer skill development, but will also provide new pathways to the sport, especially for those in densely populated, urban centers.

**Together, we are changing the face of US soccer.**

### **That means we will:**

- Promote the pure game of street soccer
- Provide greater access to the sport by removing barriers
- Empower and strengthen underserved communities
- Foster the development of young soccer players through unstructured, creative, free play
- Employ best practices to maximize social and environmental responsibility
- Partner with those who share common values
- Achieve excellence in customer service

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## BENEFITS OF FREE PLAY SOCCER:

**WHY IS FREE, UNSTRUCTURED PLAY SO IMPORTANT? THERE ARE LOTS OF REASONS, SAYS THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS:**

- Play is important to healthy development of the brain.
- When play is child-driven, children practice decision-making skills, move at their own pace, discover areas of interest on their own, and ultimately engage fully in the passions they wish to pursue.
- When play is controlled by adults - such as in organized sports—children have to follow to adult rules and concerns (like winning) and lose some of the benefits play offers them, particularly in developing creativity, leadership and group skills.
- Play and unscheduled time that allows for peer interactions is an important component of social-emotional learning.
- Undirected play helps children learn how to work collaboratively, to share, to negotiate, to resolve conflicts, and learn self-advocacy skills.
- Play offers parents a wonderful opportunity to engage fully with their children.
- Free, child-driven, creative play protects against the effects of pressure and stress.
- Improves technical ability in soccer players.
- Improve soccer IQ.



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