

# II - The Ball

## Qualities and Measurements

### The ball is:

- spherical
- made of leather or other suitable material
- of a circumference of not more than 70 cm (28 ins) and not less than 68 cm (27 ins)
- not more than 450 g (16 oz) in weight and not less than 410 g (14 oz) at the start of the match
- of a pressure equal to 0.6 - 1.1 atmosphere (600 - 1100 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) at sea level (8.5 lbs/sq in 15.6 lbs/sq in)

## Replacement of a Defective Ball

### If the ball bursts or becomes defective during the course of a match:

- the match is stopped
- the match is restarted by dropping the replacement ball at the place where the first ball became defective

### If the ball bursts or becomes defective whilst not in play at a kick-off, goal kick, corner kick, free kick, penalty kick or throw-in:

- the match is restarted accordingly

**The ball may not be changed during the match without the authority of the referee.**