



# Ball Sports

SORTED BY POPULARITY



Football / Soccer



Cricket



Hockey



Tennis



Volleyball



Table tennis



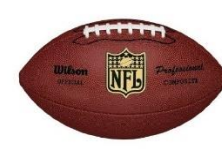
Baseball



Golf



Basketball



Football

The rules of **association football** were codified in **England** by the Football Association in **1863** and the name association football was coined to distinguish the game from the other forms of football played at the time, specifically **rugby football**. The term **soccer** originated in **England**, first appearing in the 1880s as an Oxford "-er" abbreviation of the word "**association**". Within the English-speaking world, association football is now usually called **football** in the **United Kingdom** and mainly **soccer** in **Canada** and the **United States**. **Cricket** has also its roots in England, but it's now played by **120 million players** in the world, making it **the second most popular sport** after association football. Coming in third, **hockey** is a family of sports in which two teams play against each other by trying to maneuver a **ball** or a **puck** into the opponent's goal using a hockey stick. **Field Hockey** is the national game of Pakistan and India, while **Ice Hockey** is more popular in Europe, especially in Latvia and Sweden, and in North America .