Technical Recommendations and Requirements for the Construction or Modernisation of Football Stadia
(a) Recommended dimensions of grass area and of playing field

**grass area:**
- length: 120 m
- breadth: 80 m

**playing field:**
- for all matches at top professional level, it is recommended that the dimensions of the playing field should be 105 x 68 m.
- for all matches in the final competition of the FIFA World Cup and the final competitions of confederation championships throughout the world, only the dimensions of 105 x 68 m are acceptable.

(b) Service track surrounding the grass area

Many stadia have grass from wall to wall within the playing area, whilst others prefer to have a concrete-type service track surrounding the grass area in order to facilitate movement within the playing area of maintenance vehicles, ambulances, security vehicles, etc. This is largely a matter of preference and whatever style is chosen will depend upon the individual requirements of each stadium.

(c) Recommended minimum distances from the playing field boundary lines to the retaining wall or moat:

- from the touchline: 6.0 m
- from each goal-line: 7.5 m

(d) Boundary lines

There should be a grass verge of a minimum width of 1.5 m outside the boundary lines of the playing field in stadia which cannot comply with the dimensions recommended above.

(e) Drainage

The entire playing area should have a drainage system to eliminate the possibility of it becoming unplayable due to flooding.

(f) Track

If there is a track surrounding the playing field, the point where the grass verge meets the track should be level so as not to endanger players, linesmen or any other person using the track.

(g) Danger to players and others

Nothing in the playing field or its immediate surroundings should constitute a danger to players or others whose purpose takes them into the playing area. For example, the goal nets should not be suspended by means of a metal frame of any kind but should be suspended by some other method which clearly does not constitute a danger. If pins of any kind are used to fasten the nets to the ground they must not protrude above ground level.