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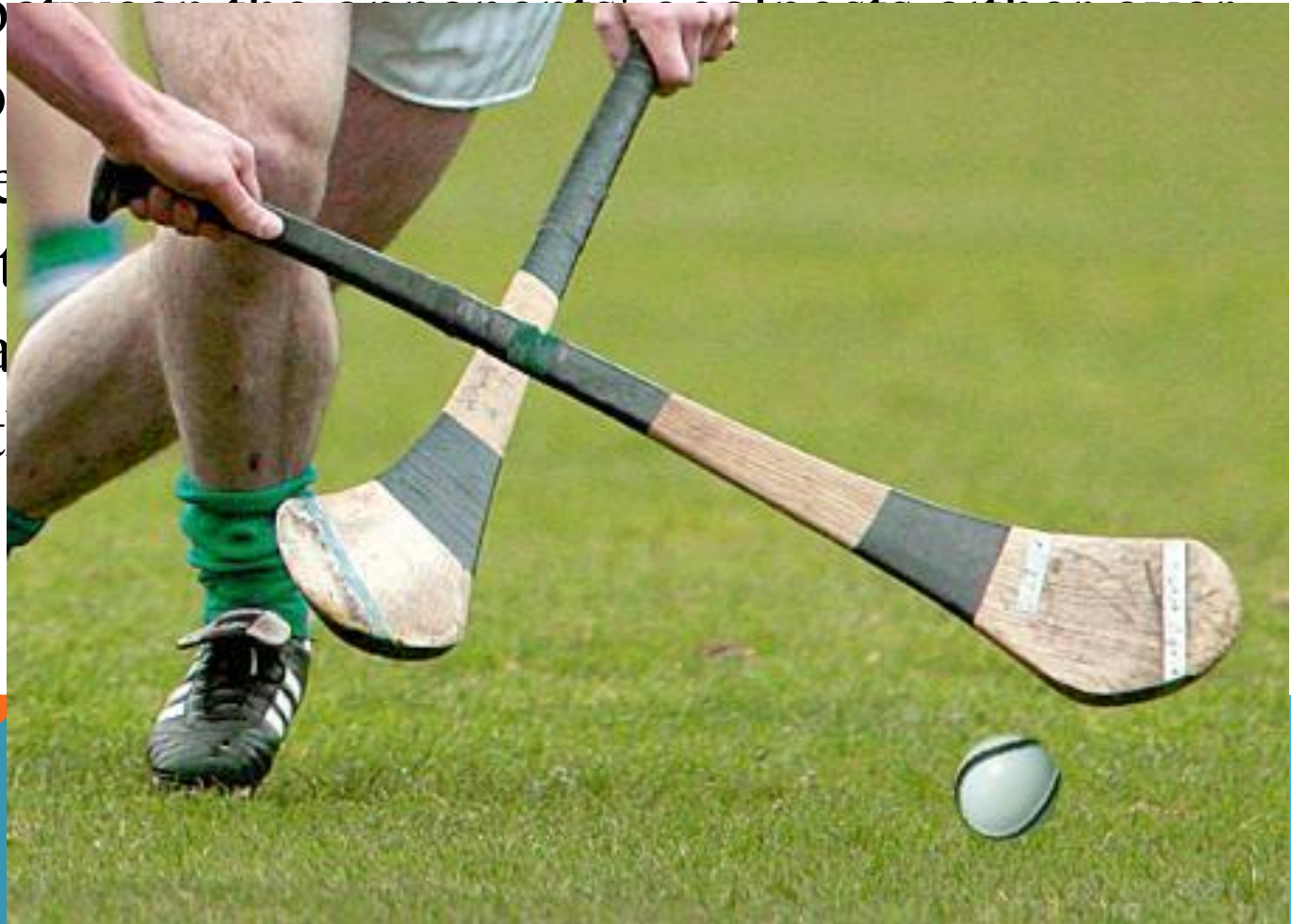
THE UNUSUAL MIX OF SOCCER, BASEBALL AND HOCKEY



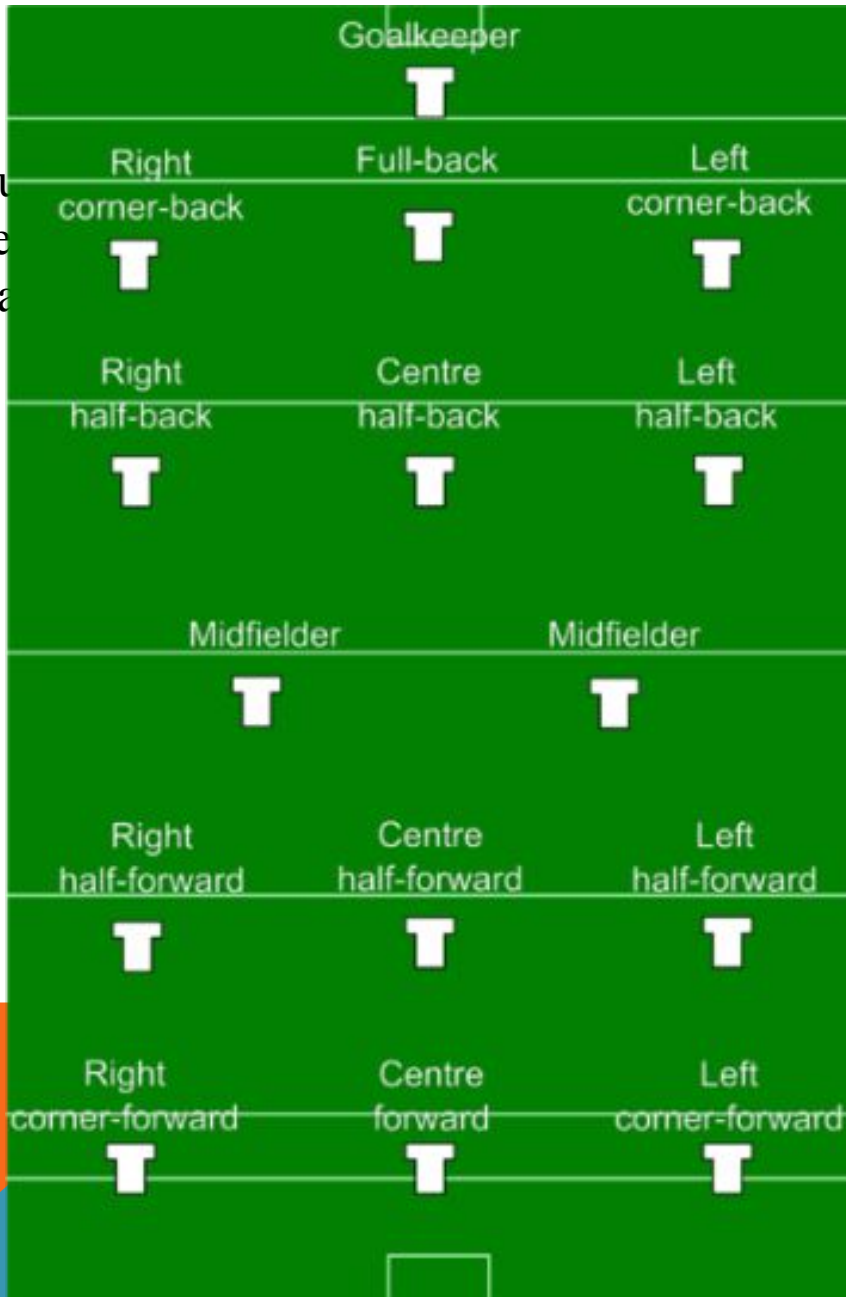


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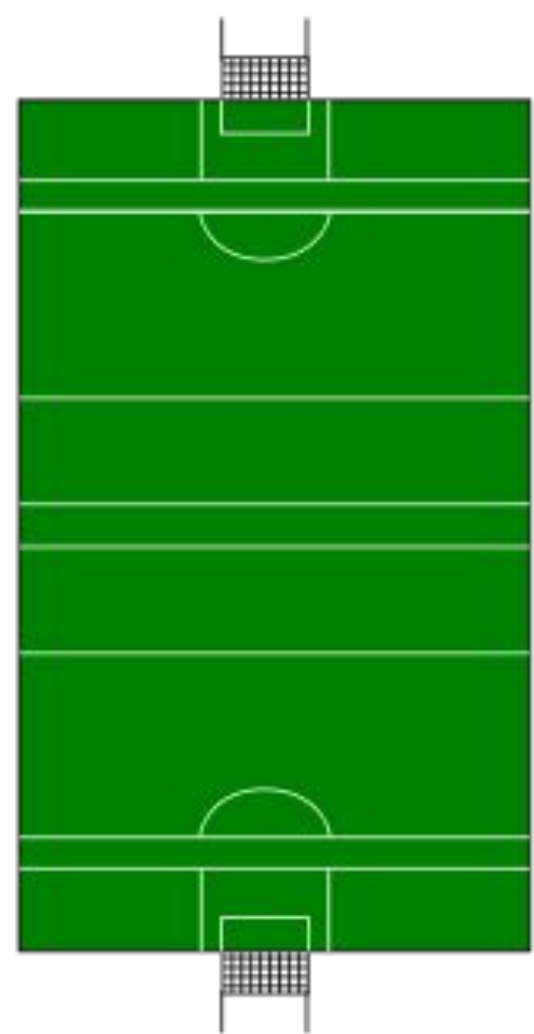
The objective of the game is for players to use a wooden stick called a *hurley* to hit a small ball called a *sliotar* by passing the ball between players with the crossbar of the hurley. The ball is also used to guard the net, which is the equivalent of the handball in soccer. The ball is struck in the hand with the hurley.



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Hurling is played throughout the world, and is popular among members of the Irish diaspora in North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Argentina.

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