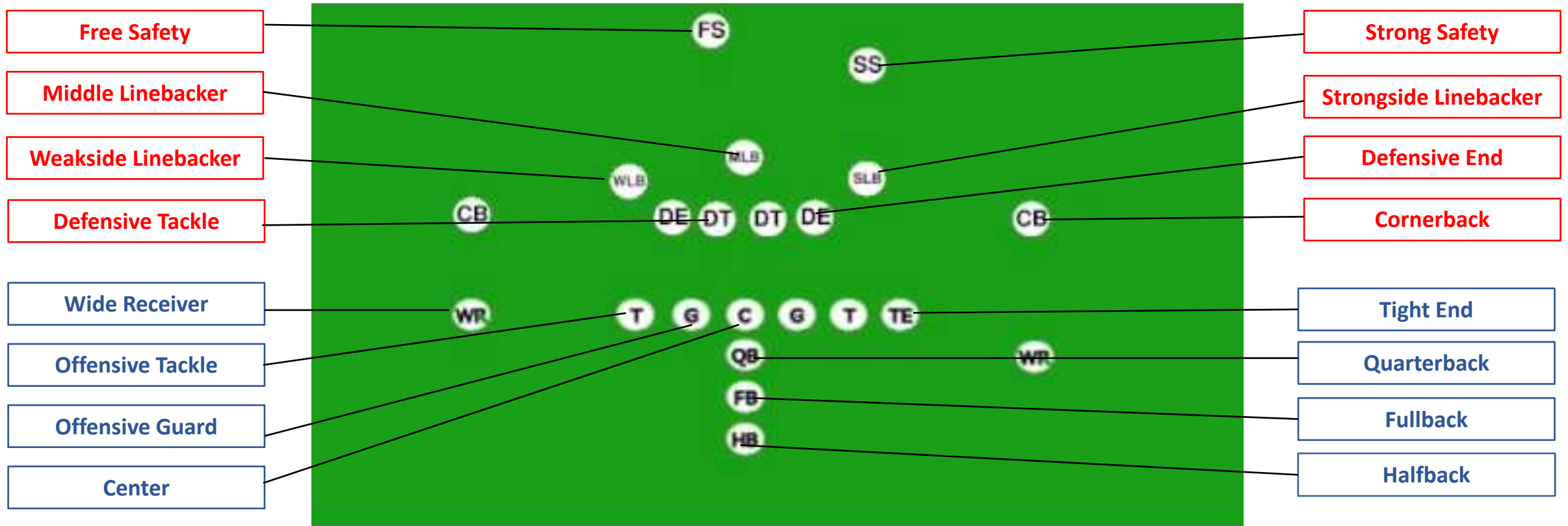


# FOOTBALL POSITIONS/ROLES



Key:

Offense

Defense

## Offense

**Quarterback:** The QB is known as the leader of the team. He also is in charge of executing the different plays and creating a counter against the opposing defense.

**Halfback:** The HB is form of a Running Back whom is responsible for both running and receiving the football. The HB is known for their speed rather than their strength as well.

**Fullback:** The FB is a form of a Running Back whom is responsible for running and receiving the football, but are mainly used for blocking plays in addition to the offensive line.

**Wide Receiver:** The WR is responsible for catching passes from the QB in order to gain yardage and score points.

**Tight End:** The TE is receiving passes from the QB as well as an extra blocker against defenders.

**Center:** The C is responsible for giving the football to the QB at the start of the play. He also is responsible for calling plays at the line of scrimmage and blocking for runs and passes.

**Offensive Guard:** The OG is responsible for blocking for the QB during passing plays and creating holes in the defense for the HB or FB during running plays.

**Offensive Tackle:** The OT is responsible for blocking for whichever player may have the ball during the play.

## Defense

**Free Safety:** The FS is responsible for following the ball and covering either the QB or double covering another player on the field.

**Strong Safety:** The SS is responsible for covering the stronger receivers such as TEs or stopping the HB or FB at the line during running plays.

**Cornerback:** The CB is responsible for covering WRs, but also are sometimes known for stopping offensive running plays.

**Weakside Linebacker:** The WLB is the fastest linebacker on the field and is responsible for tackling the player with the ball on the side of the field that he is covering.

**Middle Linebacker:** The MLB is responsible for calling the defensive plays. They are also responsible for covering the quarterback, covering the middle of the field, and tackling the player with the ball.

**Strongside Linebacker:** The SLB lines up across from the TE or the offensive side with the most personnel and is responsible for tackling the runner or the larger receiver with the ball.

**Defensive Tackle:** The DT is responsible for pursuing the quarterback, knocking down passes, and closing holes in the defense at the line of scrimmage.

**Defensive End:** The DE is responsible for the stopping running plays.

## Special Teams (Not Listed)

**Kicker:** The K is responsible for kicking field goals, kicking extra points, kicking the football downfield during the kickoff, and in some cases, passing or running the football during trick plays.

**Punter:** The P is responsible for punting the football to the other team to limit their positioning on the field.

**Holder:** The Holder is responsible for receiving the snap during field goals and extra points. This position is usually played by a backup QB so in some instances, the Holder will run or pass for a trick play.

**Long Snapper:** The Long Snapper is responsible for snapping the ball to the Holder.

**Kickoff Returner:** The KR is responsible for catching the football from the K during the kickoff and attempting to run with it into the opponent's end zone.

**Punt Returner:** The PR is responsible for catching the football from the P and attempting to run with it into the opponent's end zone.