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**Football matches should be decided on the football field.  
The penalty shootout is no way to decide the fate of a club team/country  
in a major competition. How often have we seen the team up against it  
just playing for a draw in the hope of winning a penalty shootout?**

**The solution:**

After 90 mins, extra time, first team to score wins.

After 10 mins ref blows his whistle and two players from both sides must leave the field (i.e. 9 a side)

Ten minutes later ref blows his whistle and two more must leave (i.e. 7 a side) until a result is produced.

We will have more space, **the fitter players, the more skillful players** who can pass a ball 100 yards left.

Managers would have decisions to make (i.e. with 20 mins to go in main 90 mins hold back two substitutes for extra time situation?)

There would be a result this way within 30 minutes every time!

Teams that play negatively in the hope to win by penalty shoot out get their way too often in football.

Regards,

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