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# Ranbir gets sporty for football

Actor **Ranbir Kapoor**, a self-confessed football fan, hopes to support the sport in every way possible

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INDIA may be a cricket-crazy nation, but for actor Ranbir Kapoor football remains a passion. Ranbir who has admitted his love for the sport in the past, is known to be an avid footballer himself. It thus comes as no surprise that the actor has chosen to support the youth football T20 tourney at a time when several of his B-town friends are actively cheering for cricket.

Ask Ranbir about his passion for the game and he says, "Football is an integral part of my life and if not an actor, I would have loved to become a football player. It teaches one teamwork, determination and discipline. And being a football enthusiast, I am glad that I am taking the initiative to popularise football amongst the youth of our country. I am proud and confident that they will enjoy the new T20 format."

A source, from the sets where the actor recently shot for a TV commercial, reveals that the actor's passion for the sport was quite visible during the shoot. "He and the other youngster featured in the ad kept playing football in between the shots. They never missed an opportunity to dribble the ball or play fun tricks on each other. The youngster was also seen teaching Ranbir some cool football tricks."

In fact, actor Salman Khan who is aware of Ranbir's passion for the sport has said, "I don't know if he is interested in cricket as I haven't seen him playing. But we have played football together and he plays well. When I do something for football I shall keep him in mind."

So, now that *Rockstar* Ranbir has the backing of *Dabangg* Salman, guess football is soon going to be a buzzing sport in B-town, what say guys?

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