

HSA Movable Goal Safety Policy

It is the intention of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Hancock Soccer Association (HSA) that goal safety be a priority. Therefore, the following policy is adopted. This policy applies not only to members of HSA, but to those organizations utilizing HSA's goals (i.e. private camps, play in NWOYSL, play in the OYSAN State League, and tournaments). This policy is incorporated into the HSA Coaches handbook and will be made available to organizations utilizing HSA's goals.

Game play/ practices /other activities where players are present.

- 1) Prior to the first game /activity of the day, the coach(es) or other responsible person(s) will inspect each goal to assure that the goals are securely anchored in accordance with Consumer Protection Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines or manufacturer's guidelines- (attached).
- 2) If an unsecured goal is found, the goal shall either:
 - a) Be anchored in accordance with CPSC guidelines or manufacturer's guidelines,
 - b) Game play /practices /other activities shall be discontinued, or
 - c) Game play /practices /other activities shall be conducted away from the unsecured goal.
- 3) Coaches shall instruct parents, players, and siblings on the dangers of playing on, climbing on, playing with, or moving the goals. Coaches shall inform parents of their responsibility to keep their children from violating this policy.
- 4) Any player or parent found violating this policy is subject to discipline, up to and including removal from the organization or program in accordance with existing discipline policies.
- 5) No coaches shall attempt to relocate a goal without the express permission of the HSA Facilities Director or the BOD.
- 6) Any member of the BOD or the HSA Facilities Director may make random inspections.

Storage/remote practice areas.

- 1) The HSA Facilities Director or his/her designate shall make regular inspections of stored goals and remote practice areas away from Emory Adams Park.
- 2) All goals shall be anchored with exceptions for:
 - a) Completely disassembled goals laid flat on the ground, or
 - b) Goals clustered face to face, smallest to largest, with the outermost set anchored.

General.

- 1) All coaches will receive a copy of the CPSC guidelines and HSA's Movable Goal Safety Policy.
- 2) All parents and guardians will be told of the dangers of unsecured goals and the parents' responsibility to keep children away from the goals, and to secure the goals if necessary.
- 3) The HSA President shall communicate the goal safety policy to the City of Findlay, co-insureds under the OYSAN's insurance, and other public or private land owners where HSA has goals or where members play or practice regularly.
- 4) The HSA President will have random site surveys done to certify compliance with this policy.
- 5) The President of the HSA Board will certify to **OYSAN** no later than November 1 of each year that a goal safety policy is in place and enforced.