



CANFIELD SOCCER CLUB

GOAL SAFETY POLICY



It is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the Canfield Soccer Club that goal safety be a priority. Therefore, the following policy is adopted. The Canfield Soccer Club requires the following prior to all practices and games:

1. Coaches or other responsible person will make a physical inspection of each goal prior to the game/activity to assure that goals are securely anchored per the attached guidelines.
2. The coaches for the last game of the day will make sure the goals are secured according to the attached guidelines.
3. That all parents and guardians of Canfield Soccer Club participants are told of the dangers of unsecured goals and the parents' responsibility to keep kids away from goals, and to secure goals if necessary.
4. Canfield Board Members will conduct random site surveys.

To reach this end, all coaches will receive a copy of this policy and will be instructed to inspect goals used during their practices and games. Coaches will remind their players, and discuss with the children's parents or guardians, the necessity of not playing on, climbing on, or moving the goals. It is deemed appropriate that players violating this rule may, at the coaches' discretion, sit out a half a game or entire game. Players consistently violating the rule can be subject to a disciplinary hearing of the Board.

Parents and guardians will be given written notification that they are responsible to keep their children away from all soccer goals when the children are not participating in Canfield Soccer Club sponsored practices and games. This includes siblings and friends of soccer players. For non-club/league owned fields and/or goals, the owners of the fields and/or goals will be reminded of safety requirements. This is in addition to the checking of goals as listed above. The President will have random site surveys done to certify compliance with this policy.

The President of the Board will certify to OYSAN no later than June 1 of each year that a policy is in place and enforced. Guidelines for checking goals:

- Each goal should have at least two stakes or anchors securing both ground bars to the ground. One stake on each ground bar shall be at the rear of the ground bar.
- At the rear of the goal, nets shall be secured to the ground with at least two stakes driven flush with the ground.

- Nets shall be secured to posts, crossbars, and backdrops with tape or Velcro straps at intervals of no less than one every four feet.
- Warning labels will be attached to each goal.
- Hammers or sledges, stakes, tape or Velcro, and warning labels will be located at all fields in equipment storage boxes and are to be used as needed.
- The stakes should be driven into the ground fully.