

Equipment and Facilities Safety Policy



1. Introduction

Sarnia FC prioritizes the safety and well-being of all players, coaches, and staff. This policy outlines the procedures for maintaining safe playing environments through proper equipment and facility management.

2. Field Safety

- **Field Maintenance:** Regular inspections are conducted to identify and address any hazards on the playing surface, such as unevenness, holes, or debris. A Field Inspection Sheet will be used to document these inspections.
- **Playing Equipment:** Soccer balls will be inspected and replaced promptly when their water-resistant qualities deteriorate. Age and gender-appropriate ball sizes will be used during practices and games.

3. Portable Goal Safety

Portable goals pose a significant safety risk if not used and maintained properly. Therefore, the following guidelines are strictly enforced:

- **Anchoring:** All portable goals, regardless of size, must be securely anchored to the ground using chain anchors or appropriate weights to prevent tipping.
- **Prohibited Activities:** Climbing, swinging, or playing on portable goalposts is strictly prohibited for all participants.
- **Assembly and Storage:** Goals must be assembled according to the manufacturer's instructions and dismantled for secure storage after use.
- **Goalpost Selection:**
 - Homemade or modified goalposts are strictly prohibited.
 - New goals should not be purchased if they come with metal cup hooks that cannot be replaced. It is recommended to prioritize goals with plastic hooks or tape for net attachment.
- **Pre-Use Testing:**
 - Coaches will conduct pre-use inspections on all portable goals.
 - Inspections include:
 - Verifying secure anchoring of each goal.
 - Applying significant downward force to the crossbar.
 - Applying significant forward and backward forces to both upright posts.

4. Reporting

Any concerns regarding field conditions or equipment safety should be reported immediately to a designated Corunna Soccer representative.

5. Conclusion

Corunna Soccer is committed to fostering a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants. By adhering to these guidelines, we can minimize the risk of injuries and ensure a positive soccer experience for everyone