

MADISON SOCCER LEAGUE
GOAL SAFETY POLICY

It is the intention of the Board of Directors of Madison Soccer League that goal safety be a priority. Therefore, the following policy is adopted:

1. Goal anchoring requirements

- a. It is a requirement that all goals be anchored before practices and games.
- b. Goals are to be anchored one of 3 ways:
 - i. Heavy duty screw-in anchors (preferred)
 1. Required for all non-portable goals, including more permanent aluminum or steel goals
 - ii. Sand bags
 1. Acceptable for all lightweight portable goals.
 2. A supply of sandbags are to be kept by the equipment shed for use by any coach or parent if needed.
 - iii. J hook anchors
 1. Acceptable for lightweight portable goals.
- c. Small goals for U10 and younger (less than 12' wide) require 1 anchor or sandbag in the middle of the back bar.
- d. Larger goals for U11 and older (greater than 12' wide) require 2 anchors or sandbags, one in the corner of each side.
- e. Goals are not to be moved during practices and/or games and should not be moved for mowing. Goals should only be moved by permission of Board members.

2. Recreation league responsibility

- a. Before each day of recreation games, a physical inspection of all goals shall be made to ensure anchors are in place. Any Board member or designee of a Board member can conduct the inspection.
- b. All recreation coaches are to be instructed on this goal policy. Coaches are responsible to make sure goals are anchored during practices.
- c. All parents of recreation players are to be instructed by the Vice President of Recreation Soccer of the dangers of unsecured goals and the parent's responsibility to keep children away from goals and not allow climbing or pulling on goals. This can be done by signage at the fields or handouts to the parents and should be done before the first game.

3. Club league responsibility

- a. All Club coaches are to be instructed on this goal policy. Coaches are responsible to make sure goals are anchored before any game.
- b. Club coaches are also responsible to ensure goals are anchored before any Club team practice
- c. All Club team parents are to be instructed by the Club coaches of the dangers of unsecured goals and the parent's responsibility to keep children away from goals and not allow climbing or pulling on goals.

4. Madison Invitational Tournament responsibility
 - a. The Tournament Directors or a designee shall ensure that all goals used during the Madison Invitational Soccer Tournament are anchored in accordance with this policy.
 - b. Head officials of the tournament assigned to each location are responsible to ensure that goals are anchored before play. Goals are also to be inspected during the tournament to ensure goals remained anchored.

5. Board of Directors responsibility
 - a. A member of the Board of Directors or a designee will conduct random site surveys to ensure goals are anchored properly
 - b. The Board of Directors is responsible to ensure that this policy is enforced

6. Penalties
 - a. Parents of children caught abusing, climbing, or hanging on goals will be notified and given one warning. Second offense can result in player being barred from the league and all future practice and play at the discretion of the Board. All players from a family can be barred for the offense of any member of that family, even non-playing members.