



# Braddock Road Youth Club Recreational Soccer

## Goal Safety Policy

Moveable goals, when not properly anchored, pose an unnecessary risk of tip-over that has led to serious injury and death of soccer players.

League Directors are responsible for providing a copy of this policy to their coaches at the beginning of each season.

The Referee Director is responsible for ensuring that referees understand their duty to inspect goals prior to beginning a game.

Coaches are responsible for ensuring that their assistants, trainers, and parents of their players understand and adhere to these rules:

- Never allow anyone to climb on the net or goal framework.
- Never allow children to repair or move goals. Only adults are allowed to move goals.
- Never move a goal without authorization from a League Director, Deputy Commissioner, Fields Director, Referee Director, or the Commissioner.
- Never set a goal on an uneven surface.
- Never leave an unsecured goal unattended while retrieving stakes or sandbags. Ensure an adult stays with the goal until properly secured.
- When in use, moveable goals must be securely anchored to the ground or adequately counterbalanced with sand bags or equivalent devices. Safety test by pushing or lifting from the back (not the front) of the goal, first ensuring that no one is standing in front of the goal.
- When not in use, moveable goals will be chained together face-to-face and if possible locked to a fence, light pole, or similar immovable object.
- When being moved, adults will ensure that children are kept a safe distance from the goals and do not participate in their movement in any way.
- Moveable goals will not be used for training or practice sessions except as authorized by a Deputy Commissioner or the Commissioner.

The Commissioner or Deputy Commissioners may immediately suspend from all recreational soccer activities anyone violating this policy, pending further review and additional sanctions if warranted.