



## GOAL POST SAFETY POLICY

In the sport of football, the safety of everyone is of paramount importance. Altona City Soccer Club is committed to making safety a priority within the way the Club operates at all times.

Recently there has been serious injuries and fatalities after moveable soccer goals were installed incorrectly and/or used inappropriately. Everyone involved in soccer must play their part to ensure that the following guidelines are adhered to to prevent similar incidents occurring in the future.

### GUIDELINES:

- Prior to their use on training or match days, organisers are required to check the goal post structure to ensure that it is secured or pegged down with a minimum of either **10x 300mm stakes** or **12x bags of sand** or **10x bags of cement** and is safe for use. Including goal surface.
- Permanent posts should be cemented in place and inspected weekly by the Facilities Manager. Any loosening should be reported to HBCC and the area sealed immediately.
- It is essential that the structure's stability and anchoring has been correctly established once erected or relocated and **prior** to commencement of any usage.
- Portable goal posts must be pegged, pinned, or weighted down using pegs, sleeves, or sandbags to prevent the structure from overbalancing or falling.
- Outdoor posts and nets should be secured by a minimum of three (3) anchor points using steel stakes or hook style pegs. Sufficient stakes or hooks are required to support each goal taking the size of the goal post into consideration.
- Where the ground surface cannot be penetrated, sandbags or counterweights should be used. The number of bags required to support the structure should be adequate and relative to the size of the goal.
- Portable goal posts should **not** be left in place after use - they should be safely moved to a place of secure storage or chained appropriately to a fixed and non-moveable object when not in use (as allocated by the Facilities Manager).
- Net pegs should **only** be used to anchor a net and **not** to anchor any goal structure.
- Warning stickers or a printed warning notice must be affixed to or printed on all portable goal posts in accordance with Australian Standard AS4866.1-2007 to warn of the dangers of portable goalposts.
- Children or adults should never be allowed to climb, swing, or play on goalposts or goal netting as it may cause severe harm, permanent injury or even death.

## ACSC PORTABLE GOALS

Alpha Goals are used:

- Anchor moveable soccer goalposts securely into the ground
- It takes 200kgs to properly anchor a full-size portable soccer goalpost – 10x stakes or 12x bags of sand
- Ensure the goal is placed on a level surface
- Coaching teams must confirm **all** goals are stored in the secured storage container.



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