Soccer Field Safety Checklist

To ensure the safety of everyone on the field, coaches, officials, and designated volunteers must conduct a safety check on the field and surrounding area before every practice and game. The following checklist is a guide for safety checks on all fields; however, be aware that some fields may have additional areas of concern that should also be inspected.



Goal Post Safety

- [ ] Confirm portable goals are properly secured and anchored (and that the anchoring system is not a hazard to participants)
- [ ] Confirm permanent goals are properly secured and anchored (and that the anchoring system is not a hazard to participants)
- [ ] Inspect goal net and goal post for sharp corners, loose bolts and general integrity
- [ ] Instruct all players and spectators of the potential dangers associated with movable soccer goals
- [ ] Forbid any horseplay (I.E. swinging on crossbars) by players or the public on or around any goal post
- [ ] Ensure only authorized personnel move portable goals
- [ ] Anchor or chain portable goals to each other or a nearby fence when not in use

Field and Area Safety

- [ ] Inspect for foreign objects such as stones, glass, etc.
- [ ] Check field for holes, depressions, torn sections (if artificial turf), etc.
- [ ] Make sure sprinkler heads aren't exposed or protruding from the surface
- [ ] Ensure water drains beyond the touch line are marked for player awareness
- [ ] Observe 3' restraining line from the touch line. Area must be obstruction free, except for coaches

- [ ] Review fencing and make players and spectators aware if it is unsafe. Players shouldn't climb fences to retrieve balls
- [ ] Check bleachers and make spectators aware of bleachers that may be unsafe
- [ ] If the field is used for other sports, inspect for fixtures or equipment that have been left by the previous user. Any equipment for other sports should be secured and unreachable by players or spectators
- [ ] Inspect the condition of and access to locker rooms, restrooms and portable toilets
- [ ] Survey parking lots, concessions, and vendors' areas for obvious hazards
- [ ] Make spectators and players aware of any hazardous conditions

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