

Goal Safety Policy

Safety is the first priority in all activities sponsored by Willowick Soccer Club. The following policy has been adopted by the Board of the Willowick Soccer Club (hereinafter "WSC") in an effort to establish and clarify the requirements for the safe installation, use and storage of soccer goals in all WSC activities.

1. The following are WSC requirements for all programs and every activity:
 - a. The coaches for each game/activity will make a physical inspection of each goal prior to the game/activity to assure that said goals are securely anchored in accordance with Consumer Product Safety Council (CPSC) guidelines/manufacturer's guidelines.
 - b. The coaches for the last game of the day will make sure that the goals are safely stored in accordance with the CPSC guidelines/manufacturer's guidelines if the goals are to be removed.
 - c. Each year WSC coaches or personnel must inform all parents and/or guardians about the dangers of unsecured goals, the parents'/guardians' responsibility to keep children away from goals, and the need for parents/guardians to report unsafe goals to a coach if necessary.
 - d. Goals that are not securely anchored must be brought into compliance with the CPSC guidelines/manufacturer's guidelines before use.
2. To reach this end, all coaches will receive a copy of the CPSC guidelines, and clear instructions for the safe and secure installation of goals.
3. Coaches will inform team parents and remind their players of the following safety restrictions:
 - a. Goals may only be moved by adults who have reviewed the CPSC guidelines
 - b. No child (player, sibling or other attendee) may climb or hang from a goal
 - c. Playing around, on or under goals, except as a legitimate part of an WSC-sponsored activity, is prohibited.

At the coach's discretion, players violating this rule may be penalized and required to sit out for half or an entire game. Players consistently violating the goal safety rules may be subject to a disciplinary hearing before the WSC Board.

4. The WSC Board will conduct random site surveys to certify compliance with this policy.