

# Mentor Soccer Club

## GOAL POLICY

It is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the Mentor Soccer Club that goal safety be a priority. Therefore, the following policy is adopted.

1. The Mentor Soccer Club will require for all programs and every activity:
  - a. The coaches for each game (or other designated person) will make a physical inspection of each goal prior to the game/activity to assure that goals are securely anchored in accordance with CPSC guidelines/manufacture's guidelines. (Attached)\*
  - b. The coaches (or other designated person) for the last game of the day will make sure the goals are safely secured in accordance with the CPSC guidelines/manufacture's guidelines. (Where applicable, see attached)\*
  - c. That all parents and guardians are told of the dangers of unsecured goals and the parents' responsibility to keep children away from goals, and to secure goals if necessary.
  - d. The cities of Mentor and Mentor-on-the-Lake Parks and Recreation departments will conduct random site surveys.
2. To reach this end, all coaches will receive a copy of the CPSC guidelines, and clear instructions as to how to make goals safe and secure.
3. Coaches will remind their players, and discuss with the team's parents, the necessity of players and siblings not to play on, climb on, or move the goals. It is deemed appropriate that players violating this rule may, at the coaches' discretion, sit out a half game, or entire game. Players consistently violating the rule can be subject to a disciplinary review by the Mentor Soccer Club and be subject to expulsion from all club activities for a maximum of 1 year.
4. The Mentor Soccer Club will review this policy with the Mentor and Mentor-on-the-Lake parks and recreation departments (the property owners) to remind them of the requirements and goals of this safety policy. This is in addition to the checking of goals as listed above.
5. If the goal (s) are unsecured, it is the coach's responsibility to secure them prior to start of the game. In the event a goal has been found unsecured, the coach will contact the Mentor Soccer Club field coordinator, who in turn will notify the Mentor or Mentor-on-the-Lake Parks and recreation department for a permanent correction.
6. The President of the Mentor Soccer Club will certify to OYSAN no later than November 1 of each year that a policy is in place and enforced.