

Venice Area Youth Soccer Association

Mandatory Rules for Safe Goal Handling

While the ultimate solution to improving goal safety is to improve the design of soccer goals, the reality is that most goals currently in use are designed and manufactured using metal for the top and side bars. This design makes these movable goals top-heavy and easily tipped. By taking the following steps we can make great strides in improving the goals currently in use

ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SHOULD MOVE SOCCER GOALS.

Children should **NEVER** be allowed to move soccer goals.

Adults must always exercise extreme caution when moving goals, allowing adequate manpower.

Movable soccer goals should only be used on LEVEL (flat) fields.

Securely anchor or counterweight movable soccer goals **AT ALL TIMES**.

Check for structural integrity and proper connecting hardware **BEFORE EVERY USE**.

Replace damaged or missing parts or fasteners immediately.

NEVER allow anyone to climb on the net or goal framework.

Instruct players on the potential dangers associated with movable soccer goals.

After Every Use

Chain goal(s) to a fence (open part of the goal must be facing fence) by locking **BOTH** goal posts of each goal to the fence to ensure there is no access. The goals may be chained together with the open part of the goals facing each other and locking BOTH goal posts to ensure that there is no access. Return counterweights (sandbags) to the proper location.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU LEAVE A GOAL OUT IN THE FIELD.

FAILURE TO SECURE GOALS WILL RESULT IN YOUR TEAM NOT HAVING ACCESS TO GOALS.

Venice Area Youth Soccer Association Coach Training Acknowledgement Form

I _____, a youth soccer coach for the Venice Area Youth Soccer Association, VAYSA, acknowledge that I have received the safety procedures and policies on goal safety from VAYSA and I will faithfully execute these policies and procedures at all soccer practices and games, **including away games**. I will notify VAYSA immediately of any violation of these policies and/or missing equipment or equipment malfunction.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Team Age Group _____

NEGLIGENCE: The failing to act in manner that a reasonable and prudent coach would normally act in a similar situation.