



Goalpost Safety Policy

The health and safety of officials and participants is of primary concern for Subiaco AFC.

In the sport of football, the safety of everyone involved and playing both indoors and outdoors, remains paramount.

Australian children and teenagers have been seriously injured and have died after moveable soccer goals were installed incorrectly and/or used inappropriately. There have been more than 40 deaths and a range of serious injuries associated with moveable soccer goals worldwide, and at least seven deaths and one incident resulting in the person becoming paraplegic in Australia.

All goal posts shall conform to 'Australian Standard 4866.1-2007 Playing Field Equipment – Soccer Goals' regarding the manufacture, use and safe storage of goalposts.

Prior to the use or erection of any portable goalposts, match day organisers shall check the goalpost structure to ensure that it is secured or pegged down and is safe for use. 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.

The following shall be ensured at Subiaco AFC:

1. ALL goalposts, whether fixed or portable, large or small, are properly secured and anchored and are stable and safe for use AT ALL TIMES. This includes the goals surface positioning.
2. Portable goalposts must be pegged, pinned or weighted down by the use of stakes, pegs, sleeves, chain anchors or appropriate weights such as sandbags or cement bags to prevent the structure from overbalancing or falling.
3. Portable goalposts 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.
4. Metal or steel net hooks are not permitted on goalposts. In accordance with Australian Standard AS4866.1 goalposts must not be fitted with metal net hooks. Nets should only be secured by tape, velcro, plastic net clips or another safer alternative. Net pegs should only be used to anchor a net and not to anchor any goal structure.
5. Warning Stickers or a printed Warning Notice must be affixed to or printed on all portable goalposts 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.