

SAMPLE GOAL SAFETY POLICY FOR OYSAN MEMBERS

A membership requirement for OYSAN affiliated leagues and associate members is the submission of the league/club Goal Safety Policy. Once the policy is on file with OYSAN, the President of the League Board will certify to OYSAN, in writing no later than November 1 of each year, that a policy is in place and enforced. Any revisions to the policy must be submitted to OYSAN. The CPSC guidelines (Federal Soccer Goal Safety Standards) are on line at www.oysan.org.

Assistance in Writing a League Policy

Sample Policy. Alternate wording listed in italics.

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

1. The Anytown Soccer Club will require for all programs and every activity:
 - a. The coaches for each game or other responsible 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/*manufacturer's guidelines. (Attached)*.*
 - b. The coaches for the last game of the day will make sure the goals are safely stored in accordance with the CPSC guidelines/*manufacturer's guidelines. (Attached)*.*
 - c. That all parents and guardians are told of the dangers of unsecured goals and the parents' responsibility to keep kids away from goals, and to secure goals if necessary.
 - d. Anytown Board Members 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 playing, climbing or moving 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 hearing of the Board.
4. For non club/league owned fields and/or goals, it is important to remind the owners of the fields and/or goals of safety requirements. This is in addition to the checking of goals as listed above.
5. The President will have random site surveys done to certify compliance with this policy.
6. The President of the Board will certify to OYSAN no later than November 1 of each year that a policy is in place and enforced.

From the OYSAN Policy: Risk Management Policy Excerpts:

The Ohio Youth Soccer Association North shall require all member leagues to certify to the state association each year in November by the AGM that Goal Safety Policies have been implemented by the member organization. (adopted 8/3/04)

BOARD POLICY RM-8:

Board Policy Regarding Goal Safety in Youth Soccer Activities

1. *The Ohio Youth Soccer Association North shall require its own programs and for every activity:*
 - a. *The person coordinating the OYSAN activity or other responsible person will make a physical inspection of each goal prior to the activity to assure that goals are securely anchored and stored in accordance with CPSC guidelines/ manufacturer's guidelines. (Attached)*
 - b. *That all parents and guardians are told of the dangers of unsecured goals and the parents' responsibility to keep kids away from goals, and to secure goals if necessary.*
 - c. *That staff of OYSAN will conduct random site surveys.*
2. *The Ohio Youth Soccer Association North will require all member organizations for every activity:*
 - a. *To have a written goal safety policy in accordance with CPSC/Manufacturer guidelines which require:*
 1. *a coach or other responsible person to make a physical inspection of the goal prior to practice and games to assure that the goals are securely anchored and stored in accordance with CPSC guidelines/ manufacturer's guidelines.(Attached)*
 2. *the policy to include communicating each year with parents of each player and players about the dangers of unsecured goals, and their responsibility to assure that goals are secure. It is appropriate to have a penalty for players playing on goals.*
 - b. *The league will conduct random site surveys concerning goal anchoring and storage.*
3. *Even if OYSAN or the member does not own the fields or goals, the league still has a responsibility to remind the owners of the safety requirements, and to have a policy for the above.*