

## PRE-MATCH SOCCER GOAL CHECKLIST

- | YES                      | NO                       |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are anchors in place and secured properly to the goal and ground surface?    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If anchor bags are being used, are they in good condition?                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are anchor bags adequately filled with aggregate?                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are anchor bags placed over the base of the goal frames at the back corners? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is all connecting hardware, such as nuts and bolts, in place and secure?     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has the structural integrity of the goal been compromised?                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are welds cracked?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are corner joints secure?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the goal on a level surface?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the goal nets attached properly to the goal frame?                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do sharp edges exist in any part of the goal and net attachment system?      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do the nets have large holes or tears?                                       |

## POST-MATCH SOCCER GOAL SUGGESTIONS

If goals are to remain in the upright position, make sure they are secured with cement based ground anchors or ground sleeves.

If goals are anchored with portable style anchors, goals should be stored by being chained together face-to-face, chained to a permanent structure, or in some cases placed in a face down position.

- **Remove the net when the goal is not in use.**
- **Make sure that all connecting hardware is in place and secure.**
- **Check the structural integrity of the goal.**
- **Never allow anyone to climb on the goals.**
- **If goals are to be moved, exercise extreme caution and provide adequate manpower to move the goals.**
- **Check condition of warning labels.**

## POST-SEASON SUGGESTIONS

When the soccer season is complete, consider fully disassembling goals and storing them in the proper facilities.

## SOCCER GOAL PURCHASING GUIDELINE

More and more clubs and schools are becoming aware of the dangers of owning and using homemade or dilapidated soccer goals. Purchasing safe and reliable replacement goals can be daunting, especially when most goal models look alike in print or on the internet.

The following Soccer Goal Buying Guide Checklist focuses on the three key areas soccer goal purchasers should investigate when researching and comparing the qualities and specifications of soccer goals: design and construction; ease of assembly; and, of course, anchoring systems.

### Design and Construction

Poorly designed goals provide hidden dangers to the teams using them. Goal frame design redundancies provide built in safeguards should pre-match and post-match inspections be overlooked.

The questions posed below may reveal shortcuts taken in the product design and manufacturing processes.

- | YES                      | NO                       |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Does the goal frame or net attachment systems have sharp edges, particularly near the playing field?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Does the goal frame or net attachment system pose child entrapment, protrusion or pinch point dangers?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Does the goal post design allow for easy pre-match inspection by officials or coaches?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Does each goal frame attachment point have multiple bolts for safety redundancy?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Is there at least three inches of frame material overlap with all telescoping parts for safety redundancy?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Are all goal parts through bolted to ensure goal frame parts stay connected even if fasteners become loose?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Is a quality, durable finish like powder coating used?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. If an artificial surface is utilized, is the goal frame's base smooth and free of edges that might damage the playing field?                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Are wheel options available for easy goal frame movement and can they be engaged simply without the continual removal or replacement of components? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Are goal frame ends open or uncovered?   |

## Ease Of Assembly

Shortcuts are taken when the goal assembly process is difficult and lengthy. For complexes with many fields, additional on-field construction steps (like drilling) limits the likelihood that mixed goal parts will easily fit together when goals are reassembled the following season.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Are comprehensive, professionally rendered instructions provided with the goal?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Can the goal be assembled with simple hand tools as opposed to power tools or tools requiring special knowledge?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Are goal safety warning labels included and affixed to the goal by the manufacturer ( instead of the customer) prior to shipping?                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Does the manufacturer ask the customer to perform multiple construction steps like drilling holes or connecting many small components at the time of assembly? |

## Anchoring

An "all-soil" condition anchor should be included with your goal at the time of purchase. Portable or above-ground anchors should be purchased additionally according to the soil conditions of the playing field and the overall usage logistics of the facility (i.e. multiple sports).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Will the anchoring system included with the goal function in all soil conditions per ASTM standards?               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Do assembly instructions include directions on how to test the goal after installation to ensure proper anchoring? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Can additional types of anchors be used within the goal's design?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Has the manufacturer tested the goal's design against ASTM and FA Standards?                                       |



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