



PLAY IT SAFE

At Sator Soccer, player safety and equipment longevity are at the core of everything we design. As the Official Goal Provider of NJYS, we are committed to helping clubs and their staff maintain safe, durable, and high-performing goals for years to come. Proper goal safety procedures and consistent maintenance not only extend the life of your investment, but more importantly, protect the players, volunteers, and families who rely on your fields every day.

GOAL SAFETY FUNDAMENTALS

- **Anchor every goal—every time.** All movable goals must be securely anchored. Use approved ground anchors, augers, in-ground sleeves, or counterweight systems appropriate for your goal and field surface. No goal should ever be left unsecured on a field, even temporarily.
- **Check anchors before each match and after heavy rain.** Confirm anchors are fully installed, stable, and not loosened by repeated impact, mowing, or weather. Softened soil may allow anchors to loosen.
- **Avoid prolonged water exposure.** Standing water can affect goal hardware and net longevity.
- **Install on a level ground.** Uneven surfaces create structural stress and increase goal tipping risk.
- **Never allow climbing or hanging.** Clearly communicate that players and spectators must not climb, swing, or hang on crossbars or nets.
- **Ensure safety labels are clearly visible.** Any worn, illegible safety decals should be replaced to maintain visible safety reminders.
- **Move goals properly.** Only trained adults should reposition portable goals or use approved accessories to move heavy-duty aluminum goals. Never drag goals across grass or turf, as this can damage welds, corner joints, base frames, and the field itself.
- **Secure goals when not in use.** Remove net and disassemble goals or chain together, face-to-face, or lock to a fixed structure to prevent tipping or unauthorized movement.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

- **Inspect goals regularly.** Perform quick visual checks before games and conduct more detailed monthly inspections during the season.
- **Tighten all hardware.** Check bolts, lock nuts, corner joints, and backstays. Replace missing or damaged hardware immediately with manufacturer-approved parts.
- **Examine high-stress areas.** Inspect welds, corners, ground contact points, and areas impacted by maintenance equipment.
- **Keep frames clean.** Wash periodically with mild soap and water to remove dirt, and field chemicals. Avoid abrasive or corrosive cleaners.
- **Address damaged parts immediately.** Small cracks, loose fittings, or bent components can worsen quickly if left unattended. Replace damaged or missing parts and hardware quickly or remove the goal from use until properly repaired.
- **Inspect nets frequently.** Look for fraying, broken strands, torn mesh, or damaged attachment points.

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF YOUR GOALS & NETS

- During extended off-season periods or when fields are not in use for several weeks, we strongly recommend removing nets and disassembling goals and placing them into storage.
- Allow goals and nets to dry completely prior to storing them in a clean, dry indoor space. This simple step significantly reduces UV degradation and weather damage, often adding multiple seasons to goal and net life.
- Weather awareness is another important factor in preserving your goals. In high-wind conditions, unsecured or improperly anchored goals are at significant risk of tipping or structural strain. Even anchored goals should be monitored during extreme weather events. If severe storms or high winds are forecasted, consider temporarily removing nets to reduce wind resistance or relocating goals to a secure storage area.
- Surface protection also contributes to equipment longevity. Goals placed on uneven ground experience uneven stress across the frame. Before installation, ensure that the playing surface is level and stable. Avoid placing goals in low areas where standing water can collect, as prolonged moisture exposure can affect hardware and net materials. After heavy rain, inspect anchors and ground sleeves to confirm they have not shifted or loosened due to soil softening.
- Seasonal maintenance should include a comprehensive review of all components at the beginning and end of each season. Conduct a detailed inspection that includes tightening all hardware, evaluating net condition, examining weld integrity, and reviewing anchor systems. Clean frames with mild soap and water to remove dirt buildup, especially in coastal or high-salinity environments. Avoid harsh chemical cleaners that may damage finishes or hardware coatings.

At Sator Soccer, we are proud to support NJYS's commitment to player development and community engagement. Proper goal safety and maintenance are shared responsibilities, and with diligent care, your AGORA® equipment will continue serving players safely and effectively for many seasons to come. If your club ever has questions regarding inspection, replacement parts, or best practices, our team is always available to assist.



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SOCCER GOAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

Before each match or practice, it is important that coaches, officials and/ or designated volunteers carefully inspect the condition of goals, nets, hardware and accessories. This guide is intended to provide baseline information for soccer goal safety and is not all-inclusive. Though using this checklist and applying corrective actions can help reduce the risk of injury or harm, it may not prevent all accidents. Always use extreme caution when assembling and disassembling goals.

**Movable soccer goals can tip over and cause severe or fatal injuries.
Movable soccer goals should be properly anchored at all times.**

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| ☐ | ☐ | The goal is on a level surface. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal and net attachment accessories do not have any sharp edges. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal frame does not exhibit any structural damage. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal frame is free of any corrosion. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal welds are free of cracks. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal corner joints are secure and free of cracks. |
| ☐ | ☐ | All connecting hardware (such as nuts, bolts, and washers) is properly in place. |
| ☐ | ☐ | All connecting hardware is not damaged. |
| ☐ | ☐ | All connecting hardware has been sufficiently screwed and tightened. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The net has been inspected and is free of large tears and holes. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The net has been inspected and is securely attached to the frame of the goal. |

Goal anchoring on natural soil/ grass fields

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| ☐ | ☐ | The anchors are free of damage. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal is sufficiently and securely anchored along its base and rear corners. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The anchors are secured properly to the goal and into the ground. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The anchors are flush with the ground and clearly visible. |

Goal anchoring on artificial turf, if anchor bags are used

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| ☐ | ☐ | The anchor bags are in good condition free of any tears or damage. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The anchor bags are sufficiently filled with sand or gravel. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal is sufficiently and securely anchored along its base and rear corners. |

If you marked any of the above as 'FALSE,' immediately notify relevant personnel to make the necessary and proper corrections. If the proper corrections cannot be made before the start of the next game or practice, do not use the affected goal, move it a safe distance away or disassemble it, and clearly mark the goal 'UNSAFE: DO NOT USE THIS GOAL' to warn others.

POST-SEASON GOAL STORAGE SUGGESTIONS

When the soccer season has concluded, consider fully disassembling goals and storing your goals in a secure facility until the start of the next season. This will not only reduce the risk of harm, it will also help extend the life of your goal and the value of your investment. If goal storage is not feasible at the end of your season, it is recommended to remove the net and chain the face of the goal to a fence or permanent structure. For two goals, remove both nets, position the face of each goal towards the other, and chain together.

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