



Ohio Travel Soccer League

Goal Safety Policy



1. Safety is the first priority in all activities sponsored by the Ohio Travel Soccer League. The following policy has been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Ohio Travel Soccer League (hereinafter "OHTSL") in an effort to establish and clarify the requirements for the safe [installation](#), use and storage of soccer goals in all League-affiliated clubs and communities.
2. The following are OHTSL requirements for all programs and every activity:
 - The coaches or other responsible person (i.e., Field Director or Community Representative) for each game/activity will make a physical inspection of each goal prior to the game/activity to assure that said goals are securely anchored in accordance with CPSC guidelines/manufacturer's guidelines.
 - The coaches or responsible parties for the last game of the day will make sure that the goals are safely stored in accordance with the CPSC guidelines/manufacturer's guidelines. *
 - Each year OHTSL affiliated clubs and personnel must inform all parents and/or guardians about the dangers of unsecured goals, the parents'/guardians' responsibility to keep children away from goals, and the need for parents/guardians to report unsafe goals to a coach or responsible party if necessary.
 - Goals that are not securely anchored **must** be brought into compliance with the CPSC guidelines/manufacturer's guidelines before use.
3. To reach this end, all coaches will receive a copy of the CPSC guidelines, and clear instructions for the safe and secure installation of goals.
4. Coaches will inform team parents and remind their players of the following safety restrictions. At the coach's discretion, players violating this rule may be penalized and required to sit out for half or an entire game. Players consistently violating the goal safety rules may be subject to a disciplinary hearing of the OHTSL Board.
 - Goals may only be moved by adults who have reviewed the CPSC guidelines
 - No child (player, sibling or other attendee) may climb or hang from a goal
 - Playing around, on or under goals, except as a legitimate part of an OHTSL sponsored activity, is prohibited
5. OHTSL affiliated clubs and communities must inform the owners of non-club/league owned fields and/or goals of this policy and its safety requirements before using such fields and/or goals for OHTSL affiliated activities. OHTSL affiliates must inspect and secure these goals before use as listed above.
6. The President of the Board will have random site [surveys](#) done to certify compliance with this policy.
7. The President of the Board will certify to US Club Soccer no later than January 1 of each year that a policy is in place and enforced