

# SPRINGWOOD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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## Goalpost Safety Policy



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In the sport of football, the safety of everyone involved in conjunction with 'Australian Standard 4866.1-2007 Playing Field Equipment – Soccer Goals' regarding the manufacture, use and safe storage of goalposts and 'NSW Office of Fair-Trading Act 1987'.

Prior to the use or erection of any portable goalposts, match day organisers are required to check the goalpost structure to ensure that it is secured or pegged down with a minimum of either 10 x 300mm stakes or, 12 x bags of sand or 10 x bags of cement 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.

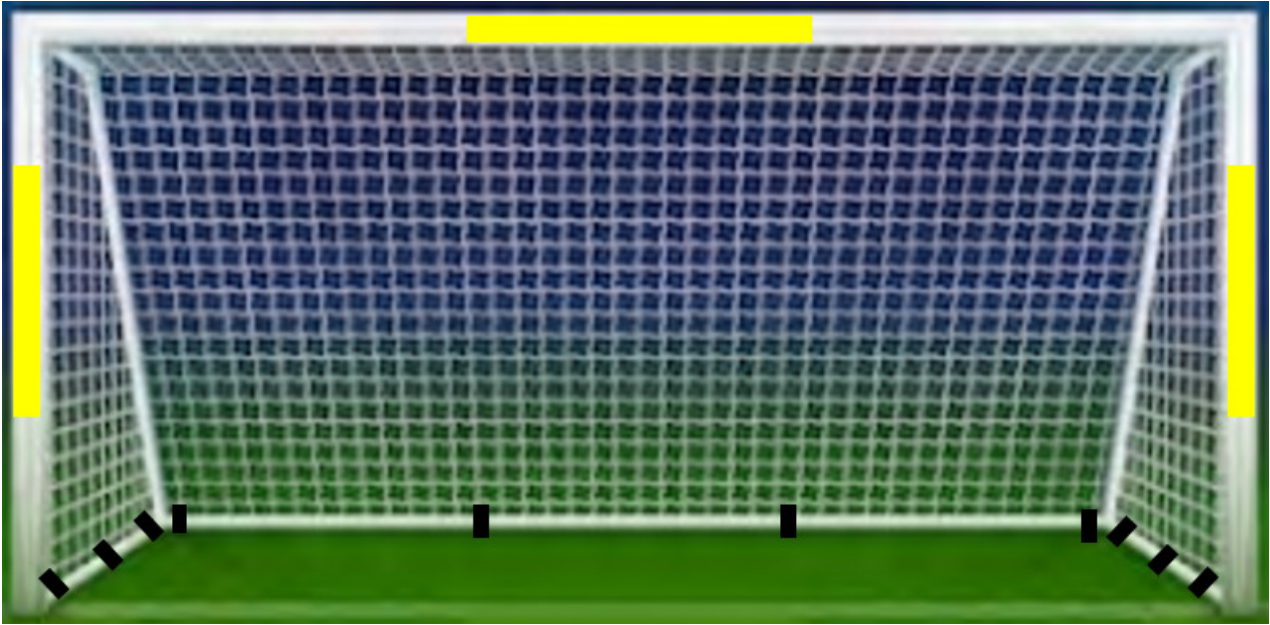
Therefore, please ensure that:

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 pegs, sleeves, chain anchors or appropriate weights such as sandbags or cement bags to prevent the structure from overbalancing or falling.
3. Outdoor goalposts should be secured by one of the following formats and a minimum of three (3) anchor points in compliance with NSW Office of Fair Tracing Act 1987 as follows:
4. Steel stakes or 'J' Hook style pegs. Sufficient stakes or hooks are required to support each goal taking the size of the goalpost into consideration. Minimum of 10 stakes for a full-size goal.
5. Anchors can fit over a ground bar with staking holes for steel pegs or spiral styled screws, which secure fully into the ground.
6. A semi-permanent or sleeved anchoring requires that the main support is a permanently secure base that is buried underground to connect the underground base to the goal.
7. Where the ground surface cannot be penetrated, sandbags or counterweights should be used. The number of bags required to support the structure should be adequate and relative to the size of the goal. 12 Bags of sand or 10 bags of cement for a full-size goal.
8. 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.
9. Metal or steel net hooks are not permitted on goalposts. In accordance with Australian Standard AS4866.1 goalpost's 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.
10. 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.



## PORTABLE GOALPOSTS MUST BE SECURE

Goalpost must have one warning sticker a fixed to each upright facing outwards and 1 sticker to the top crossbar facing to the back of the goal



Mandatory Goalpost Safety Standard AS4866.1-2007 and ACCC Product Safety Notice requires that all portable goalposts weighing 28kg+ must be anchored with at least 10 x 300mm stakes or 10 bags of sand or 12 bags of cement so that they cannot tip over.

## Net Hooks

Net Hooks Metal hooks have been banned on football goalposts in NSW since 2000. Metal cup hooks are prohibited in accordance with the mandatory Australian Standard AS4866.1-2007. Metal hooks are unsafe for the securing of nets to goals and can cause serious injury or death.

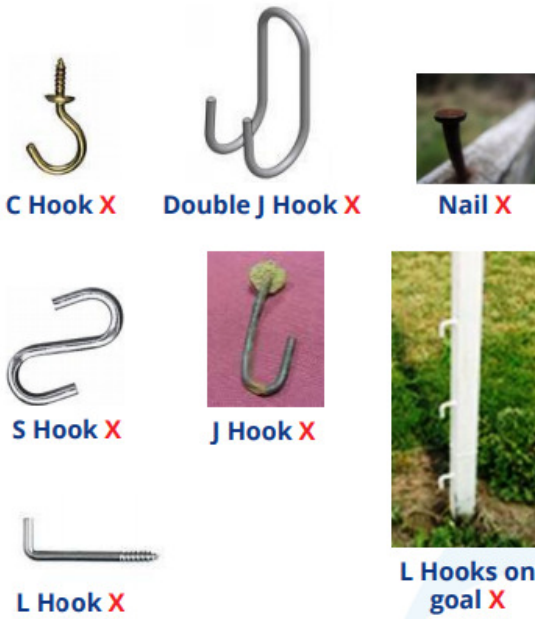
FNSW Goalpost Safety Notice - Issued 15 October 2013 Net Attachments Prohibited – metal hooks on soccer football goalposts. Metal net hooks on goalposts are unsafe and can cause serious injury or death.



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### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS - Velcro, net straps, tape, net clips and newer types of net systems.

Player safety must be considered at all times in relation to goal posts and goal safety. Please refer to Australian Standard 4866.1-2007 or the Product Safety Australia website [www.productsafety.gov/soccergoals](http://www.productsafety.gov/soccergoals)

