



Eastern Suburbs FC

EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL CLUB GOAL POST SAFETY POLICY

1. Background

The safety of all parties involved in playing, training and watching football at Eastern Suburbs Football Club ("ESFC") is paramount to the Club.

ESFC will abide by the requirements regarding the use and storage of moveable Goalposts in accordance with Football Queensland Goal Post Safety Policy.

2. Definitions

"Moveable soccer goals" are defined as a freestanding structure consisting of at least two upright posts, two side ground bars, a rear ground bar, a cross bar and support bars.

"Determination of Stability" For moveable goals the test procedure shall be as follows:

- (a) Install the goal in accordance with the Manufacturer's instructions on a horizontal surface using the recommend ground anchors.
- (b) Apply a horizontal pull force of 1100N to the centre of the crossbar for no less than 60 seconds and no more than 70 seconds in a direction that is horizontal, perpendicular to the cross bar heading outwards from the goal opening.
- (c) Determine if the unit falls over or fails to return to its original position.

3. Policy

3.1 Anchoring Goals

3.1.1 Training

At commencement of all training session when moveable goals are in use; they must be properly anchored before any session can commence. Coaches/Managers of the teams involved are directly responsible to ensure this occurs.

The Board Member rostered on duty will undertake a proactive Audit role to check that this process is being followed to ensure compliance.

The Club has provided the following resources to ensure an effective ground anchoring system:

- Goal post weight bags – stored next to the Thompson Family stand immediately adjacent to Fields #2 & #3.
- Goal post pegs – stored in two storage bins with hammer to secure the goal posts.

Both the weight bags and goal post pegs must be used to anchor the moveable goal to ensure stability of the goal in accordance with the definition above of *"Determination of Stability"*.



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3.1.2 Scheduled Fixture Games

Before commencement of any scheduled fixture games that utilise moveable goals; they must be properly anchored. Coaches/Managers of the teams involved are directly responsible to ensure this occurs.

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3.2 Identification Label on Moveable Soccer goals

All moveable soccer goals at ESFC are to have affixed to the underside of the cross bar and the outside face of both goal uprights the following warning label clearly displayed:

“WARNING – ALWAYS ANCHOR GOAL – NEVER CLIMB OR HANG ON CROSS BAR”

3.3 Safe Moveable Goal Storage

All ESFC moveable goals will be stored face-to-face and secured to one another with a lockable chain.

4. Resources

1. Football Queensland Policy – Goal Post Safety (<http://footballqueensland.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Goal-Post-Safety-Policy.pdf>)
2. Australian Standard 4866.1 – 2007 Playing Field Equipment – Soccer Goals
3. Qld Office of Fair-Trading Safety Standards for Moveable Soccer Goals 2008