



## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SOCCER LEAGUE

### Goal Safety Program

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Purpose: A risk management program to insure the safety of the players and officials with goals, nets, and field turf.

1. Definitions:
  - a. Goal Hazard – a goal that is not sufficiently anchored to keep from falling over.
  - b. Net Hazard – a net that is not securely attached to a goal or excess net that has not been bundled to keep from being tripped over.
  - c. Field Hazard – a field that has dangerous elements or objects that can cause injury to a player or official.  
Example: broken glass or mole holes on the field.
  - d. Safety Hazard – either a goal, net, or field hazard.
2. League:
  - a. Will have a field inspector.
  - b. The league field inspector will oversee club inspectors.
  - c. The league field inspector will randomly inspect fields for safety hazards.
  - d. The league inspector has the authority over club inspectors to call any game due to a safety hazard.
3. Clubs:
  - a. Each club will have a designated field inspector and safety program.
  - b. Each club will have a regular inspection process to insure:
    - i. Goals are securely anchored to the ground.
    - ii. Nets are securely attached to the goal. Any excess net will be bundled and secured away from danger of tripping.
    - iii. Fields are properly maintained and free of any safety / physical hazards (i.e.: broken glass, mole holes).
  - c. Will keep a written log of all inspections and maintenance performed on each field
    - i. Logs will be available upon request or demand to any SISL or IYSA official.
  - d. Will inform and educate coaches, players, and parents of goal safety and hazards of portable goals.
  - e. A club neglecting or failing to insure the safety of the players and officials for each game and practice from any safety hazard will be fined by the IYSA not less than \$1,000.00.
4. Coaches, Players, and Parents:
  - a. Will inspect goals, nets, and fields before each game and practice for safety hazards.
  - b. A coach neglecting or failing to insure the safety of the players from any safety hazard will be fined by the IYSA not less than \$200.00 plus a minimum of a one year suspension.
5. Game Day Cancellations due safety hazard:
  - a. If a hazard cannot be resolved within 15 minutes from the start of the game, the game will be cancelled and the host club will be fined.
  - b. A game may be cancelled by the referee
  - c. A game may be cancelled by either coach
  - d. A coach cannot cancel a game for bad field conditions that are weather related. Only the referee has the authority to cancel a game related to weather conditions.
  - e. In the event one coach or referee cancels the game and the other coach or referee feels there is not a safety hazard that warrants cancels the game, the game will be cancelled and rescheduled. The league field inspector will evaluate the cancelled game and make a determination if a safety hazard existed.
  - f. Any game canceled due to a safety hazard will be reported by both teams to the league's field inspector within 24 hours from the start of the game.
  - g. All cancelled games will be rescheduled to a different date using the same location.
6. Fine:
  - a. The host club or organization responsible for the maintenance of the nets, goals, or field will pay a fine for each cancelled game due to a safety hazard.
  - b. A coach will be fined if it has been determined the game was cancelled and a safety hazard did not exist.
  - c. A referee will be disciplined by the SRA if it has been determined the game was cancelled and a safety hazard did not exist.
  - d. The fine will be twice the team referee fee for each cancelled game.