

GOALPOST SAFETY NOTICE

Portable Goalpost Safety

All clubs and associations are reminded of the importance of safely securing portable goalposts and the risks associated with children climbing and swinging on goalposts.

Since 1986 there have been 7 deaths in Australia from falling goalposts and since 1979 there have been 27 deaths in the USA, mostly involving children. For this reason it is vital that all clubs conduct regular safety checks on all goalposts and monitor their safe use and safe storage.

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



It is equally important that all portable goals are anchored and secured safely when stored or not in use.

Portable Goalpost Warning Stickers

All portable goals weighing 28kg+ must also be affixed with yellow Warning stickers alerting of the dangers of playing and climbing on goalposts and goals tipping over.

When purchasing portable goals it is important to know that the Australian Standard requires that all newly manufactured portable goalposts are constructed in accordance with Australian Standard AS4866.1-2007 and must also display a Warning notice.

If your club or association is purchasing new portable goals, you should ensure that the goals comply with the current Australian Standard.



⚠ WARNING ALWAYS ANCHOR GOAL NEVER CLIMB ON GOAL OR HANG ON CROSSBAR *Unanchored goals can tip over causing serious injury or death.*



If your club has portable goalposts that weigh 28kg+ which are not affixed with warning stickers please email your club details and contact information to michelle@footballnsw.com.au or phone 02 8814 4402 to order stickers for your club.

Net Hooks

Metal hooks have been banned on soccer football goalposts in NSW since 2000. Metal hooks are not permitted and are unsafe for the securing of nets to goals. The prohibition of metal cup hooks is also outlined in Australian Standard AS4866.1-2007.

Net hook safety has again been under scrutiny following two incidents in NSW where a football player recently suffered injury to their knee when it struck a metal net hook on a goalpost and previously a school student severely injured themselves on a net hook protruding from a goal in a school playground.

On both occasions metal hooks were used to attach nets to the goals and in both incidents each player required treatment in hospital.

Injuries of this kind are not uncommon where metal hooks or nails are used, but such incidents can be prevented by using alternative net attachments.

Net Attachments

Prohibited – metal hooks on soccer football goalposts.

Metal net hooks on goalposts are unsafe and can cause serious injury or death.



C Hook X



J Hook X



Double J Hook X



L Hooks on goal X



S Hook X



L Hook X



Nail X

Safer Alternatives - There are safer net attachments available

Including velcro, net straps, tape, net clips and newer types of net track systems.



Velcro



Velcro net straps



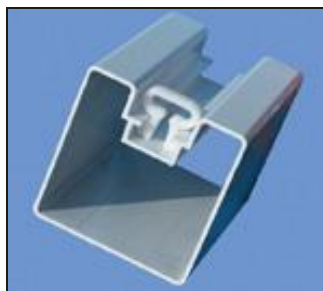
Plastic net clips 1



Plastic net clips 2



Net Track System (PILA-Aust)



Track box System (UK)



Synthetic Net Hook (UK)