



Malpas & District Junior Football Club



Grounds: Malpas Sports Club, The Oxhays, Wrexham Road, Malpas, Cheshire
Bishop Heber High School, Farndon Community Field
www.malpasfc.co.uk

GOALPOST SAFETY POLICY 23/24

- Where Coaches / Volunteers or parents are required to assemble goalposts for matches or training, this must be undertaken in accordance with COVID-19 Safety Measures, including but not limited to: social distancing, wearing of PPE, disinfecting any surfaces.
- For safety reasons goalposts of any size (including those which are portable and not installed permanently at a pitch or training venue) must always be anchored securely to the ground.
- If goalposts cannot be secured for training sessions they must not be used under any circumstances.
- Portable goalposts must be secured as per the manufacturer's instructions.
- Under no circumstances should children or adults be allowed to climb on, swing or play with the structure.
- If not properly assembled and secured, portable goalposts may overturn.
- Inspections of goalposts must be carried out before each new season and before every training session or match to check that they are properly maintained.
- Portable goalposts should not be left in place after use. They should be dismantled and removed to a place of secure storage.
- The use of metal cup hooks on goals was banned from the commencement of 2007/08 season and match officials have been instructed not to commence matches where such net fixings are evident for safety reasons. Nets should only be secured by plastic hooks, net grips or tape and not by metal cup hooks. Any metal cup hooks should have been removed and replaced. New goalposts should not be purchased if they include metal cup hooks.
- Goalposts which are "home made" or which have been altered from their original size or construction should not be used. These have been the cause of a number of deaths and injuries.
- There is no BS/CEN standard for wooden goals and it is unlikely that wooden goals will pass a load or stability test. The FA recommends that wooden goals should be replaced when necessary with compliant metal, aluminium or plastic goalposts. All wooden goals previously tested by independent consultants have failed strength and stability tests.
- The use of goalposts is covered in the Club Risk Assessment
- Where goalpost sets are found to be damaged, faulty or incomplete a report must be made immediately to the Club Welfare Officer, who will liaise with the owner, where this is not Malpas & District JFC.

SignedAndrew Harradine..... Chairman
Hannah Adamson..... Club Welfare Officer

Agreed Date: 1st September 2023
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