

DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT SOCCER GOAL POLICY

1. The Downers Grove Park District will not install or otherwise place onto District property any soccer goals that are not secured with support posts/braces positioned underground a minimum of three (3) feet.
2. The Downers Grove Park District shall routinely check all portable soccer goals that it has installed or placed on Park District property to verify that they are properly anchored, weekly during the youth soccer playing season, monthly during the off season (winter), and a written record of the monthly safety check shall be completed.
 - a. Anchor types must be appropriate for the surrounding soil type.
 - b. Posts/braces must be free of jagged or sharp points.
 - c. Posts must be vertical and not lean significantly in any one direction.
 - d. Posts/braces may not contain rust or show weak points.
 - e. No grounded goal posts may tip easily when weight is applied to the top of the horizontal bar of the goal.
 - f. Safety/warning labels will be placed in clearly visible locations; under the crossbar and on the sides of the down-posts at eye level.
3. No person other than an authorized employee of the Downers Grove Park District shall be permitted to move any soccer goal the Park District owns or otherwise installed or placed on its property.
4. The Downers Grove Park District will provide a copy of this policy in any permit agreement into which it enters with any other organization, and to the representative of any leagues or teams permitted to use Downers Grove Park District parks and facilities for soccer purposes and encourage such organization, leagues or teams to distribute additional copies to each coach, referee, parent/guardian. The Downers Grove Park District encourages coaches/referees/league officials affiliated with each game to:
 - a. Check for structural integrity and proper connecting hardware before every use
 - b. Report damaged or missing parts or fasteners immediately and do not use damaged or improperly anchored goals.
 - c. Not allow anyone to climb on the net or goal framework.
5. As a condition for the use of District property for soccer games, scrimmages and/or practices, each permittee, organization, employees and volunteers:
 - i) may not install, place or use soccer goals that are not anchored to the ground in the manner provided in paragraph (1) above;
 - ii) may not move any soccer goal that the district has installed or otherwise placed on its property;
 - iii) may not move any soccer goal that it/they have installed or placed on District property. Any violation of these requirements will be cause for immediate

termination of the permit agreement, and may be a basis for denial in the future.

iv) must provide notification to the Park District of any unsafe conditions.

6. At the conclusion of each youth soccer season, the Downers Grove Park District will remove all soccer goals that it has installed or otherwise placed on its property and store such goals at a secure location or will otherwise secure such goals on its property in accordance with the following:
 - a. Place the goal frames face to face and secure them at each goalpost with a lock and chain, or
 - b. Lock and chain to a suitable fixed structure such as a permanent fence, or
 - c. Lock unused portable goals in a secure storage room after each use, or
 - d. Fully disassemble the goals for season storage.
7. The Downers Grove Park District will not purchase any portable soccer goal for use on its property unless the goal is purchased from a manufacturer of soccer goals that can signify elements designed to reduce the risk of tip-over injuries have been incorporated into the product by indicating the goal is compliant with American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard F2673-08, or any successive standard, for tip-resistant movable soccer goals.

Following the adoption of this policy, the Park District will purchase only those movable soccer goals that are consistent with these guidelines; however, the Park District will continue to use those goals in its existing inventory until the end of their lifecycle in a manner consistent with this policy.

8. The only exception to the above policies are light weight, fold-up or pop-up collapsible, portable soccer goals up to size 4' X 6' which are typically sold and used for youth soccer practice or training sessions. Other than this exception, no one may install soccer goals on Park District property without the written permission of the Park District.
9. Definitions
For the purpose of this policy, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed thereto:

Movable soccer goal

A freestanding structure consisting of at least 2 upright posts, a crossbar, and support bars that is designed, intended and permitted: (1) to be used by adults or children for the purposes of a soccer goal; (2) to be used without any other form of support or restraint (other than temporary anchoring devices); and (3) to be moved to different locations.