

Portable Goalposts MUST be secured

Clubs and Associations are instructed to ensure the safe securing of portable goalposts AT ALL TIMES when stored and in use in accordance with Mandatory Australian Standard AS4866.1-2007 and Product Safety Notice and information as issued by FFA and ACCC.

Since 1986 there have been 7 deaths in Australia, including NSW, from falling goalposts and 27 deaths in the USA, mostly involving children. For this reason it is vital that all clubs comply with portable goalpost safety standards and safety notices and conduct regular safety checks on all goalposts and monitor their safe use, anchoring and storage.

Mandatory Goalpost Safety Standard AS4866.1-2007 and ACCC Product Safety Notice 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 so that they cannot tip over. Goals must also be secured safely when not in use. Common practice is to chain and padlock the goals to a secure fixture or to each other and ensure they cannot tip over.

[Link to ACCC Product Safety Notice](#)

[Link to FFA Product Safety Game Plan](#)



PORTABLE GOALPOST WARNING STICKERS

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

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



When purchasing portable goals it is a requirement that portable goalposts comply with Australian Standard AS4866.1-2007 and display the regulated Warning notice.

If your club or association purchases portable goals, ensure they comply with the current Australian Standard. Do not purchase portable goals that weigh 28kg+ and have not been tested and meet AS compliance.

To order Warning Stickers for portable goals at your club that weight 28kg and over e-mail your club's name and postal address and the number of goals you have to michelle@footballnsw.com.au or phone 02 8814 4402.



Net Hooks

Metal hooks have been banned on football goalposts in NSW since 2000. Metal cup hooks are prohibited in accordance with the mandatory Australian Standard AS4866.1-2007. Metal hooks are unsafe for the securing of nets to goals and can cause serious injury or death.

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 medical 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.

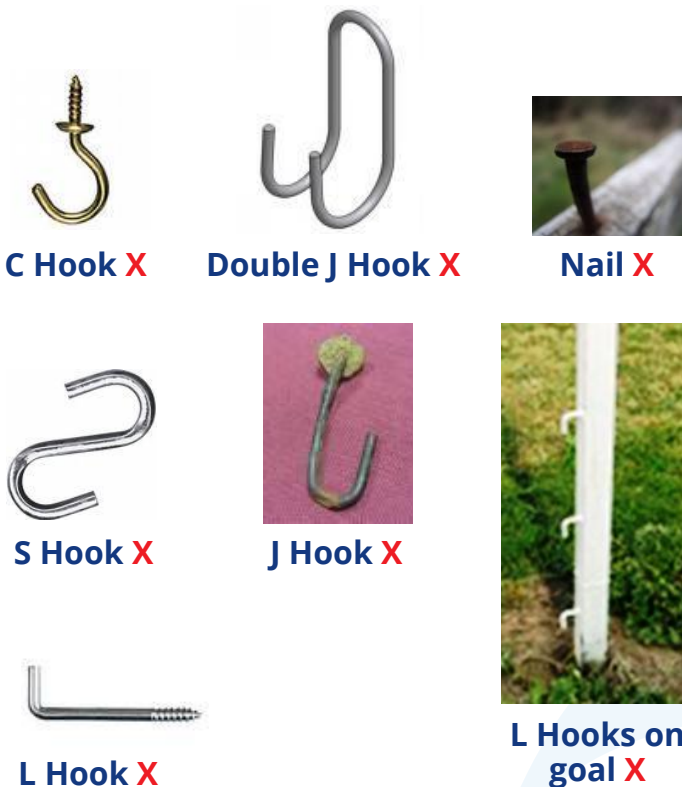
Net Attachments

PROHIBITED - metal hooks on football goalposts.

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

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS - Velcro, net straps, tape, net clips and newer types of net systems.

Player safety must be considered at all times in relation to goal posts and goal safety. Please refer to Australian Standard 4866.1-2007 or the Product Safety Australia website www.productsafety.gov.au/soccergoals



Velcro



Velcro net straps



Plastic net clips 1



Plastic net clips 2



Synthetic Net Hook (UK)



Net track system



Track box system