

Fixed or Portable Football Goals

All football goals whether fixed or portable should be procured, installed, maintained, stored and inspected in accordance with BS 8461:2005. Eleven-a-side (full size) goals must comply with BS EN 748:2004. All other goals must comply with BS 8462:2005.

Goals should be purchased as complete units [frame, net, anchors, etc]. Goals should always be delivered with instructions from the manufacturer giving details covering the assembly, installation, and use, moving procedures, storage and maintenance. If this information is missing the manufacturer/supplier should be contacted and no use of the goals should be made until this information is received.

Any replacement parts should be obtained from the same manufacturer. Goals must be safely anchored, weighted or secured in position for use in accordance with the manufacturer's printed instructions.

Ideally goals should be stored in an appropriate covered and enclosed space. If goals are to be stored in or adjacent the playing area then they must either be secured in an upright position to a structurally sound wall or fence or left lying flat on the ground

Goals should only be moved by adults who have been trained in the use of proper lifting techniques. A minimum of four adults is required to lift and move a full-size goal. Children/juveniles should not be allowed to move goals. Goals should be inspected at regular intervals. A list of the types of inspection and inspection record sheets are attached as appendices to this letter.

Copies of the above noted British Standards can be obtained from BSI on 020 8996 9001 or www.bsi-global.com.

Alternatively copies of the Standards can be viewed at **sportscotland** offices in Edinburgh. Some local authorities also hold copies of British Standards in their central library.

A copy of the goal inspection record(s) should be submitted as part of the final report.