

Fixed and Portable Football Goals

Outline Summary of Requirements of Relevant British Standards

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All football goals whether fixed or portable should be procured, installed, maintained, stored and inspected in accordance with BS 8461:2005.

Goals must also conform to BS EN 748:2004.

In addition goals for youth football, futsal, mini-soccer and small-sided-football 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 individually marked for ease of identification.

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 record sheets should be stored in a secure location ready for inspection should an incident occur. BS 8462:2005 requires record sheets to be kept in a log book for a minimum of 21 years to ensure that evidence of good practice is available in the event of any subsequent legal proceedings.

Copies of the above noted British Standards can be obtained from BSI on 020 8996 9001 or [www.bsi-global.com](http://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.

### **Footnote:**

BS:EN 749 and 750 also exist and cover the *Functional and safety requirements, test methods* for Handball and Hockey Goals respectively. In the absence of British Standards for other types of goals it would seem good practice to apply all the good practice and general rules in the above noted BS's to all other types of goals.

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### Inspection Routines

Inspection Routine 1	Inspection Routine 2	Inspection Routine 3
<p><b>To be undertaken at least every week and before any game or training activity</b></p>	<p><b>To be undertaken each time a goal is repositioned</b></p>	<p><b>To be undertaken once every twelve months – ideally prior to the start of each season</b></p>
<p>Undertake a thorough visual inspection of the whole goal and check for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loose and missing bolts, nuts, pins and other fixings;</li> <li>• Firm attachment to anchoring points or signs of movement in sockets;</li> <li>• Broken or missing net fixings;</li> <li>• Any broken cord in the nets;</li> <li>• Bent sections or other damage to any part of the goal;</li> <li>• That all identification and instruction labels are firmly attached and fully legible.</li> </ul>	<p>Undertake all the checks listed under Routine 1 and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that the goal has been firmly reattached to all of its anchors;</li> <li>• Check that the anchors are secure;</li> <li>• If weights are used, ensure they are all present. The manufacturer’s label on the goal should say what weight is needed to stabilise the goal;</li> <li>• Check that the goal has not been bent or otherwise damaged while being moved.</li> </ul>	<p>Undertake all the checks listed under Routines 1 and 2 and the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check every goal for strength and stability in accordance with BS EN 748 or BS 8462 as appropriate. A goal’s strength or stability <b><u>should never be tested</u></b> by hanging or swinging from the crossbar.</li> </ul>

*Example Only*

<b>GOAL INSPECTION RECORD SHEET</b>					
<b>Club Name</b> _____ <i>Anytown FC</i> _____		<b>Goal Reference</b> _____ <i>first team goal 1</i> _____			
Date	Type of Check	Reason for Check	Findings	Action taken	Checked by
<i>21/08/07</i>	<i>1, 2 or 3</i>	<i>Routine</i>	<i>All okay</i>	<i>None needed</i>	<i>Name and signature of person carrying out check, repair, etc</i>
		<i>Goal installed for first time [this season]</i>	<i>[description of all faults found]</i>	<i>Repairs carried out [with description]</i>	
		<i>Goal moved from ..... to .....</i>		<i>Goal taken out of use [include date and method used if appropriate]</i>	
		<i>Problems reported on [date]</i>		<i>Goal taken out of use and parts ordered.</i>	
		<i>Repairs completed on [date]</i>		<i>Goal taken out of use and repairs ordered.</i>	
				<i>Goal taken out of use and scrapped.</i>	

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**Note examples in box in one column are not intended to line up with example in another column. The examples used in the table are for indicative purposes only.**

Club Name _____	
<b>GOAL INSPECTION SHEET</b>	
Goal Reference:	Goal location:
Type of Goal:	Size of Goal:
Supplier/manufacturer:	
Contact details for spares and repairs:	
Date of Manufacture:	
Date of inspection:	
Findings:	
Action Taken:	
Inspected by:	

*To be used to record the checks carried out when a goal is first assembled/installed or when an inspection regime is first implemented for existing goals.*

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## GOAL INSPECTION RECORD SHEET

Club Name .....

Goal Reference.....

Date	Type of Check	Reason for Check	Findings	Action taken	Checked by

*To be filled in every time a goal is inspected either as a matter of routine [pre-season/mid-season/end-of-season] or for some other reason, for example when a repair has been undertaken.*

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