



Unionville-Milliken Soccer Club

UMSC FIELD INSPECTION AND SAFETY POLICY

1.0 PURPOSE

The Unionville Milliken Soccer Club (“UMSC”) believes that we all have a responsibility in ensuring the safety of our players and our members in the soccer activities they engage in. This policy provides for steps to ensure a game within the safety standards set-up in our province for the soccer sport are met or exceeded.

2.0 APPROACH

In support of the referees and the game officials who have the ultimate responsibility for the players’ safety during a game, and in deciding whether a given facility is safe for the game, we are providing the following guidelines for the team official to verify the facilities are game ready, and to report any anomaly to the UMSC for action with the facility owners or the city of Markham facility management as applicable.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Prior to each practice or game, coaches, officials and/or designated volunteers should develop the habit of a field and area safety check. This checklist is designed to be a general guide for all fields. Certain fields will have other specific areas of concern that should be inspected.

3.2 Goal Post Safety

- 3.2.1 Permanent goals properly secured and anchored. Confirm anchoring system is not a hazard to participants.
- 3.2.2 Portable goal properly secured and anchored. Confirm anchoring system is not a hazard to participants.
- 3.2.3 Inspect goal net and goal post for sharp corners, loose bolts and general integrity.
- 3.2.4 Instruct all players and parents of the potential dangers associated with movable soccer goals
- 3.2.5 Forbid any horseplay by players or members of the general public on or around any goal post
- 3.2.6 As applicable, remove nets when goals are not in use
- 3.2.7 Portable goal posts should only be moved by authorized personnel



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3.3 Field and Area Safety

- 3.3.1 Inspect for foreign objects such as stones, glass, etc.
- 3.3.2 Check field for holes, depressions, torn sections (if artificial turf), etc. Notify your field owners and your club of unsafe field conditions in writing. Keep a copy for your records.
- 3.3.3 Make sure sprinkler heads are seated
- 3.3.4 Make sure water drains beyond the touch line are marked for player awareness
- 3.3.5 Observe 3' restraining line from the touch line. Area must be obstruction free, except for coaches.
- 3.3.6 Review fencing. Make players and spectators aware of unsafe fencing. No climbing to retrieve balls.
- 3.3.7 Check bleachers for safety. Make spectators aware of bleachers that may not be safe.
- 3.3.8 If the field is used for other sports, inspect for fixtures or equipment that may have been left by the previous user. Any equipment for other sports should be secured and not accessible by players or spectators.
- 3.3.9 Inspect the condition of and access to locker rooms, restrooms and portable toilets.
- 3.3.10 Survey parking lots, concessions and vendors areas for any obvious hazards. Make spectators and players aware of any hazardous conditions; and notify your field owners and your club of unsafe conditions in writing as soon as practical.

4.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

For reporting the condition of the field to the facility owner, the city or and the UMSC, use the form provided attached.



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FIELD INSPECTION SHEET



Facility: _____

Date: _____

Inspected by: _____

Item	Adequate	Inadequate	Corrective Measures*	Observations
Playing Surface:				
<i>Length of Grass?</i>				
<i>Field Markings?</i>				
<i>Glass, rocks, sprinklers, etc?</i>				
Goal Posts:				
<i>Anchored?</i>				
<i>Broken Hooks?</i>				
<i>Nets?</i>				
Corner Flags:				
Team Benches:				
Others:				

*Corrections: 1) add 2) replace 3) modify 4) discard 5) clean 6) repair 7) check

Note: This document, once completed, should be given to the Facilities Manager, and the coach should keep a copy for his/her files.