



# Chesley Minor Soccer

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## **Field and Equipment Safety Policy**

Chesley Minor Soccer strives to ensure all venues and facilities, both public and private, utilized by our community of parents, players, officials, spectators and patrons at large are safe, are always well maintained and in good working condition at all times.

Prior to the commencement of each game and facility usage, all staff and officials are required to carefully inspect the grounds and equipment to ensure the integrity and safe operation of the premise and related equipment utilized.

In the event that any safety issues are identified, the staff and officials are required to report the following:

- facility/equipment encountered
- Note in your report any actions you took to rectify the situation such as removing the debris, cordoning off the area, etc.
- If the conditions are such that the safe operation of the field/facility/equipment is not possible without intervention that is beyond your control, you must notify an executive committee member immediately

In the event of an issue with the safety/integrity of the facility/premise/equipment Chesley Minor Soccer will communicate this to its membership and post signage informing patrons of the issue. Communication will then be disseminated upon resolution of the safety concern.

### **Soccer Field/Facility Safety Checklist:**

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.

#### **Goal Post Safety:**

- Portable goal properly secured and anchored. Confirm the anchoring system is not a hazard to participants.
- Permanent goals properly secured and anchored. Confirm the anchoring system is not a hazard to participants.
- Inspect goal net and goal post for sharp corners, loose bolts and general integrity.
- Forbid any horseplay by players or members of the general public on or around any goal post.
- Portable goal posts should only be moved by authorized personnel.

#### **Field and Area Safety:**

- Inspect for foreign objects such as stones, glass, etc.
- Check the field for holes, depressions etc. Notify the club of unsafe field conditions in writing. Keep a copy for your records.
- Observe 3' restraining line from the touch line. The area must be obstruction free, except for coaches.
- Review fencing. No climbing to retrieve balls.
- Check bleachers/players benches for safety.
- Inspect the condition of and access to portable toilets.

- Survey parking lot for any obvious hazards. Make spectators and players aware of any hazardous conditions; and notify the club of unsafe conditions in writing as soon as practical.
- Ensure that all parents are present and know of procedures in case of a safety concern that is weather related