

Ramara Soccer Club – Facility and Equipment Safety Policy

Commitment to Safety

Ramara Soccer Club, in partnership with the Township of Ramara Recreation, is dedicated to ensuring that all public facilities are safe, well-maintained, and in proper working order for parents, players, officials, spectators, and community members.

Soccer Field & Facility Safety Checklist

Before each practice or game, coaches, officials, and designated volunteers must complete a field and area inspection using the checklist below.

Ball Size

- Use age- and gender-appropriate soccer balls to support proper skill development and a positive playing experience.

Goal Post Safety

- Confirm that permanent goals are secure and in good condition.
- Do not allow children or adults to climb, swing on, or play with goalposts.
- Ensure portable goals are properly anchored and free of hazards.
- Only authorized personnel may move portable goalposts.

Field & Area Safety

- Inspect the field for rocks, glass, or other debris.
 - Check for holes or uneven surfaces; report unsafe conditions to the Club.
 - Assess the safety of bleachers and player benches; alert spectators to any hazards.
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Lightning & Severe Weather Safety

The safety of players, coaches, and spectators is the top priority during severe weather.

- Referees have the authority to delay or restart matches due to weather.
 - If thunder is heard, seek shelter immediately.
 - Remain indoors for at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder.
 - Ensure parents understand procedures for weather-related safety concerns.
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Jewelry Policy

Players may not wear any items that could pose a safety risk, including:

- Rings, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and visible body piercings.
 - Medical alert bracelets are permitted only if made of soft material (e.g., Velcro) or covered with a sweatband.
 - Taping jewelry is not allowed.
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Reporting Procedures

If a safety issue arises, follow these steps:

1. **Document the Issue** – Record any facility or equipment concerns in your report and checklist submission.
2. **Detail Actions Taken** – Note any steps taken to address the issue, such as removing debris or restricting access.
3. **Notify When Necessary** – If the issue poses a risk beyond your control, immediately inform the Club and postpone activities in the affected area.

Ramara SC will notify members and post signage when facility or equipment safety concerns arise. Communication will be provided once the issue has been resolved.