

## ITSA GOAL FOLDING GOAL CARE & MAINTENANCE – update August 2025

ITSA GOAL folding goals must always be used in accordance with the fitting instructions provided. When freestanding moveable goalposts are being positioned prior to a game, children should not be allowed to use the goalposts until they are secure and anchored safely. Never position the goalpost and then go for the second goal before first making sure the first goal is securely anchored down.

Goalpost should be checked regularly and must be stored away safely as per instructions when not in use. This care and Maintenance information follows our own risk assessments and those of the Football Association Guidance Notes of 'best practice' to help ensure goals are safe.

Sufficient counterbalance weights or anchors must be always attached to the goal in its locked play position. When stored against a wall the goal frames **MUST** be secured on suitable brackets. If brackets are not available, they should be stored flat face down on the ground. They should never at any time be lent against a wall unsecured. All Heavier free standing goal frames above 45 kilos in weight require additional care and attention when used around children. The elliptical foldaway goal was designed specifically with transportation and storage in mind; however if they are not stored correctly, they can damage the corner joints if excessive strain is applied. The goal is designed to be used on grass with multi-surface anchors or on artificial grass with counterbalance weights. Permanent anchor points can also be used to secure the goal in a fixed and permanent match position.

### LARGER GOALPOSTS MUST BE MOVED WITH REAR GROUND FRAME ATTACHED TO REDUCE STRESS ON THE FRAME.

#### ASSEMBLY FOLDING GOALS

To ensure alignment of goal post sections it is important to assemble the goal post on level ground. The corners of the crossbars are marked inside the insert and should be matched up with the same markings inside the top of the welded side frames that the insert slides into. Each goal is individually made by craftsmen and assembled in the workshop before despatch with the order number and corner identification. The crossbars and side frames will need matching up before the assembly especially if you have numerous goals. The numbering is the final quality control check before goal posts are dispatched. We recommend if freestanding goals are to be moved any distance at your site that our wheel transporters are used which are placed under the uprights and make transporting of the goals safer, easier and extend the life of the goals.

To avoid damage when assembling the goal follow these guidelines:

1. A competent adult should assemble the FOLDING GOAL and follow the fitting instructions provided. Individuals taking over future use of the goal posts should be instructed on the safe usage of the goal posts, how they are used in play, whilst being moved around and when in storage. Copies of goalpost fitting

instructions can be attained on the websites for any new users of the goal posts.

2. Always observe and follow the warning labels attached to the goal. During the life of any goalposts, warning labels may become worn and these should be replaced. Goalpost spares including warning labels are readily available.

3. Always fold out the side frames on a flat section of ground and return to a flat area when folding sides under the crossbar after use. (Ideally a boarded area by your container or store)

4. Assemble the goals on a flat surface, if it is not flat the bolt holes may not line up correctly.

#### FOLDING GOAL POST FRAME

If the folding goals are to be moved frequently any distance, we recommend using TRANSPORTERS and adding the optional back bar. Never allow one person to drag the goals along the ground as this will damage the corner welds and may twist the connectors and jam the locks in place making them difficult to remove after use. Prolonged misuse like this will permanently damage the goal frame

1. NEVER use net stanchion supports to lift or drag the goal. This may cause the stanchions to bend and deform. Net supports are designed to support goal nets not people swinging on them.

2. Ensure you have an adequate number of physically fit and capable adults available when moving goalposts. Never allow children to move goalposts or play with the goalposts whilst they are being positioned for a game.

3. It is advisable not to drag the goal across the ground as this may damage the goal and playing surface. Lift the goal and carry with upright in one hand and side ground frame in the other (two people) or lift from the rear and pull when wheels are attached under the uprights at the front

4. Do not place fingers at the top of the upright (inside the void created by the upright being oval) when side frames are rotating.

5. ALWAYS lock the side frames in position when in play & when being stored.

6 We would recommend Pneumatic wheels to move your goal on wet muddy surfaces and smaller hard puncture free wheels be used on harder flat surfaces & artificial grass. Puncture free wheels are supplied on Transporters and may work well on your grass playing surface.

#### GOAL FOLDING SIDES

Goal posts must never be left up if unsupervised. Side frames must be locked during use to prevent the sides from swinging about which will make the goalpost unstable. Rear ground frames are available to give additional support to hold goal side frames in place.

The folding Goal frame must be anchored immediately; the side

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CARRY GOALS  
FULLY ASSEMBLED**

WITH BACKBARS ATTACHED

Fig 4.

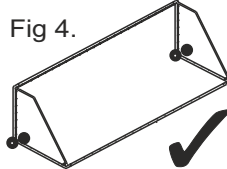


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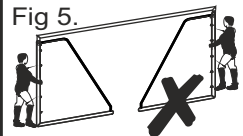


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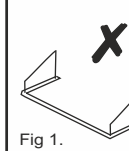
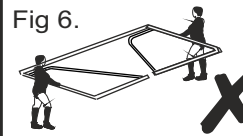


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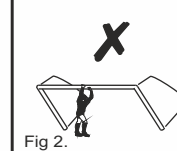


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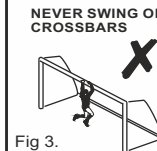


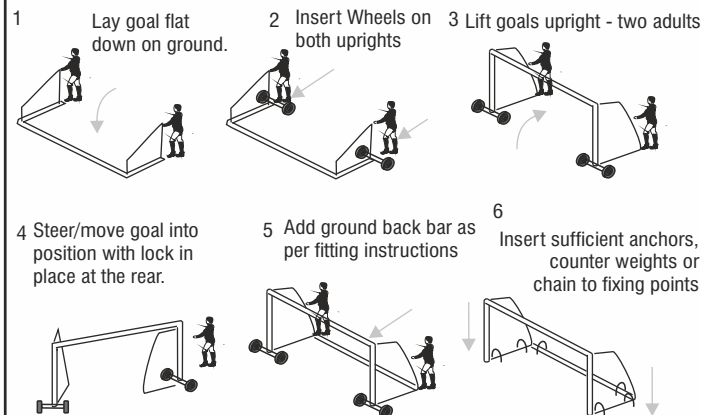
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#### WARNING

NEVER stand or apply any weight on the side frame marked 'A' as this can damage your equipment.

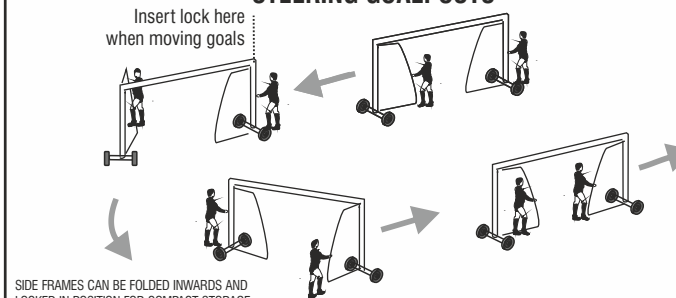


NEVER leave the goals unattended with the wheel transporters still attached as shown to the left. Always move the goals into the position required and then anchor the goals to the playing surface using ground anchors or weights as recommended on the fitting instructions supplied with your goalposts. Never move the goals in extreme weather and gales. DO NOT remove anchors using goal frame, use the back of the ground peg.

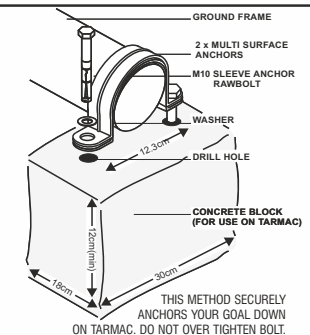
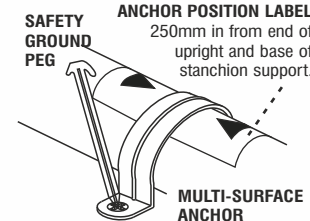


IMPORTANT- only steer goals over short distances, add back frames when moving goals long distances on undulating ground.

#### STEERING GOALPOSTS



SIDE FRAMES CAN BE FOLDED INWARDS AND LOCKED IN POSITION FOR COMPACT STORAGE. ENSURE THE GOAL IS SAFELY SECURED WHEN NOT IN USE, IDEALLY LAID ON THE GROUND.



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frames have been locked in the play position. NEVER walk away from the assembled goal frame until it is securely anchored. NEVER allow anyone under any circumstance to climb or swing on the crossbar prior to the goal being anchored. Always discourage this activity of swinging on crossbars at your football club. It is a very common practice with young children but highly dangerous. We do not recommend using any goalposts over 45 Kilos in weight around children. (see goalpost safety section on our website)

DO NOT use any components, nets or parts if they are damaged or broken. Goal post Repairs & spare parts are readily available from our web site. Do not tamper with Goalposts at any time. The folding goalpost is not designed to be dragged as this can weaken and damage the corners of the goal frame. Always move the goalposts with sides folded out in the play position as shown on the fitting instructions. The larger folding goals can be moved easily by two people with our transporters. (See moving the goalposts in tight areas on our website) We recommend Goal transporters for moving all larger folding goalposts.

GOAL WITH SIDES FOLDED FLUSH UNDER CROSSBAR

Do not move goalposts with sides locked underneath the crossbar, for play to fold out into the play position before moving. The goalpost can however be moved in the none play position (side frames under crossbar) in certain tight access locations however it is important that individuals walk on the side the wind is blowing to prevent the frame blowing over onto them in a sudden gust. It is not advisable to move the goals in extreme wind.

When removing the goal post from the playing surface ensure that all fittings are packed away and that non are left on the pitch. NEVER leave the goal post frame with sides folded under the crossbar and lent against a building or wall without first inserting locks and securing the goal post from toppling forward. When folding the side frames back under the crossbar do it on a flat area.

LOCKS & KEYS

Do not force the key. A gentle movement of the side frame outwards past the ninety-degree position as you turn the key helps push the lock out after use. Once you have the knack of this and can do this it becomes second nature. We suggest that furniture polish or candle wax be applied to the lock housing and the corners to make movement of the parts easier.

If the key breaks in the lock and you do not have enough of the key exposed to pull it out then we advise to turn the upright around and tap the outside of the post with a rubber mallet and gravity should see the key drop out or sufficiently down from the lock to pull out with pliers.

Replacement and spare keys are readily available.

As these are the only locking secure side frames on any folding goal it is important to tell everyone using the folding goals that they are locked and do not try to just push side frames in and out like other folding sided goals with locks inserted . We have had volunteers push the side frames with the locks secured until they broke them as they had never seen locking frames only loose side frames that swung about like guillotines. Explain to all

users especially new to the club how the goals work and the safety benefits they offer.

MOVING THE LARGER ADULT FOLDING GOALPOSTS

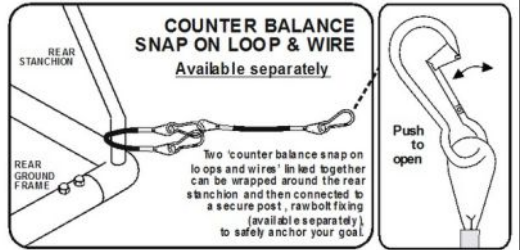
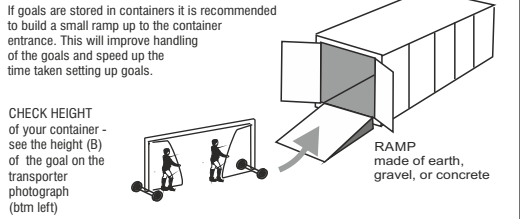
To move the Elliptical Foldaway goal ideally wheel TRANSPORTERS should be attached under the upright posts. If moved manually it should be lifted and carried fully assembled Carried with rear ground frame attached with left hand on upright and right hand on side frame (and vice-verse at the other side of the goalpost). Goals must be fully assembled ideally when moving the goals.

Please take note that additional measures need to be considered when moving this goal.

1. When moving the goal ensure that you NEVER have anyone walking directly behind in the path of the goalpost frame or underneath the frame.
2. Freestanding goalposts should NEVER be moved without an adequate number of physically fit and capable people who have been fully trained to use proper lifting techniques. A full-size goal should never be manually moved using fewer than four adults or two adults with transporters attached.
3. Goalpost Wheels should be of a type suitable for the surface in which it will aid the goal to move across. Hard wheels are designed for firm or indoor surfaces while pneumatic wheels are for soft undulating ground. Transporters are supplied with non-puncture wheels as standard.

**Note: LARGER GOALPOSTS MUST BE MOVED WITH REAR GROUND FRAME ATTACHED. Goal Transporters are available.**

CONTAINER STORAGE



**LOCKING COUNTER BALANCE OPTION**

We offer locking counter balance using the'grapple system'. This is ideal in public areas to prevent unauthorised removal of counter weights.

Contact our office for further information

CARE - MAINTENANCE - INSPECTION

**ROUTINE VISUAL CHECKS** - Should be made before each use, this enables identification of hazards from vandalism, misuses or general deterioration. examples are, goalpost frame damage, lack of anchors/stability equipment, missing parts, damaged nets, or net fixings, crossbar and goal stability

If a visual inspection identifies any defect to the goals they should not be used until the defects are corrected - contact the manufacturer of the goalposts. Check all components supplied are in good condition and a general list of checks are overleaf on table E2 and E3

**OPERATIONAL INSPECTION** - At least every six months there should be an operational inspection in accordance with national regulations/standards at the time; using the tables and inspections sheets overleaf in accordance with National regulations and the current safety standard set by the British Safety Standards and overseeing governing bodies. Check all components supplied are in good condition. If inspection identifies any defect to the goals they should not be used until the defects are corrected - contact the manufacturer of the goalposts.

Table E.2 — Check list for main inspection

Control points (as far as applicable)	Inspection method		Criteria for assessing the results (see Clause 6)	Socketed goal	Portable goal
	Visual	Manual			
Stability	X	X	When the structure is shaken in game play position, there is no tip-over	X	X
Marking	X		Present	X	X
Fixture onto the support (wall/floor)	X	X	No slack in the fixtures other than the slack naturally present due to design or assembly	X	X
Folding and hoisting system		X	No working failure when lifting, dropping or folding away the goal	(X)	(X)
Netting and net fixings	X	X	No defective fixture and/or no mesh holes liable to generate a risk	(X)	(X)
Uprights and crossbar	X	X	No slack other than the functional slack naturally present due to design	X	X

Table E.1 — Goal inspection record Sheet

	Goal Identification Number:		Location of Goal:	
Date	Type of Check Indicate Level of Inspection/Maintenance or other	Findings	Action Taken	Inspected by
Goal Size		Goal Type		
Manufacture/Distributor		Date of Manufacture		
Date of Purchase		Supplier Information for Spare Parts		
Date of Inspection/Maintenance/Repair:				
Ground and Prevailing Weather Conditions:				
Result of Inspection (Pass/Fail):				
Further Action to be taken:				
Re-inspected by:				

These inspection for ms relate to goalposts that are covered in BS EN 16579:2018. F ull size 7.32m x 2.44m goals and 5mx2m Euro goals with a weight of more than 42Kgs are covered under BS EN 748. Copies of the cur rent goalpost safety standard are available to buy from <https://www.bsigroup.com/en-GB/>

**MAIN INSPECTION** - At least annually there should be a main inspection in accordance with national regulations/standards at that time; using the tables and inspections sheets overleaf in accordance with National regulations and the current safety standard set by the British Safety Standards and overseeing governing bodies. Check all components supplied are in good condition. If inspection identifies any defect to the goals they should not be used until the defects are corrected - contact the manufacture of the goalposts. A report containing the following information according to table E3 over leaf, should be available to the operator.

a. identifying of issuing body,   b. place/date of inspection   c. identification of items being inspected   d. name/ address/signature of inspector e. a record of defects found

All inspections should be reported to the operator. The operator must establish a clear identification system for each goal . Any goals with defects should not be used until corrected.

Table E.3 — Check list for operational inspection

Control points (as far as applicable)	Inspection method		Criteria for assessing the results (see Clause 6)	Socketed goal	Portable goal
	Visual	Manual			
Stability	X	X	When the structure is shaken in game play position, there is no tip-over	X	X
Marking	X	—	Present	X	X
Fixture onto the support (wall/floor)	X	X	No slack in the fixtures other than the slack naturally present due to design or assembly	X	X
Folding and hoisting system	—	X	No working failure when lifting, dropping or folding away the goal	(X)	(X)
Netting and net fixings	X	X	No defective fixture and/or no mesh holes liable to generate a risk	(X)	(X)
Uprights and crossbar	X	X	No slack other than the functional slack naturally present due to design or assembly	X	X
Location changes and transport	X	X	No inadvertent release or unintended collapse in the carrier system	—	X
Lockdown in position	X	X	No inadvertent release of the lockdown system	—	(X)
Anchoring/ ballast system	X	X	Sufficient and securely located	—	(X)
Assembly/ Screw-set	X	X	None of the assembly screws show any signs of loosening	X	X
Corrosion	X	—	No corrosion capable of generating a risk for users	X	X
Support framework (backing frame, foldaway structure)	X	X	No deformation or breakage during working use	X	X
Netting support	X	X	No deformation or breakage	(X)	(X)
Padding	X		No damage and securely located	(X)	(X)
Entrapment <sup>a</sup>	X	X	No risk of entrapment in the goal frame or support framework	X	X
<b>Key</b> X    to be inspected; (X)    to be inspected if fitted.					
Control points (as far as applicable)	Inspection method		Criteria for assessing the results (see Clause 6)	Socketed goal	Portable goal
	Visual	Manual			
<sup>a</sup> If the structure has been changed for initial supply the entrapment should be tested according to 6.3.					

<b>GOALPOST MAINTENANCE RECORDS</b> Note: check welds on corners and posts for fatigue and if they show damage or cracks remove the goal from use as it will increase the damage to the structure the more it is moved around. Reserve goals are a good idea to cover whilst goals are maintained or repaired. Damage needs repairing as soon as possible.		
DATE	GOALPOST MAINTENANCE CHECKS RECORDED	CHECKED BY