

German Canadian Football Club

Facilities & Equipment Safety Policy



Purpose

The German Canadian Football Club (“GCFC”) prides itself on providing its members and guests with access to playing surfaces and equipment conducive to the safety of participants. The purpose of the Facilities & Equipment Safety Policy is to ensure all participants are safe when using the GCFC venue for club-sanctioned competition and training.

Particulars

To ensure player safety, the following steps are to be taken by present GCFC team official(s) prior to a home game:

- Inspect field(s) prior to play to ensure that no items unbecoming of a proper playing surface exist (ex. large holes, standing water, external materials, etc.). If applicable, the GCFC will also inspect the working condition of floodlights to ensure proper visibility during evening competition;
- Should any hazards or visibility issues occur, the match may or may not proceed at the discretion of the match official(s). In the event of any hazards or visibility issues, the GCFC team official present will alert the club President so that corrective actions can be taken; and
- Ensure the proper sized balls are being used based on age and gender of match participants.

Not noted above are goalposts. Given the possible injury risks posed by improper use or installation of goalposts, GCFC takes the following approach with all goalposts:

- Ensure all goalposts are properly assembled and anchored in way that will avoid possible tipping;
- Ban any use of the goalposts which are not explicitly related to their intended use (ex. climbing, swinging). GCFC staff and volunteers have been permitted to ask any individuals behaving in a manner not consistent with the above to leave the premises and are to advise the club President so that they may make a determination on appropriate consequences;
- Should any concerns regarding the goal posts arise, these concerns are to be reported immediately to the club President via a GCFC team official, and the posts in question will not be used until a determination or corrective action has been taken to resolve any concerns.