

### **Mini Soccer/Five-A-Side/Futsal Goal Notes**

1. Freestanding goals **MUST** be anchored at all times.
2. Where anchors are being used a risk assessment of suitability must be carried out. With grass type anchors soil conditions play an important part as they may not hold adequately in certain ground conditions, therefore this type of fixing should only be used where quantitative evidence exists of their effectiveness under the worst predictable ground conditions. Care should be taken to ensure the attachment of anchors does not create an additional hazard such as entrapment or trip.
3. All goal post sizes are given as international measurements.
4. Football goals are supplied in sets of two goals with four ground sockets unless otherwise stated (excluding freestanding options).
5. When ordering a full set of socketed goals remember to include Net supports and Nets.
6. To conform to BS 8462 the runback on small sided goal posts must be at least 80% of the height of the posts and all small sided goal posts must have a backbar which is at least the weight of the crossbar.
7. If using counterbalance weights, mini soccer and Futsal goals require 6 anchors per goal, Five-A-Side require 4 per goal.
8. When providing equipment for sand or water based artificial surfaces, aluminium is the preferred option, as it will withstand deterioration from inevitable abrasion and corrosion.
9. For continuous use always use heavy-duty posts.
10. Goals & nets are available as ½ set i.e. 1 goal only, 1 net only.

Steel posts are zinc phosphated & aluminium posts are iron phosphated (unless otherwise stated), then finished with a baked on polyester powder finish that provides a very tough scratch resistant finish.

All goals **MUST** be assembled as per instructions supplied and work must be carried out by a sufficient number of persons. Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) must be worn at all times.

When tall and/or heavy equipment is being erected it is recommended that scaffolding and/or heavy lifting equipment is used. The correct tools for the job must be used at all times.

All posts and nets require regular maintenance; chips or scratches to paintwork **MUST** be treated to prevent corrosion occurring at these points.

Fixings, joints, and the point where posts enter sockets are all areas, which are most likely to rust, a responsible person should examine them and a record log kept of all inspections.

The operator of the equipment has a responsibility to maintain equipment in perfect working order. To do so will require positive action. Please refer to assembly and maintenance instructions provided.