



## **Equipment & Facilities Safety Policy**

Howick Hustle Minor Soccer Association strives to ensure equipment and the facilities we use are well-maintained, in good working order, and safe for our community of players, parents, officials, coaches, volunteers, spectators and patrons.

Howick Hustle Minor Soccer Association has an Equipment Manager that oversees the safety and integrity of our equipment. They ensure all coaches bags are in good condition filled with the required equipment including First Aid Kit. All uniforms and equipment handed out to players are in excellent and often new condition.

Goal Post Safety is inspected regularly, ensuring portable and permanent goals are properly secured and anchored. Confirming that the anchoring system is not a hazard to participants. Portable goal posts will only be moved by authorized persons. Goal nets and posts are inspected for sharp corners, loose bolts, holes, and general integrity. No horseplay by players or members of the community around goal posts.

Prior to each practice and game, coaches, officials, and parent representatives should check field safety. This includes inspecting for foreign objects, checking for holes and depressions in the grass..

In the event an issue of safety occurs:

1. Note in your report what the safety concern is. Contact Equipment Manager or President of association via [howicksoccer@gmail.com](mailto:howicksoccer@gmail.com).
2. Note any actions you took to rectify situation (such as removing debris)
3. If the conditions are such that safe play is not possible, you must notify the Board of Directors immediately at 519-635-8005 and postpone the event.