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To Club Members

### Re: Rebels FC Portable Full Sized Goal Post Policy

In an attempt to set parameters for the use of the portable full sized goal posts, I would like to offer the following:

At Rebels FC, we are conscious of the safety of our members and the general public. The Club owns a number of full sized portable goals which are securely locked together at all times, except when in use. The key is kept in the key cabinet within the Rebels FC's office and is routinely handed out as requested by members for training and/or games. We are also conscious of minimising the OH&S risks associated with the handling of these goal posts.

The Committee is aware of the possible safety risks associated with portable goals and have agreed to the following 'rules of engagement' in relation to the request and use of such goal posts.

- No person is to climb or swing on any goal post (portable or otherwise). The coach and manager of the team training shall monitor all players to ensure compliance.
- No person under the age of 18 years is to request or be in possession of the key to unlock any of the goal posts.
- No person under the age of 18 years is to handle the goal posts in any way.
- No less than 2 male adults or 3 female adults are to manoeuvre the goal posts.
- No Club Volunteer or Committee Member (Club Person) is to hand the key to a person under the age of 18 years – regardless whether they indicate that the coach or a parent has requested they obtain the key.
- Before the key is handed to the responsible adult, that person will or have read and fully understand this policy and procedures. They will also sign a register acknowledging their understanding and the importance of following the procedures.
- The person obtaining the key (responsible adult) will unlock 1 set of goal posts, securely lock the padlock onto the chain and immediately return the chain and key to the office so that the Club person is aware that a set of goals are unsecured.
- The responsible adult is also responsible for the manoeuvring of the goal post(s) into position and then returning them to their original position with the assistance of others as outlined above.
- When the goals are not in use they shall be appropriately secured off the playing surface in an appropriate location to prevent movement or separation to prevent unauthorized use.

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- The Club person that handed out the key, is responsible for re-securing the goal posts after their use. If that person is unable to re-secure the posts (i.e. Goal Posts are still being used when the person wishes to depart the grounds), they will ensure that another Club person is made aware of the unsecured goals.

Procedure for raising the goals to an upright position:

1. Ensure the area to the rear of the goal is clear
2. Have an adult located at the corner where the cross bar joins each post (minimum required)
3. Using your legs and keeping your arms and back straight, raise the goals into the upright position

Procedure for lowering the goals:

1. Ensure the area immediately in front and behind the goal is clear
2. Have an adult located at the corner where the cross bar joins each post and place a foot on the wheel to restrict forward movement
3. Have another adult located at the centre of the rear base of the goal to lift if required and to apply downward pressure as the goal is lowered to slow the lowering process
4. Holding the upright with both hands tilt the goal forward and walk the goal down to a safe comfortable position to relocate

Any member or person found to be in breach of this policy will be brought before the Executive Committee to show cause why the Club should not impose a penalty on that person/member as per the Model Rules.

If anyone has any queries or concerns in relation to this policy, please contact one of the Committee or email [Fricke@hotkey.net.au](mailto:Fricke@hotkey.net.au) to express your concerns.

Regards  
John Azpiri  
President

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