



HOW TO SELECT YOUR NEXT SOCCER GOALS

Special Features of All Portable Aluminum ShootOut™ Goals

Your program is not just like everyone else's. Your level of play, playing surface, goal removal requirements and budget all define your needs. Many programs that use brand name alone as their selection criterion often miss out on features that better fit their requirements. Bison offers a wide range of goals to meet the needs of college, high school, club, recreation and youth programs. Consider the following design features before you invest in your next pair of goals.



Eliminate Weld Failure!

Torque Tested Backstay Attachment



No More Fasteners!

QwikTrack™ Easy and Dependable Net Attachment



NEW!

Football Field Compatibility



NEW!

Rear Horizontal Stabilizer Bar Can Be Repositioned



Reduce Risk of Tip Over!

Super Safe Auger Style Hold Downs



No Sharp Edges!

Large Corner Safety Radius



Maintain Official Width

Exclusive Padding Width Compensating Feature on Competition Size 4" Round and 4" Square Goals

Portability

Since many soccer fields serve double duty, portable goals make up a large percentage of the market. Even if the goal is not permanently attached to the ground, it might not be truly portable. Overall weight, use of rear stabilizing bars, transport wheels and the quality of construction all contribute to the true portability. Common problems with hard to move portables include premature failure of welded corners and the potential for staff or player injury. Aluminum is the material of choice for portable goals. There are some lower cost steel portables but they are heavy, hard to move, prone to rust, and worst of all, dangerous if they tip over.

If you have full-time soccer fields, permanent or semi-permanent goals might fit your needs best. Generally, they offer a lower cost alternative with either steel or aluminum as viable options.

Football Gooseneck Post Compatibility

Many high schools and collegiate soccer programs share facilities with football and other activities. It is vital that portable soccer goals are compatible with permanently installed football goalposts, allowing quick and easy conversion from football to soccer and back. All official size (24' x 8') Bison Shootout portable goals allow placement in front of permanent football goal posts using the same goal line for both sports by moving the rear horizontal stabilizer bar forward or backward. This is especially critical for fields with permanently painted field markings.

Manufactured or Locally Produced Goals

Over 80% of all portable goal tip over injuries and deaths reported in a recent study occurred with the use of homemade goals produced in shop class or at a local fabrication facility. Failure to understand and follow guidelines and testing requirements found in ASTM F2056 often leads to lack of ground anchoring, unsuitable goal depth and heavy materials and construction that make goals top heavy. Off the shelf tubing commonly has sharp corners that affect safety. It is critical to purchase goals that have proper warning labels that also certify the goal meets the ASTM safety standards to reduce liability risk for your program.

Post Size Compatibility

NCAA, National High School Federation and FIFA rules require that front uprights and crossbars be no less than 4" and no more than 5" wide for official play. Round, square, rectangular or oval shaped materials are all permitted. Round goals are often selected by clubs that play by FIFA rules but many other programs like round as well. If you choose square or rectangular goals, pay attention to the corners on the tubes. The bigger the radius, the greater the player safety. Bison offers round, square and rectangular goals.

Goal Size

Official play at high school, college and many club levels requires 24' wide and 8' high goals. These are the goal opening dimensions. Youth goals are available in a variety of sizes and often local club rules, field availability or other factors will determine goal width. Generally, younger players use smaller fields and goals.

Safety

Over the past few years, there has been an increasing awareness of soccer player injury statistics. While most injuries occur in the open field, injuries including concussions, broken bones, cuts and damaged teeth caused by player contact with goals are common.

If you prefer square or rectangular goals, look for manufacturers who use a large corner radius on all upright and crossbar tubes. Choose portable goals with the greatest back depth (10' on 24' x 8' goals) and provide premium anchoring systems as a part of the package. Soccer is currently the most played team sport that does not require padding on equipment that players might come in contact with during competition. In the last few years, however, there has been a steady move in the direction of allowing and using upright padding to protect players and reduce program liability. All play that is governed by National High School Federation rules now allows post padding. Only Bison manufactures goals that can maintain the official 24' width with or without upright padding. Bison DuraSkin for Soccer padding has virtually no negative impact on ball rebound. To assure safety and avoid unnecessary liability, NEVER purchase goals that do not meet ASTM F2056 safety standards.

Convenience

It's always easiest to buy in complete, ready-to-play packages. This insures all components are compatible including net size and portable anchoring systems. Features like wheel kits on portable goals make goal movement easier and safer. Net attachment methods are not all the same. Avoid systems that have loose clips or Velcro straps that get lost and goals with protruding net attachment hardware that presents a safety issue. Most programs prefer goals with built-in net attachment tracks like Bison's QwikTrack.

Durability/Warranty

When you invest in soccer goals, you want to be confident they will provide maintenance free service for many years. Aluminum goals have the advantage of a lifetime of rust free use. Some common aluminum goals, however, are prone to failure of welds where backstays attach to uprights. Big bulky goals get dragged across the field, putting stress on joints and resulting in the need for costly repairs. Bison's unique Torque Tested backstay attachment system, standard rear stabilizer bar and the inclusion of free wheel kits on many goals allow Bison to offer an industry leading, eight-year limited warranty on 4" round and 4" square goals. Compare standard features and published warranties to get the most value for your investment.

Purchasing through a local dealer is not only friendly to your local economy but improves your service when you need help.

- Competition 24' x 8':** U12 and up, high school, collegiate, international
- Club Plus 21' x 7':** U10 - U12
- Club 18½' x 6½':** U8 - U10
- Youth 12' x 6½':** U6 - U8 and short-sided play
- Bantam 9' x 4½':** U4 - U6 and short-sided play



FIVE POPULAR SIZES

