



North York Academy – Facility & Equipment Safety Policy

Purpose

North York Academy (NYA) is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all players, staff, and participants. This policy outlines procedures to ensure all facilities, equipment, and playing environments meet safety standards in alignment with Canada Soccer Safe Sport principles.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- All NYA training sessions, games, and events
 - All indoor and outdoor facilities used by NYA
 - All staff, coaches, and volunteers
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Responsibilities

Technical Director / Academy Director

- Ensure implementation of safety procedures across all programs
- Monitor compliance with Canada Soccer and Ontario Soccer standards

Coaches & Staff

- Conduct pre-session safety checks before all activities
- Report hazards, risks, or unsafe conditions immediately
- Ensure equipment is safe and appropriate for age and ability

Administrative Staff

- Maintain records of safety checks and incident reports
 - Ensure documentation is up to date and accessible
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Facility Safety Procedures

Before each session, staff must ensure:

- Playing surface is free from hazards (debris, holes, unsafe conditions)
 - Weather conditions are safe for activity
 - Surrounding areas are secure and appropriate
 - Emergency access points are clear
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Equipment Safety Procedures

- All equipment (goals, nets, cones, balls, etc.) must be inspected regularly
 - Goalposts must be properly secured and stable
 - Damaged or unsafe equipment must be removed immediately
 - Equipment must be appropriate for age group and level
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Emergency Preparedness

- Emergency action plans are in place for all facilities
 - Coaches have access to emergency contacts and phone access
 - Clear access for emergency vehicles must be maintained
 - First aid kits must be available at all sessions
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Monitoring & Compliance

- Safety checks are completed before each session using NYA Safety Check Forms
 - Incidents are documented and reviewed
 - Annual review of safety procedures is conducted
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Review

This policy is reviewed annually to ensure alignment with Safe Sport standards and best practices.