ILLINOIS YOUTH SOCCER RULE 021-A. GOAL SAFETY POLICY
Each coach, manager and/or official of a team/club/organization must INSPECT &
ENSURE prior to any activity that the fields, goals and portable equipment that they are using
are safe and that the goals are anchored and STORED according to the Consumer Product Safety
Commission’s and the goal manufacturer’s guidelines for the environmental conditions and
that all of the goals have labels warning of climbing hazards. All unused goals must be securely
anchored and/or chained to a substantial or permanent structure or to another goal. All portable
equipment including but not limited to fences, tents and signs must be anchored and stored
according to the manufacturer’s guidelines for the environmental conditions.

Each club/team shall provide a copy of IYSA Goal Safety Policy to its club/team coaches,
assistant coaches, trainers or other responsible persons.

Each club/team shall communicate to its club/team parents/guardians the dangers of unsecured
goals and their responsibility to assure that goals are secure for the environmental conditions.

For every club/team practice/game/activity, each club/team shall maintain a written record from
each of its coaches, assistant coaches, trainers or other responsible persons certifying that he/she
has performed a physical inspection of the goals used in his/her practice/game/activity to verify
that the goals were securely anchored for the environmental conditions.

Each league shall require each club or individual team unaffiliated with a club to certify in
writing that it has in place a program to ensure that goals it uses are adequately secured, that its
goals have been and will be inspected by a member of the club or team prior to each game/
practice/activity. Each club and team shall further certify to the league that it has communicated
to the parent or guardian of each player the dangers of unsecured goals and their responsibility to
assure that goals are secure for the environmental conditions. Each league shall certify to the
IYSA that its clubs and teams have complied with these requirements prior to their annual
registration.

Any coach who participates in practice/game/activity where the goals are not securely anchored
shall be fined not less than $200 and suspended for a minimum of not less than one (1) calendar
year from the date of the practice or game involved. In the event the goal is not securely
anchored, the entity (team, club, league, state) that has primary responsibility for the field or
event upon which the unsecured goal is situated shall be fined $1000. Coach means the head
coch, any assistant coach, trainer or any other team official present at the time of the violation.
The entity against which a fine is imposed shall be in bad standing until the fine imposed is paid.