



## FIELD SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

A goal of Georgia Soccer is to encourage our members to keep playing fields, and the area surrounding the fields, free from hazards and obstructions and as safe as possible—not just during matches, but all the other times when fields are in use each week.

A primary recommendation is that before the start of each season, an affiliate's risk management and field maintenance people walk the fields together to look for hazards, using the Field Safety guide. Try to look at the fields as a newcomer might, and from the perspective of a player, a game official, even a spectator.

- Is there adequate room on the sidelines for the ARs to do their job without being crowded by spectators?
- Are there holes or ruts in the playing field, or exposed sprinkler heads?
- What is the condition of stationary objects such as fences and poles?
- How close are stationary objects to the field?

When hazards are identified, sometimes there are quick solutions.

- Remove objects from the playing area.
- Reline the field to allow more distance.
- Lighting is key to safe operations at the fields. Keep lights on for safe ingress and egress of the members and guests before and after events.
- Insure that adequate sanitary facilities are available for public use.

Solutions to other hazardous conditions may require investments of time or money, but will ultimately be less expensive and less onerous than an injury.

Please refer to the Georgia Soccer – Youth Rules and Regulations, Sections 430 and 510, for guidance.

