

AYSO Region 45 – Game Field Procedures

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It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that these game field setup and take down procedures be followed **as written**. Please **DO NOT** use other goals that may be present at sites such as Springer and Huff as these do not belong to AYSO nor do we have goal anchor bags on site for them.

DO NOT store corner flags in the bags with the goals – the corner flags are fragile and should be stored on top of the goals in the lock box, where applicable.

FIELD SETUP/TAKE DOWN:

Web Youth Soccer lists both the Home and the Away team as having NETS for the first and last games of the day on a **given** field.

For field setup, both teams should have parents assisting in NETS duty. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the HOME team to get the field ready for play, but the AWAY team parents should help out.

For field take down after the last game, parents from both teams should aid in the take down of the nets and goals.

If you are hosting a team from another region and you have NETS duty, please plan on having your parents take care of field setup/takedown.

TYPES OF GOALS:

See below for field specific procedures.

Use only the goals specified in this procedure – some fields have other goals sitting around or locked to the fence. In particular, Springer has 5 goals of various sizes scattered around the field, none of which should be used for our AYSO games.

Permanent (Fixed) Goals

Permanent full-size goals are installed each August by the City of Mountain View at Bubb, Cooper Park and Landels and taken down after the season. The nets and corner flags are stored in the storage lock box located at each field.

Assembled Portable Goals

Full-size portable goals which always remain assembled and are locked to a fence when not in use are utilized at Blach, Crittenden, Shoreline, Stevenson and Whisman. These are shared with other soccer organizations and the schools. At Blach, Shoreline and Whisman, the nets remain attached to the goals. At Crittenden and Stevenson, the nets must be removed and stored in the lock box. The wheels can be used to move the goals but must be in the up position during game play. **Goal Anchor Bags (Saddle Bags) filled with sand or gravel MUST BE PLACED on the back base of the frame for goal safety requirements.** These will be stored in the storage lock box located at each field along with the corner flags and in some cases, the key to unlock the goal.

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Disassembled Large Portable Goals

These goals are stored in bags and need to be fully assembled. They are "In Ground" goals meaning that instead of the structure supporting the goal, the goals have stakes on the 4 corners (one for each goal post and one for each of the two supports in the back) which you drive into the ground. A rubber mallet has been provided in each goal bag for this purpose. These goals require assembly and threading of the nets through the crossbar (**please thread or weave the top of the net through the crossbar** – we have not provided enough Velcro to adequately attach the top of the net – just the sides and support bars).

Please do not store the corner flags inside the bags with the goals – they break easily.

Disassembled 5' x 10' Portable Goals

These goals used for Under-7 and Under-8 games are stored in bags and need to be fully assembled.

Goal anchors need to be utilized to secure the back base of the frame. **Please do not store the corner flags inside the bags with the goals – they break easily.**

COMBINATIONS for LOCK BOXES and GOALS

Your team's coach binder lists the combinations that AYSO Region 45 uses. For Fall 2016, these can be found on page 23 as well as on page 4.

There are currently 3 combinations in use:

- All Knaack storage lock boxes except at Graham
- A unique combo for the storage lock box at Graham
- Shoreline Athletic Fields – two realtor boxes, one which contains the key to unlock the goals and the other, the key to the Youth Sports Storage Locker. The City of Mountain View maintains this combination and it is subject to change at any time. See Shoreline Procedures for more information.

FIELD-BY-FIELD SPECIFIC PROCEDURES:

Blach Intermediate School

1120 Covington Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024

Parking: Two parking lots located on Covington Road plus limited street parking

Typical Game Use: Under-12 through Under-19 (lined for Under-12 play for Fall 2016)

Field Location: Inside the track just off of Covington east of the school

Lock Box Location: By the side fence. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder.

Game Setup: Full-sized portable goals are locked to the fence adjacent to the field. The nets are to stay on the goals at Blach. Goal anchor bags and corner flags are stored in the storage lock box and the **use of goal anchor bags is mandatory**. The combination to the goals is the same as the lock box.

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Bubb Elementary School

525 Hans Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040

Parking: Street parking behind the school on Barbara Ave and adjacent streets. There is also a parking lot in front of the school on Hans Ave.

Typical Game Use: Under-6 and Under-12

Field Location: In back of the school on Barbara Ave

Lock Box Location: 40 yards in from Barbara Ave just off the pathway near the brown shed. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder.

Game Setup: For Under-12, permanent goals installed by the city of Mountain View are utilized. Nets and corner flags are stored in the storage lock box located by fence near the brown shed.

For the Under-6 program, the pop-up goals are stored in the brown shed along with all of the other equipment. The shed will be unlocked and locked by designated shed volunteers before and after the Under-6 session. The key to the shed is stored in the storage lock box on a long link chain.

Cooper Park

502 Chesley Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040

Parking: Street parking on Chesley Ave. There is a small parking lot on Eunice Ave but it is pretty distant from the field.

Typical Game Use: Under-14, occasional Under-12

Field Location: Near Chesley Ave in obvious site.

Lock Box Location: 40 yards in from Chesley Ave between the pathway and the fence. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder.

Game Setup: Permanent goals installed by the city of Mountain View are utilized. Nets and corner flags are in the storage lock box.

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Crittenden Middle School

1701 Rock Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043

Parking: Street parking on Middlefield Road and parking lots both west of the field and east of the field behind Callahan Park.

Typical Game Use: Under-12

Field Location: Along Middlefield Road

Lock Box Location: Behind the baseball backstop. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder.

Game Setup: Full-sized portable goals are locked to the fence adjacent to the field along Middlefield Road. There is a key for the goals locked inside the storage box. The key is attached to a long link chain. **Please lock the lock back to the fence chain after unlocking the goals and please return the key to the storage box and lock the box!** Nets, goal anchor bags and corner flags are stored in the storage lock box and the **use of goal anchor bags is mandatory**. At the end of the day, the nets are to be taken off of the goals and stored in the storage lock box. **If the key is missing, the key at Stevenson Park and Whisman Park should work – report a missing key immediately to fields@ayso45.org.**

Graham Middle School

1175 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94040

Parking: Front parking lots on Castro St.

Typical Game Use: Under-16 and Under-19; occasional Under-14

Field Location: To the right of the school behind the Mountain View Sports Pavilion

Lock Box Location: Located along the side fence by the far end of the track. The combination is not the standard combination but is listed in the coaches' binder

Game Setup: Permanent goals with nets are always set up on the All Weather Synthetic Turf Field and left in place locked to the football goal posts. The corner flags and the synthetic turf bases are stored in the storage lock box.

NOTE: Only WATER is allowed on the Synthetic Turf field or the running track. All other food and snacks must be consumed on the blacktop away from the field or track. NO PETS allowed on or near the track

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Huff Elementary School

253 Martens Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040

Parking: Front parking lot on Martens Ave. **DO NOT PARK on Carol Ave or Woodleaf Way** to make use of the back entrance to the fields.

Typical Game Use: Under-10

Field Location: Located at the back of the school. Huff Large is the field adjacent to the baseball diamond. Huff Small is smaller of the two fields located by the playgrounds.

Lock Box Location: Located along the east side fence adjacent to the Huff Small field. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder. There is an unused lock box near the shed near Huff Large.

Shed Location: The green PONY Baseball shed is located behind the baseball diamond. The combination is the same combination as the storage lock box.

Game Setup: Two sets of portable 6.5' x 18.5' goals and the corner flags are stored in PONY Baseball shed. **Do not store the corner flags in the lock box and do not store the corner flags inside the goal bags as they are easily damaged.**

Landels Elementary School

115 West Dana Street, Mountain View, CA 94041

Parking: Front parking lot on Dana St. **DO NOT PARK on Mercy St.** to make use of the back entrance to the fields.

Typical Game Use: Under-10

Field Location: At the back of the school behind the baseball backstop

Lock Box Location: Along the back fence near the alley to Mercy Street. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder.

Game Setup: Permanent goals installed by the city of Mountain View are utilized. Nets and corner flags are stored in the storage lock box.

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Loyola Elementary School

770 Berry Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024

Parking: Front parking lot on Berry Ave

Typical Game Use: Under-7 and Under-8

Field Location: 2 fields are located at the back of the school. The fields are designated Loyola East and Loyola West – Loyola West is located to the right of the backstop as you face the fields from the blacktop and Loyola East is located to the left.

Lock Box Location: Along the back fence between the two fields. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder.

Game Setup and Storage: Two sets of portable 5' x 10' goals and the corner flags are stored in the storage lock box. **Do not store the corner flags in the goal bags as they are easily damaged – please lay them on top of the equipment.**

Oak Avenue Elementary School

1501 Oak Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024

Parking: Front parking lot on Oak Ave. **DO NOT PARK on Ridgemont Drive or Shady Spring Lane** to make use of the back entrance to the fields.

Typical Game Use: Under-7 and Under-8

Field Location: 2 fields are at the back of the school. The fields are designated Oak North and Oak West – Oak West is the field closest to the lock box and Oak North is the field between the two baseball dirt infields. If an Oak East field is created, it will be located between the garden and the baseball infield.

Lock Box Location: To the left in front of the permanent shed structure. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder.

Game Setup and Storage: Two sets of portable 5' x 10' goals and the corner flags are stored in the storage lock box. **Do not store the corner flags in the goal bags as they are easily damaged – please lay them on top of the equipment.**

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Shoreline Athletic Fields

2450 Garcia Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043

Do not confuse the Shoreline Athletic Fields with the Google Athletic Recreational Fields on Amphitheatre Pkwy which are in close proximity.

Parking: Main parking lot on Garcia Ave. Limited street parking is also available.

Shoreline South

This is the field closest to the parking lot and is part of the baseball field which has a dirt pitching mound and is lined in yellow. Under-10 and Under-8 fields are lined in blue.

Typical Game Use: Under-14, Under-16 and Under-19

Shoreline North

This is the field furthest from the parking lot and is part of the softball field which has a synthetic turf infield and is lined in yellow. Under-10 and Under-8 fields are lined in blue.

Typical Game Use: Under-12 and Under-14

Lock Box Location: There is no AYSO lock box on site

Game Setup: Full-size assembled portable goals should be present on the fields. There are two other sizes of goals but the largest size are what should be used for Under-12 and older games. If you find the goals locked to the outfield fence, the key to unlock the goals is located in a realtor box attached to the deep outfield fence near the northeast corner of the South field. The combination is not the standard combination but is listed in the coaches' binder on page 23. **Please return the key immediately after opening up the lock to the goals.** Corner flags and goal anchor bags are stored in the Youth Sports Storage Locker which is located behind the building with the restrooms. The locker is the 2nd door in from the playground side of the building. The key to the locker is NOT the same as the goals – it is located in a realtor box which is attached to the baseball field (south field) backstop fence. **Please return the key immediately after opening up the lock to the locker.**

Game Take-Down: For Fall 2016, other organizations (primarily MVLA) have the field permit in the afternoon when we are done. Unless MVLA teams are present and you have confirmation from their coach or team manager that they wish to have the field left up, it is your team's responsibility to return the corner flags and the goal anchor bags to the YSO storage locker. The goals can be left in place. On Sundays, there is an adult league which takes the field at 8pm. The corner flags and the goal anchor bags need to be returned to the YSO storage locker – they provide their own.

NOTE: Only WATER is allowed on the Synthetic Turf field. All other food and snacks must be consumed on concrete areas off of the turf.

Please do NOT allow children to play on the baseball dirt infield and pitching mound. Also, please do not allow children to play on the portable pitching mounds. NO PETS allowed.

METHANE GAS ALERT: DO NOT hammer anything into the synthetic turf including stakes for banners as this can trigger a poisonous methane gas escape which can be FATAL. There is a methane gas alarm at the back of the restroom/concessionaire building – **IF THE ALARM RINGS, vacate the complex IMMEDIATELY and call 911.**

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Springer Elementary School

1120 Rose Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040

Parking: Front parking lot on Rose Ave

Typical Game Use: Under-7, Under-8 and Under-10

Field Location: At the back of the school. Springer Northeast (to the right along the fence) and Springer Northwest (to the right near the playground) will be used for Under-8 play and Springer West (to the left) for Under-10 play for Fall 2016.

Lock Box Location: Along the back fence between the fields. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder.

Shed Location: The MVLA Girls Softball shed is by the baseball diamond. The key to the lock is attached to a long link chain and is stored in the storage lock box. **PLEASE RETURN the key to the storage lock box IMMEDIATELY after opening or locking the shed.** At the end of the day, the key will be necessary to lock to shed.

Use only the goals stored in the shed – Springer has 5 goals of various sizes scattered around the field, none of which should be used for our AYSO games. If these goals are on the physical field, they should be moved/carried to the western edge of Springer along the fence

Game Setup: Two (2) sets of 5' x 10' portable goals for Under-8 play and one set of portable 6.5' x 18.5' goals for Under-10 play along with all of the corner flags are stored in the MVLA Girls Softball shed by the baseball diamond. **DO NOT USE the lockbox for storage of the goals or the corner flags.** These are only used for field painting equipment and a first aid kit. At the end of the day, make sure that that goals and corner flags are locked in the shed, the shed is locked and the key is returned to the storage lock box.

Stevenson Park

Montecito Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043

Stevenson Park is located behind Theuerkauf Elementary School at 1625 San Luis Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043

Parking: Street parking along Montecito Ave and surrounding streets.

Typical Game Use: Under-16 and Under-19

Field Location: Along Montecito Ave

Lock Box Location: Behind the baseball backstop closest to Montecito Ave. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder.

Game Setup: Full-sized portable goals are locked to the fence along Montecito Ave. There is a key for the goals locked inside the storage box. The key is attached to a long link chain. **Please lock the lock back to the fence chain after unlocking the goals and please return the key to the storage box and lock the box!** Nets, goal anchor bags and corner flags are stored in the storage lock box and the **use of goal anchor bags is mandatory**. At the end of the day, the nets are to be taken off of the goals and stored in the storage lock box. **If the key is missing, the key at Crittenden and Whisman Park should work – report a missing key immediately to fields@ayso45.org.**

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Whisman School Park

400 Easy Street, Mountain View, CA 94043

Parking: Front parking lot on Easy St. which tends to fill up. Other parking is on Easy St as well as Alamo Court and Taylor Court off of Walker Drive.

Typical Game Use: Under-10 and Under-12

Field Location: Behind the parking lot

Lock Box Location: By the bleachers to the baseball field behind the backstop. The combination to the storage lock box can be found in the coaches' binder.

Game Setup: Full-sized portable goals are locked to a tree by the fence near the creek. There is a key for the goals locked inside the storage box. The key is attached to a long link chain. **Please lock the lock back to tree after unlocking the goals and please return the key to the storage box and lock the box!** Goal anchor bags and corner flags are stored in the storage lock box and the **use of goal anchor bags is mandatory**. At the end of the day, the nets remain on the goals at Whisman. **If the key is missing, the key at Crittenden and Stevenson Park should work – report a missing key immediately to fields@avso45.org.**