

METAL CUP HOOKS

The use of metal cup hooks as net fixings was banned from the commencement of 2007 season by The FA, in view of the number of serious injuries that were being reported to them over the past few years. Two years notice of this instruction was given in 2005.

The FA has become aware of some grounds – at various levels of the game - where metal cup hooks are still being used as net fixings. This practice must stop and match officials have been advised that matches should be postponed where such fixings are evident on any part of the goal frame.

Below are pictures of those fixings which will be acceptable, i.e. plastic arrow heads which can be screwed in and plastic clip net fasteners. New goals which have internal channels for plastic grippers are also acceptable.



Plastic Arrow Head fixings



Plastic Clip Net Fasteners

If clubs do not wish to purchase new goals because of cost, it is recommended they should consider grinding the hooks off and ensuring the equipment is then well rubbed down to ensure no sharp edges remain. Manufacturers offer various different net ties and fixings which can ensure the nets are securely affixed to the goal. A list of those who can supply such net fixings, are shown below:

- Harrod UK Ltd - 01502-583515
- Edwards Sports – 01308-424111
- Mark Harrod Ltd – 01502-476882
- BG Sports – 01282-860077
- Huck nets – 01308-425100

Please ensure that metal cup hooks are removed from all goalposts at your club's ground to ensure no further accidents occur and to prevent match officials from being embarrassed in having to postpone matches due to these fixings being evident.