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Mr. Joe Koury
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American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
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Subject: CPSC Staff¹ Request for Engagement in the Soccer Goal Standard Subcommittee

Dear Mr. Koury:

Due to a recent death involving a 16-year-old male student who was impaled by a soccer goal pole while playing soccer on school grounds, CPSC staff requests action by the ASTM F08 subcommittee for soccer goals.

We are aware of the ASTM F2950 *Standard Safety and Performance Specification for Soccer Goals*, where the scope of this standard is specified for soccer goals weighing 40 lbs or greater. As the soccer goal involved in the death weighed less than 40 lbs, CPSC staff would like ASTM to explore application of the requirements in F2950 to these lighter goals and requests a meeting to explore this or other options to address the hazard. CPSC issued a press release² regarding the soccer goal model involved in the death. CPSC staff is in the process of redacting the in-depth investigation (IDI) report for the recent death and will send it to you when it becomes available.

¹ This letter was prepared by the CPSC staff. It has not been reviewed or approved by, and may not represent the views of, the Commission.

² CPSC Press Release Weblink: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Warnings/2025/CPSC-Warns-Consumers-to-Immediately-Stop-Using-Sport-Nets-4x8-Portable-Soccer-Goals-Due-to-Impalement-Hazard-One-Death-Reported>

CPSC staff would like to work with the appropriate F08 subcommittee to determine if there are ways to mitigate the impalement hazard associated with soccer goals through the voluntary standards. We look forward to working with you regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

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