

# The New Standard

Everything you need to know about EN16579



## Why and how Harrod Sport are moving to the new standard

The new European Standard EN 16579 has been championed by the FA in an effort to improve the safety of football goals. EN 16579 supersedes BS 8462 and has also been adopted by CEN (The European Standards Organisation) as a European Standard.

This standard covers all types of goals that are not covered by any other standard (including Rugby, Gaelic and Combination Posts), but does not cover American Football, inflatable goals or goals that are intended to move in use (such as Lacrosse, Ice Hockey and Roller Hockey).

Only Senior Football Goals (7.32x2.44m) and European Junior Goals (5x2m) that weigh more than 42Kg are still covered by EN 748.

## Harrod Sport are supporting this standard and making changes to our product range in order to meet the requirements.

The main areas that require changes by us and other manufacturers are:

- Finger entrapment (No holes between 8mm and 25mm) - This affects most aluminium upright and crossbar extrusions with net hook recess and most folding goal brackets and hinges.
- Head entrapment - most football nets are 120mm square, the new standard states the maximum size is now 100mm square.

- Strength and stability criteria has been changed which make some lighter goals easier to pass these tests and some heavier goal harder to pass.

Existing goals that conform to BS 8462 are considered safe and do not need to be replaced immediately but any new goals purchased through Football Foundation grant schemes will need to be independently tested to meet EN 16579.

Harrod Sport have been working exceptionally hard to upgrade our range of goals and by the start of 2020 over 120 different football goals alone will have been upgraded to meet the requirements of EN 16579.

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