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TO: NPL Mens & Womens Clubs & Match Officials
FROM: General Manager Football Operations
SUBJECT: Portable Goals & Wheels

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Dear All,

It is a reality of the level of football we are involved in and the type of grounds we use that some grounds will require the use of portable goals.

We note that a number of these portable goals, including those at Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility, have wheels close to the front of the frame which on a rare occasion may prevent the ball from fully going out of play. In essence the whole ball may not be over the line before it touch the wheel.

Whilst this is not ideal and there is a relatively negligible chance of this occurring during a fixtured match, there is protocol on how to deal with as outlined below:

If the ball touches an outside agent, such as the wheels at the base of the goalposts, without the whole of the ball passing over the goal line, the referee stops play and drops the ball for the defending team goalkeeper in their penalty area.

For the avoidance of doubt, having wheels on portable goals should not prevent a match from being played.

Kind regards,

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