

# INDOOR BASKETBALL SAFETY OPTIONS

Often during constructions, budgets have to be met and essential safety equipment normally installed around the world is omitted. This is helped in Australia by the lack of safety standards, but a safety first approach is critical as exposure to liability grows. HiTech Sports has 4 safety devices we recommend for indoor Basketball structures. Not all are needed for every system, but it is a good idea to check if your structures have these items in case there is a problem down the track.

# **Backboard Pads:**

All basketball systems should have backboard pads these days as players are increasingly getting taller and are able to dunk with ease. Backboard pads can be an easy DYI fit, and protect users from injury on the bottom of the backboard. They are cost effective, add peace of mind and look the part as well.

# Safety Straps:

These are fitted to roof mounted and wall mounted basketball systems that fold upwards. They are basically a giant seatbelt type device, and arrest any momentum in excess of a predetermined speed should a cable break etc. In our maintenance on older systems, we have seen on several occasions the results of such a failure and strongly recommend this for all installations. For more info please see the PDF - HTS-BBSS.pdf

# **Motorised Operation:**

Manual operation of any system is an OHS risk. The most significant risk is the use of an electric drill to operate a manual winch but all methods are dangerous. It is strongly recommended to have a motorised system with limit switch safety and keyed control. These are available for all roof and now also wall mounted systems, including wall mounted side fold designs. For more info please see the PDF - HTS-BBEWN.pdf

# Spring Loaded Goals:

Even if the competition Posilock Goal is not installed, a budget spring loaded system is a wise addition to protect players during slam dunks, and reduce stress on the backboard structure as well. These should be a simple retrofit providing your current goal meets the hole pattern in the rules. For more info please see the PDF - HTS-BBSG1.pdf

We hope this is of help, and if you have any questions or are overdue for a safety audit, please contact our team.

System: Product Code: Safety Options

**Basketball** Related Products: BBSS BBEWN BBSG1



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