



5 a side Football Goals: Choosing the correct goals is very important. The British Standards that apply to football goal safety are as follows:

- Full size goals - BS EN 748
- Youth Football, Futsal, Mini-Soccer and Small-Sided Football - BS 8462
- Procurement, installation, maintenance, storage and inspection of all goals - BS 8641



The table below shows the FA's recommended goal sizes for the main categories of football and age groups.

Game	Age range	Goal size (m)
11 a-side	Senior & Youth (U17-U18)	7.32 x 2.44
11 a-side	Youth (U15 - U16)	7.32 x 2.44
11 a-side	Youth (U13 - U14)	6.40 x 2.13
11 a-side	Youth (U11 - U12)	6.40 x 2.13
mini soccer	U9 - U10	3.66 1.83
mini soccer	U7 - U8	3.66 1.83
small sided football (five-a-side)	Senior & Youth (U17-U18)	4.88 x 1.22
	junior	3.66 x 1.22
	mini	2.44 x 1.22
futsal	-	3.00 x 2.00

Goals can be freestanding which makes them easy to move about. However, all freestanding goals must be fitted with supports, anchors or weights to stop them toppling over. They should be properly stored when not in use i.e. not in run-offs.

