



Set up your Smooga to combat all weather conditions

Here's what you can do if you're faced with high winds in an environment open to the elements:

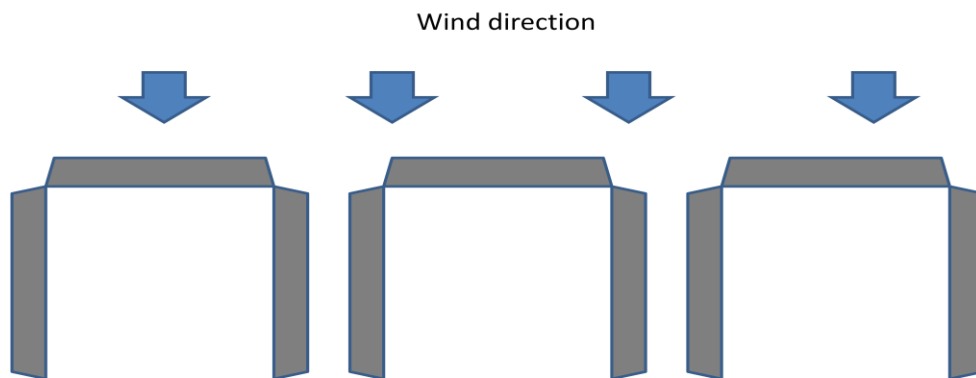
Unfortunately we cannot provide a system which is 100% resistant to the elements. We all know what very strong winds can do (rip roofs off houses and blow trees down) so a portable smooga may still be blown over no matter what we suggest and despite your best efforts.

However, for the most part smoogas are strong and stable and the tips below can help further.

Firstly, try adding more corners and shapes to the structure. 'V' shapes along the sides or 'dug outs' provide more stability and will be more resistant to the wind. It will make your smooga arena a bit smaller but you can always move it back in the summer. Ensure all corners are as square as possible and that the panels are fitted together as they form a more cohesive structure.

You can water fill the Smooga panel (tops). This will add a further 10-15KG weight per panel and therefore add to its overall stability. The panels are easily drained when it comes to moving the panels to another location.

In even more extreme conditions, take the straight walls of the smooga, un-couple a few panels and create a series of 'pods', see below. This creates totally new ways of using the Smooga when many games would otherwise be impossible. The longer straighter walls will be the most likely to be affected and so the shorter goal ends can probably be left in place, with a return panel on either end.



Create a series of pods if the weather is extreme. These create safe and exciting havens in which the children can play when ball games are affected by high winds or snow etc.



Smoogas are designed to withstand considerable load pressure and the bases are weighted to keep the panels in place. However, smoogas are free standing and when winds are extreme, panels can still be blown over.

If pods, like those illustrated above, cannot withstand the extreme wind forces, we would advise packing away the light top panels until the wind subsides. The bases will not be blown over and these can left where they are to be used as pitch edge markers or be pushed to the sides of the playground until ready to be used again.