

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR INSTALLING A “GOODWIN” STRING BED TO YOUR TRAMPOLINE**

Hang the bed from the corner rings first. Then hang the (short) ends, starting in the center and alternating out to the rings working both ends evenly and at the same time (with folding trampolines, leave one end folded, hang both ends of bed, then open). Now hang the sides, again starting in the middle working both sides at the same time. This causes the bed to tension more evenly and eliminates excessive stretching of the springs.

These string beds are woven under high tension and therefore tend to be tight and quick unless used with tuned 10” Jumbo Springs or 9” tapered heavy duty springs with spring extenders (1 3/4” “S” hooks work well). Just add a round of extenders until the desired softness and speed is reached (with quality 9” springs 2 extenders per side and 3 per end seems to be optimum). String beds transfer more load and more strain to the springs, so lower quality springs will wear out more quickly. Softer/slower beds provide better lift, better control, and less strain on joints. The added advantage of extenders is a much longer spring life. As your springs weaken, simply remove an extender to maintain the feel you like. Stretched out springs can continue to be used by removing extenders to compensate for the amount of the stretch.

### **NOTES:**

- 1) The trampoline string bed shrinks when it is removed from the “loom,” but it will stretch back out once it hung and even more for a while as it is used. How much it stretches depends on how much it is used and even how it is used.
- 2) The Goodwin Trampoline “String” Bed is designed to be used with 10” Jumbo Trampoline Springs, but it will work fine with 9” Tapered Springs – but you will need to use 1 3/4” “S” hooks to extend the springs. Use one round of “S” hooks if you want a tight bed and use 2-3 rounds of “S” hooks if you like the bed soft and slow. The user is encouraged to vary how many “S” hooks they use on the ends and the sides until finding the “feel” that is best for them.
- 3) You can purchase “S” hooks at most local hardware stores.