

BONA RECOMMENDED

SPORTS FLOORS CLEANING

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

The following steps will help extend the lifetime of the floor and make maintenance easier:

1. Ensure that entrance mats are as large as possible and replaced on a regular basis.
2. Introduce a "clean shoe" policy, only allowing use of non-marking shoes.
3. Ensure that all equipment is in good condition and if possible has protective covers for feet etc.
4. Equipment should be lifted not dragged across the floor.
5. Only balls for indoor use should be allowed.
6. The use of handball glue should be as limited as possible and only glue free from colophony should be allowed. Fresh glue is easier to remove than hardened so try to schedule cleaning of the floor in connection with handball events. Do not allow substances to build up and harden.

DAILY, DRY CLEANING

Surface dust can significantly affect the slip resistance of a floor, particularly when the floor is new or has recently been finished. As a basic minimum, dust and grit should be removed from all floors on a daily basis, preferably using a scissor mop. Smaller floors can be swept with a soft broom or vacuum cleaned.

WET CLEANING

Bona Sportive Cleaner is recommended to remove dirt and other contamination without affecting the slip resistance of the surface. Ideally this should be done using a machine-based cleaning system, such as a scrubber/dryer machine equipped with a white pad. For very small floors and spot cleaning, it is possible to use a mop. This is, however, not efficient enough for larger floors or for sustained use. On lightly used sports floors, these maintenance procedures may only be needed once or twice each week whereas heavily used multi-use floors may require daily wet cleaning.

When normal cleaning seems unable to remove all of the dirt or marks on the floor, it is possible to clean using a more aggressive pad such as a red pad. But excessive, continuous use of aggressive pads may dull or physically damage the surface of the floor.

Avoid too much water on the floor. Fluctuations in the moisture content of the floor can cause expansion / contraction of the floor. The effectiveness of the cleaning programme should be carefully monitored to determine that the frequency of cleaning is sufficient.

N.B. All cleaning materials must be kept in good order and replaced on a regular basis as it is impossible to clean properly or to apply any type of maintenance product with dirty equipment i.e. mops, etc.

EXTENDED CLEANING

Build up of sweat, body fat and synthetic residues from shoe soles may cause the floor to become slippery. In such case it is recommended to make a more thorough cleaning using Bona Sportive Cleaner Plus

1. Remove large spills of handball glue or other contaminants mechanically.
2. Dilute 1 litre Bona Sportive Cleaner Plus to 5 litres of water.
3. Spray or mop the product across a 2 x 10 metre area of the floor and leave it for maximum 3 minutes.
4. Machine clean the area with clean water and a red pad.
5. Repeat step 3 and 4 until the whole floor has been cleaned.
6. Clean the floor one additional time using only clean water.