

## PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

### **ENTRANCE MATTING**

Ensure that the entrance mat is as large as possible. It should be large enough that you have to take a minimum of four steps to cross it. Ensure that the mat allows dirt to drop away from the surface and removes moisture. A mixture of water and grit combined with foot traffic will essentially wet abrade the floor.

### **CLEANING ENTRANCE MATTING**

Advise that the matting is maintained and replaced on a regular basis. A dirty mat can't clean shoes or protect floors from being damaged.

### **SHOES**

Introduce a 'clean shoe' policy. This means that users of the hall agree to use clean sports shoes which are only used indoors. Also note that only non-marking shoes should be worn and that black soles are banned. This will reduce the incidence of black marks on the surface. A similar requirement should be made with sports equipment. For instance, black tape around the heads of hockey sticks leaves difficult to remove black marks.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Ensure that all equipment is in a good condition and where appropriate has protective covers for feet etc. A particular area of concern are wheels on 'bleacher' pull out seating or sports bars which can mark the surface if contaminated with grit or where sharp edges have developed.

## DAILY 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.
- + The floor should be cleaned using Bona Sportive Cleaner to remove dirt and other contamination. Ideally this should be done using a machine-based cleaning system, such as the Bona Buffer or a scrubber/dryer machine. 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 will often require daily 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 timber.
- + 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.

## ADDITIONAL CLEANING

Although frequent cleaning using Bona Sportive Cleaner will remove water soluble dirt and almost all other contamination from the floor, there will be an inevitable, gradual build up of materials, including body fat from skin contact and sweat as well as synthetic material from shoe soles and the like. This will cause the surface to become steadily more slippery and it is important that this material is removed from the floor without affecting the surface in any way. This is why the floor needs additional cleaning with Bona Sportive Cleaner Plus.

- + After dilution, spray or mop Bona Sportive Cleaner Plus across the surface of the floor and leave it on the surface for approximately 5 minutes. It is important not to apply too much and that it isn't left on the floor for an excessively long time.
- + When Sportive Cleaner Plus has had time to loosen and dissolve the surface contamination, the floor should be machine cleaned, using a red pad or equivalent. It is important that all remains of Sportive Cleaner Plus are removed from the surface before cleaning with Bona Sportive Cleaner.
- + The interval between additional cleanings with Sportive Cleaner Plus depends on how the floor is being used and the amount of traffic. But, as a general guideline, most sports floors will need cleaning every few months, and heavily used floors will need it more often than that.