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## RECOMMENDED SPORTS FLOOR MAINTENANCE

The frequency with which you clean your sports floor depends upon the amount of traffic and the degree of usage. The best results for extending the life of your hardwood floor can be achieved with either a daily or every second day general cleaning, followed by a periodic deep cleaning. The floor should be recoated as it begins to show signs of wear. Waiting too long to recoat may then require a complete resanding to restore the floor.

### Required tools and equipment

- 5 gallon pail of Bona Sport & Commercial Cleaner Concentrate
- 175 rpm floor buffer.
- White or Red cleaning pads to fit buffer.
- Cotton towels (minimum 36" width).
- 36" push broom.
- New pump garden/weed sprayer.
- Autoscrubber (Not recommended)

### Precautions

- Do not wet mop floor. Excessive water may cause the wood to expand and/or rot, causing permanent damage to the flooring. Finishes may help minimize water penetration but are not waterproofing products.
- Do not use water or Bona Sport & Commercial Cleaner Concentrate until the floor is thoroughly cured, which is 7 days for waterbase finishes and 14 days for oilbase finishes, after the final coat of finish is applied.
- Do not put plastic over newly finished floors as it may interfere with the curing process. If it is necessary to cover for protection, use only brown kraft paper, with nothing taped to the floor, removing at night to allow floor to breathe and cure.
- Do not use any wax or wax based products. Once you wax a floor, it is very difficult even impossible to recoat.
- Do not use commercial dust mop treatments as they may leave a contaminant on the surface and interfere with recoating.

### Preventative Measures

- Place proper walk-off mats in doorways to keep out dirt and grit.
- Install felt floor protectors on all furniture and fixtures, especially tables and chairs used on sports floors.
- Check felt protectors monthly and replace when missing or worn out. Avoid excessive moisture from tracked in water, leaks, or over-maintenance such as wet mopping.

## DAILY Maintenance

1. Vacuum/Clean walk-off mats daily to maximize their effectiveness in trapping dirt, grit, and moisture before it gets on the floor.
2. Vacuum or dust mop floor daily to remove dust, grit, or other abrasive particles using a shop-type vacuum and a 14" floor brush tool or UNTREATED dust mop. \*Do not use a vacuum with a beater bar on hardwood floors.

NOTE: If desired, use Bona Sport & Commercial Cleaner Concentrate diluted 1 part cleaner to 7 parts water for dampening the dust mop heads. DO NOT USE ANY DUST MOP TREATMENTS. Rinse or replace soiled mop covers as necessary. Continued use of soiled covers may cause streaking.

3. Spot clean heavy traffic areas, spills, and spots with Bona Sport & Commercial Cleaner Concentrate, diluted 1:7 cleaner/water ratio, and a micro-fiber or UNTREATED dust mop. \*Never use a string mop and bucket method for daily maintenance.

## PERIODIC Maintenance

On a weekly basis, thoroughly clean the floor using Bona Sport & Commercial Cleaner Concentrate solution and one of the three methods listed. For your cleaning solution, mix 1 part Bona Sport & Commercial Cleaner Concentrate with 7 parts water. If the floor is extremely dirty, dilution may be strengthened to 1 part concentrate to 5 parts water.

As in Daily Maintenance, remove loose dirt and particles from the entire floor surface using a shop-type vacuum and the 14" floor brush tool or with an UNTREATED dust mop, then proceed with the following:

### Method 1: Spray and Buff/Tack

1. For applications in larger areas, a white polishing pad or red cleaning pad on a 175 rpm buffer may be used. Lightly mist a 10' x 20' area of the floor with the 1:7 Bona Sport & Commercial Cleaner Concentrate solution. Using the white polishing or red cleaning pad under the buffer, move the buffer back and forth in the same direction that the floor runs on the misted section to wet out and deep clean the surface.
2. Any remaining dirty residue from the buffer operation should be immediately tacked up using a slightly water-dampened clean cotton towel wrapped around a push broom. Move onto the next section, wet buffing and tacking each section before moving onto the next. Periodically replace the white polishing or red cleaning pad and towels as they become soiled.

Note: For larger sections, it may be easier to use a brand new, clean, pump garden sprayer, set on low setting to lightly mist the flooring prior to buffing with the cleaning pad.

## Method 2: Wet Tack

1. Working in full-length sections, wet tack the floor by wetting clean cotton towels in a clean mop bucket filled with the 1:7 Bona Sport & Commercial Cleaner Concentrate solution. Wring towels out and wrap around a 36" push broom, pushing it down the length of the floor. As the towel becomes soiled, lap the dirty portion of the towel over the top of the broom to expose a clean portion. Once you have soiled one complete side, turn the towel over and use the same procedure. Once both sides are soiled, use a clean, dampened towel in the same way.
2. Do not rinse in separate mop bucket of clean water, wring out and then re-wet with cleaning solution. This creates dirty cleaning solution. Replace towels as needed.

Caution: Continued use of soiled covers/towels may cause streaking.

## Method: 3: Autoscrubber

1. DO NOT USE AN AUTOSCRUBBER ON A MAPLE SPORTS FLOOR UNTIL AFTER THREE YEARS POST INSTALLATION DATE. A MINIMUM OF THREE RECOATINGS SHOULD HAVE BEEN PERFORMED TO REDUCE MOISTURE INTRODUCTION INTO SYSTEM.
2. DO NOT USE AN AUTOSCRUBBER ON A RECREATIONAL FLOOR IF IT IS USED TO CLEAN OTHER TYPES OF SURFACES.
3. DO NOT USE AN AUTOSCRUBBER ON A RECREATIONAL FLOOR IF THE USERS ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY TRAINED BY AN EGIS-AUTHORIZED TRAINER.
4. If using an autoscrubber with white polishing or red cleaning pads dilute Bona Sport & Commercial Cleaner Concentrate to same 1:7 solution and add to machine. Adjust machine to immediately remove ALL cleaning solution.
5. With a second person following the autoscrubber, wipe up any remaining residue with a slightly water, or cleaner solution, dampened cotton towel wrapped around a push broom. Periodically replace the white polishing or red cleaning pads and towels as they become soiled.

Caution: Overuse or misuse of an autoscrubber can damage your floor by introducing too much moisture onto the surface.