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Tips for maintaining synthetic bowling greens

The performance, longevity and safety of a synthetic bowling green is primarily determined by the amount of maintenance it receives. We recommend the following maintenance program to keep greens at peak performance levels.

General tips for optimum synthetic green performance

Sand Levels

Synthetic Grass uses specialist sand that supports it structurally (some grass more than others), yet bowlers prefer greens with less sand, this is a delicate balance. If you are getting complaints about too much sand, try watering it back into pile.

Speed of Green

In general terms:

- A damp green plays quicker than a dry one
- Brushing the green opens the pile and brushes the top layer of sand which is good for the long term success of the green but will slow the playing speed
- Rolling the green will make the green faster, however it tends to compact the sand infill and flatten the fibre. This is potentially damaging to the green longevity and we therefore recommend against rolling
- If you are getting complaints about sand levels or the green being too slow, try watering the green prior to play. Watering will also cool the green down in summer.

Protect the base

Synthetic Greens are generally installed over a soft base which limits what you can drive and roll onto the surface. In some cases even dropping bowls onto the green can have an impact. If in doubt check with the installer of the green.

Green Surrounds & Things to Watch

- Where possible avoid permanent shaded areas on the green
- Keep an eye on drainage, especially during heavy rainfall, to ensure no excess water is running or seeping onto your green.

A good guide is one hour of maintenance for every 10 hours of play, with further consideration given to type of usage and intensity of play.

Irrespective of the type of usage there are preventative maintenance tasks that need to be regularly undertaken.

Recommended facility house keeping

To be completed as often as necessary:

- Check the green and remove loose debris with a rake or a vegetation sweeper, never a blower (a blower will move the sand around and make it uneven)
- Water the green (if permissible to do so) before play on the main Club playing days
- Keep the ditches free of debris
- Keep algae and moss at bay
- Using double handed broom brush the green every week/fortnight, over the entire surface rotating directions at each application (North/South, East/West, and diagonally). Note: Be careful that the brush is lifted out of the pile when turning or stopping
- Rotate rinks regularly to protect high traffic areas
- Hand broom heavy traffic areas to brush up the pile using a stiff bristle boom
- Provide suitable matting where the bowlers enter the green to prevent dirt/mud/grass being carried onto the surface on shoes
- Keep water run-off from garden beds and watering systems off the green
- When you see small patches of black (algae), or green (moss) appearing on your green, spray with Sports Cleans Synthetic Grass Treatment Concentrate
- Once algae/moss is dead, use a Scraper to remove it from the green, then sprinkle cooking salt and sand over the area that you have just scraped and brush into the pile with a stiff bristle broom.

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Synthetic Grass

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Bowling green deep clean

HOW SPORTS CLEAN ADDS VALUE TO YOUR FACILITY

- Site inspections and client feedback
- Design a preventative maintenance program to suit the facility needs and budget
- Carry out reactive maintenance and repairs as needed
- Carry out preventative maintenance using experienced personnel and purpose-built machinery
- Meeting with with Club members & residents as needed
- Detailed and timely post service reporting

A stiff bristle broom to brush up the pile in heavily used areas

Rink line marking

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