



## CARE & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

**Your new Boflex Hardwood Sports Floor** has a strong, hard-wearing polyurethane surface. It is sealed with multiple coats of UV-cured finish after sanding and laminated construction is completed. Following the floor installation and the application of any games lines markings or logos, the floor should have two coats of urethane, such as Pacific Sport Lacquer. Once the final installation is completed, your floor will require regular maintenance. If you follow the guidelines below, your floor will remain clean, hygienic and in excellent condition. The lifetime of any hardwood floor depends on the type of use and maintenance it receives. The need to refinish will depend upon these factors and will vary from floor to floor.

### PREVENTIVE ACTION

1. Provide areas for wiping off shoes, both coming and going at all entrances. We also recommend placing barrier matting at all internal doors to catch any remaining dirt and moisture.
2. Do not permit the use of street shoes or boots inside the gymnasium.
3. Ensure that users do not wear shoes with black rubber soles; they make friction marks on the floor that are difficult to remove.
4. Ensure that moveable athletic equipment, tables, chairs, etc., which are used in the gymnasium, are protected with rubber or felt contact pads. Experience has shown that gouges, scrapes and indentations are caused by improper protection and handling of these types of equipment.

### DAILY/WEEKLY MAINTENANCE

The floor should be dry mopped or vacuumed regularly to remove all dust, dirt and grit. Once a week (or as often as required), the floor should be cleaned using a slightly dampened mop with a solution of water and a mild, low Ph detergent. There are numerous cleaning detergents that have been developed for hardwood floors and are available at most flooring retailers. Never use any cleaner that contains wax.

**NOTE:** Do not "over-wet" the floor. All surface water should be dry mopped and removed immediately.

### REMOVING MARKS, ETC

To remove marks and residue such as gum, wax or friction marks that periodic cleaning can't eliminate, we recommend mineral spirits. Prior to applying the mild solvent, take a plastic paint scraper and carefully remove lumps of the foreign residue. Take care not to gouge the floor or scrape into the floor finish.

## TO RECOAT THE FLOOR

As stated above, wood floors need to be relacquered from time to time. There are specific refinishing timetables for screening and recoating your floor. It depends upon usage and the regular maintenance the floor has received.

It is important to note that the top layer of finish is being subjected to all the wear and tear. We recommend that the floor be recoated within two years of installation to build up a strong wear layer. The following signs indicate a need for screening and recoating.

**NOTE:** It is preferable to recoat in heavily used areas before these signs occur, however, we do not recommend spot finishing unless the floor has already been recoated once.

1. Wearing of the line markings.
2. Wear in high traffic areas (i.e., indoor soccer goal areas and basketball keys).
3. Wear on the floor immediately around and beneath goal posts and frames. It is wise to screen and recoat as frequently as required, using a small brush.
4. Wear around entrance doors.

Why wait for telltale signs of wear and tear? Consider your floor system as an important piece of athletic or fitness equipment—it needs regular maintenance and servicing. A recoating every 18-24 months will typically insure you need not have to totally sand and refinish. (Sanding the floor is a much more drastic process since it requires sanding all the way down to the wood. “Screening” on the other hand, is the process of simply roughing the surface prior to recoating with finish.)