

# MAPLE FLOOR MAINTENANCE



## NORMAL MAINTENANCE

### *Daily Procedure*

- Vacuum all walk-off mats.
- Remove gum by freezing and scraping with a plastic putty knife.
- Daily sweeping with a properly treated dust mop\* will keep the floor surface free from dust, grit, and abrasive particles. Depending on floor usage, this may be necessary multiple times per day.

### *Periodic Procedure*

- Remove all foreign debris and clean the entire floor with approved floor cleaner\*; frequency depends upon floor usage.
- Remove stubborn marks with a soft cloth slightly dampened with pure mineral spirits.
- A tennis ball on the end of a broom handle used as an eraser also removes stubborn shoe marks.
- Clean all equipment wheels used on the floor, such as bleachers, portable goals, carts, etc.

### *Annual Procedure*

- Remove all foreign debris and clean the entire floor with approved cleaner\*.
- The MFMA and Robbins recommends that your maple floor be “screened” and re-coated with a new coat of finish at least once a year. This procedure should be performed by a Robbins authorized flooring contractor.
- Additional coats of finish may be desired and may preserve the life of your floor.

\*Approved Maintenance Products: Contact your Robbins Authorized Dealer to determine the brand and type of finish used on your floor. They will recommend the proper maintenance products and procedures, or you can contact the finish manufacturer directly. Never use non-approved maintenance products on the floor.

**IMPORTANT:** To minimize expansion and contraction of maple flooring during seasonal climate changes, maintain indoor Relative Humidity (RH) within a 15% RH range, optimal conditions are between 35%-50%.

### ✓ **ALWAYS!**

- Use a clean, properly treated dust mop\*
- Monitor the room environment
- Wipe up spills immediately
- Keep clean walk-off mats at all entrances
- Protect the floor during non-sports activities
- Make sure tables and chairs have protective caps on legs

### ✗ **NEVER!**

- Clean the floor with a mop and bucket
- Clean the floor with an auto-scrubber
- Drag heavy objects across your floor
- Leave plastic mats or poly film on the floor for an extended period
- Use maintenance materials that are not specially designed for maple sports floors
- Apply tape to a wood floor

## ADDITIONAL CARE

- All shoes should be free of sand, grit, and dirt. Black-soled shoes and street shoes should not be worn at any time.
- A gym floor cover is recommended if floors are being used for non-sports activities.

### *Rolling Loads*

- All equipment rolled onto the floor should have flat, high-quality rubber or synthetic wheels with rounded edges. If the weight exceeds 350 PSI, indentations may occur on the maple surface.
- If a platform lift is used, ensure the weight load does not exceed the weight limit for the floor system.
- Proper load distribution can be accomplished by placing sheathing in the travel path. The thickness and configuration of the layer of sheathing will depend on the weight of the rolling load.
- Placement of red rosin paper or similar is recommended to protect the finish coat.

### *Slippery Floors May Result From*

- Dust build-up
- Maintenance product build-up
- Improper maintenance products
- Worn finish
- Environmental conditions