MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

For Your Arena Surface

On purchasing your arena surface, you must **ensure that on-going maintenance and care is taken** to allow both your surface to work at its optimum performance and to prolong the life span of your riding surface.

All droppings and debris from falling leaves, hay etc must be picked up and removed from the arena, this will dry out wax on a coated surface and cause contamination of the waxed or non-waxed surface.

After laying your surface, **it is important to groom the surface regularly**. This will be dependant upon how much use and how many horses are using the arena. You may also wish to change the 'going' dependant upon how you wish the surface to ride and which discipline the surface is being used for.

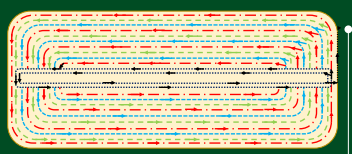
The riding surface provides 3 layers, the surface closest to the base **provides protection for the horse** and prevents him / her from hitting the stone blanket. We call this the pad.

The middle layer provides a cushion which absorbs concussion and in turn **protects the lower limb tissue**. It also provides an energy return when training on the surface.

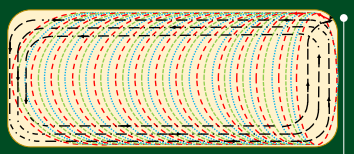
Finally, the top of the surface provides the tilth which is the working surface or 'cut'. **This can be adjusted in depth by using your Trackmaster** and setting the tines to suit your requirement, again depending upon discipline and preference.

For a firmer ride, **the depth of the tines can be reduced**, and the rollers then create more compaction and to create a greater tilth, or cut, the tines can be adjusted by the turn handle and dropped deeper into the surface which will open out the surface material to give a looser, more open finish.

1st Grading Diagram



2nd Grading Diagram



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Regular depth checks should be carried out following the maintenance guidelines above.

Preventative maintenance may be required after a period of 6-12 months depending on usage or more regularly if this is a heavily used arena.

DRY SURFACE BLENDS

or Sand & Fibre

Regular depth checks should be carried out following the maintenance guidelines above.

In dry weather the surface **may require irrigating** to prevent the sand and fibre separating.

Should this happen, and the fibre has risen to the top, the surface will require **re-rotovating** as carried out when first laid.

Watering is an essential part of maintaining a dry surface. (This should be taken into consideration when choosing the suitability for your purpose and whether watering can easily be carried out when required).

In colder winter weather the surface will ride firmer and can be managed by increasing the depth of the tines and opening out the surface. The tines will 'till' the sand and fibre; tossing the surface from row to row keeping the surface blended. **Take care not to pull the fibre out** by gradually increasing the depth of the tines and not dropping them in one go.

To prevent over compaction and keeping the surface well blended, **rotovating after a period of 1 year is highly recommended** dependant upon the number of horses using the arena.

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