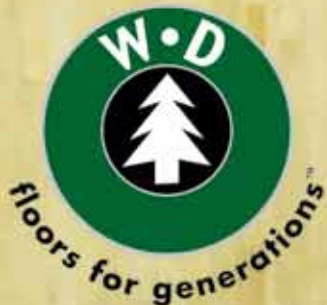


**Tarkett Sports**

**CLUTCH**  
***COURT***

***RISE ABOVE***



**CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR SPORTS FLOOR**

**It is the responsibility of the facility owner to maintain their Tarkett Sports maple sports floor in compliance with Tarkett Sports' recommended specifications.**

In order to ensure consistent performance and guaranteed durability, it is essential that proper atmospheric conditions are maintained within the building at all times. In order for this to be achieved, areas containing the wood flooring must be adequately ventilated with natural or mechanical air circulation. Temperature and humidity controls must be fully functional and maintained all year round as required in the region of installation.

For all civic and non-sporting events, Tarkett Sports recommends the use of Protectile as a wood flooring protection system. **Please contact your Tarkett Sports representative for more information about how to obtain Tarkett Sports' Protectile floor protection.**



**Preventing Floor Stains**



**Daily Maintenance**



**Removal of Shoe Marks**



**Yearly Maintenance**



**Gum and Tar Removal**



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## BASIC MAINTENANCE

### Preventing Floor Stains

In order to avoid unnecessary staining, be sure to wipe any and all spillage from the surface immediately with a soft absorbent cloth or towel.

### Removal of Shoe Marks

Shoe marks should be removed with the help of an approved floor cleaner. In order to reduce the incidence of shoe marks, only approved non-marking footwear should be permitted on the playing surface.

### Gum and Tar

To remove traces of unwanted foreign adhesives such as gum or tar, place an ice pack directly on the surface of the tacky substance. Once frozen, use a plastic putty knife to gently scrape away the adhesive. Be sure to wipe down the affected area with a smooth and dry cloth or towel when done.

### Daily Maintenance

Dirt, dust and debris work daily to reduce the performance levels of your hardwood floor. Sweeping your Tarkett Sports hardwood floor everyday with our recommended dust mop and floor cleaner will help to preserve proper surface friction and performance levels.

### Entrance and Walkway Mats

Entrance and walkway mats can be used for extra protection against the build-up of dirt and dust caused by foot traffic. To keep these mats clean, a weekly vacuuming schedule should be maintained.

### Monthly Maintenance

The hardwood floor should be cleaned and treated with Tarkett Sports approved flooring cleaner.

### Yearly Maintenance

At least once a year Tarkett Sports recommends that your hardwood maple floor be screened and re-coated with Tarkett Sports approved sports floor finish. Prior to the application of finish, the floor must be properly abraded and tack-cleaned.

### Maintenance Products

Before implementing any type of sports flooring finish or maintenance product, be sure to contact your Tarkett Sports representative.



**Humidity Ventilation Air Circulation**



**Excessive Cracks**



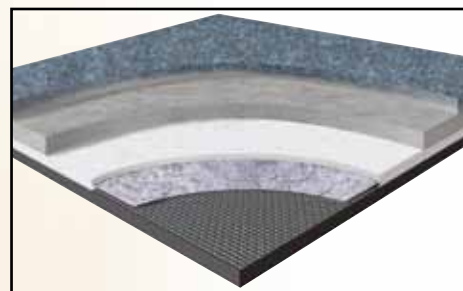
**Expansion Joints**



**Excessive Gapping**



**Cupping and Water Damage**



**Protectile**

## Temperature, Humidity and Ventilation

Hardwood maple flooring is a hygroscopic product that expands and contracts based on its retention and release of moisture. Until it reaches equilibrium with its surrounding environment some dimensional variability should be expected. In order to prevent dramatic alterations to the shape and composition of the hardwood, ensure that an HVAC system is fully functional and operational at all times. The HVAC system must maintain the facility's temperature at between a 55-80 degree range and a relative humidity of 35-55%. Should the humidity of the facility rise above 55% it is imperative that immediate aeration take into effect. Proper air circulation can be achieved by opening interior doors and windows and by ventilation system activation. The introduction of warm, moist outdoor air should be prevented from entering the facility at all times, as the excessive humidity will cause the wood to expand. During the warmer summer season, Tarkett Sports recommends the frequent inspection of your hardwood floor. If the facility's humidity levels should drop below 35%, Tarkett Sports recommends humidification in order to prevent hardwood contraction. Excessive expansion and shrinkage issues that may result due to environmental conditions are not the responsibility of Tarkett Sports, and are not covered under warranty.

## Excessive Tightening

Issues relating to hardwood flooring tightening can be resolved by lowering the relative humidity levels of the facility and introducing a steady airflow. These measures will help to reduce the moisture content of the wood. In the event of excessive tightening, we recommend that you contact your authorized Tarkett Sports representative for further instruction.

## Excessive Cracks

Cracking, which is caused by low humidity levels can be resolved by increasing the relative humidity levels of the facility. In the event of cracking, we recommend that you contact your authorized Tarkett Sports representative for further instruction.

## Water Damage

At all times, water should be kept off of your hardwood floor. In order to avoid the introduction of water generated from foot traffic, Tarkett Sports recommends the installation of entrance and walkway mats. During periods of rain or intermittent weather, doors and windows leading to the facility should remain closed at all times. Ceiling or piping leaks must be corrected immediately in order to prevent cupping and other forms of water damage. If cupping should occur, please contact your Tarkett Sports representative. Never sand a cupped floor. High pressure power machines or machine scrubbers which induce water should never be used on your hardwood floor. Tarkett Sports warranties exclude damage due to moisture.

## Prevent Exposure to Moisture

Any signs of consistent moisture and abnormal dampness should be reported immediately to the facility director and building engineers. Exterior doors should come complete with a watertight threshold. All interior drains should be adequately insulated in order to prevent any unwanted moisture or leaks. Exterior drains should be directed away from the building.

## Expansion Joints

Never block or obstruct any of the expansion joints that are located around the perimeter of the floor.

## Bleachers

Should you decide to implement a bleacher system, you must first cut away the wood located at the lag bases and make the necessary provisions for the expansion of the hardwood flooring system.

## Questions and Uncertainties

Any questions about the installation, maintenance, or refinishing of Tarkett Sports maple sports floors should be referred to an authorized Tarkett Sports representative for written clarification.

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