

### **Plexitrac® Maintenance Guidelines**

These guidelines should be followed for the proper preservation of your investment in a Plexitrac® running track system:

1. Spike use should be kept to a maximum of 1/4" pyramid spikes. Needles, tree-shaped or larger spikes could prematurely wear the surface, especially in starting, dash, and field event areas and should not be allowed.
2. Public walkers and joggers must use the outer lanes. Lanes 1 and 2 are the most commonly used and will wear significantly faster if jogging traffic is not diverted. It is suggested to have track lane gates installed to divert joggers/walkers.
3. Where cheerleaders and teams congregate along the track, protective matting should be used to avoid abnormal wear.
4. Absolutely NO pets, skateboarding, rollerblading or bikes shall be permitted at any time.
5. At least twice per year, the track must be cleaned of loose dirt and debris with push brooms or blowers. Removal of loose debris will minimize the unnecessary abrasion caused by dirt and sand.
6. Protective matting must be used at high traffic crossing areas and near gates and for athletes using the infield.
7. It is recommended that many of the "Do's and Don'ts" be posted publicly. (i.e. joggers use of the outer lanes, spike use, no bikes, etc...)
8. Care must be taken using lawnmowers, golf carts and other similar machines. Lawnmower blades can cut the surface and the turning of wheels can also cause significant damage.
9. Follow a regular maintenance cycle to preserve the life of the surface, including a depth measurement every year after the track is three years old. Check with your surfacing contractor for an idea of the best procedures for renovation as well as estimates for budgetary purposes. Contact California Sports Surfaces for assistance or questions.
10. Do not allow fertilizer or grass seed to be spread on the track surface.
11. Adjust the sprinkler system to minimize water "ponding" on the surface.
12. Evaluate track surface once a year prior to the start of the season for loose areas or delaminations. Contact the installer for guidance or materials on repairs. Contact California Sports Surfaces for assistance or questions.
13. Keep a written record of repairs and inspections.
14. General Suggestions:
  - Re-stripe every 3-5 years
  - Repair jump runways and starting block areas every 3-5 years
  - Recoat every 5-7 years
  - Additional depth every 10-15 years.