



HARDWOOD ATHLETIC FLOOR CARE

DAILY FLOOR CARE

The following page provides recommendations for daily cleaning and care of your hardwood athletic floor per the Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association and Aacer Sports Flooring.

RECOATING

Hardwood athletic floors are commonly recoated once each year to protect and enhance the surface. This is normally performed in educational facilities during summer months or when unoccupied such as extended holiday periods. Unlike full sanding and finishing, seasonal recoats typically include a thorough cleaning of the floor surface followed by slight abrasion referred to as screening using a buffing machine. When done correctly, this assures a sound bond between the existing floor finish and newly applied coating.

SANDING & REFINISHING

There is no set time frame for complete sanding and refinishing of hardwood athletic floors, which is done most generally every eight to twelve years. The length of time between sanding and refinishing frequently depends on daily care and maintenance as well as the application of seasonal recoats.

Wear life of standard 25/32" (20mm) flooring normally allows four to six sanding's after the initial installation and when done once every ten years a hard maple athletic floor can provide 50 to 70 years of service.

Removing multiple finish coats applied over many years requires aggressive sanding using very coarse paper but should still be done in a manner that removes the finish layer(s) with minimal removal of the wood surface below. The sanding process should follow the usual manner of using coarse, medium, and fine paper as when the flooring was newly installed and by following all standard procedures for proper applications of flooring sealer, lines and graphics, and floor finish coats.