

MAINTENANCE OF PADEL COURTS

Proper maintenance of padel courts is essential to ensure their longevity, safety and optimal playing conditions. Regular inspections and upkeep prevent structural issues and enhance player experience.

At the completion of each project, the contractor should provide an operation and maintenance manual. This manual should detail the maintenance requirements for the court and any canopy structure. The maintenance of the court should be adhered to. If courts are not maintained correctly it could invalidate the warranty of the court and court covering.

A number of contractors are offering a maintenance package which would be worth considering.

This general guidance note outlines key maintenance tasks.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE TASKS

1. Surface Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Remove debris, leaves, and dirt from the playing surface using a soft broom or blower.
- **Water Drainage:** Ensure the drainage system is functioning properly to prevent water accumulation.
- **Artificial Turf Care:** Regularly brush the turf to maintain even distribution of infill and prevent flattening.
- **Damage Inspection:** Check for signs of wear, rips, or loose seams and repair as necessary.

2. Glass Panel and Metal Structure Maintenance

- **Glass Panels:** Inspect for cracks or chips. Clean with a mild detergent and water to remove dirt and stains.
- **Metal Structure:** Check for rust or corrosion, especially in joints and connection points. Apply protective coatings as needed.
- **Net and Posts:** Ensure nets are in good condition, properly tensioned, and posts are securely fixed.

3. Bolt and Fastener Checks (Every 6–12 Months)

- **Inspection:** Examine all bolts, screws, and fasteners securing the metal frame and glass panels.
- **Tightening:** Use appropriate tools to tighten loose bolts to prevent movement and potential hazards.
- **Replacement:** Replace any worn or corroded bolts to maintain structural integrity.

4. Seasonal Maintenance

- **Weather Protection:** In adverse weather conditions, ensure court structures are reinforced if necessary and that there are no loose objects close to the court which could get blown into the glass structure.
- **Winter Care:** Remove snow and ice carefully to prevent damage to the surface and glass panels.

5. Record Keeping

Maintain a log of all inspections and maintenance activities. Document any repairs, replacements, and issues to track court conditions over time.