

# SQUASH COURT FLOOR CLEANING

The quality and cleanliness of the floor is an important factor in how participants evaluate the quality of a court. To replace a squash court floor is expensive both in terms of capital investment and lost revenue during the replacement period.

## Why?

Over time, dirt and dust will accumulate on the floor, along with scuffing or marking from shoes and racquets, potentially causing a slippery surface and presenting a safety hazard for players.

## Frequency

**Sweeping:** Courts should be swept at least once daily, with busier courts likely needing to be swept multiple times a day.

It is also important to clean the areas adjacent to the courts daily, and to supply mats immediately outside the court doors which will help prevent dust and dirt being carried or blown onto the court.

**Deep clean:** Depending on the type of flooring material, deep cleaning should be conducted every 2 - 3 months with a specialist floor cleaner.

**Monitoring:** Sweat and condensation which settle on the surface of the court floors can cause a loss of traction to the players' footing and the ball. This needs to be dried down as soon as possible.

Any moisture on the floors should be urgently investigated, especially if there is any possibility of penetration through the roof, walls or floors.

## By who?

All the cleaning and monitoring can be done by club members/ club volunteers. It is suggested that a roster or checklist be put in place.

## Equipment requirements for volunteers

- Vee mop or similar broom with anti-static or vacuum with soft brush - - \$40 [this for example](#)
- Deep cleaner - \$40 – 120 [this for example](#)
- Cloth/mop - \$20 - \$50
- Towel/rags to dry surface - \$20 - \$40
- Mats - \$30 - \$120 each [this](#) or [this](#) for example

## Time required

**Volunteers:** Daily sweeping should only take five minutes per court. A deep clean could take up to one hour per court to ensure court is fully clean, along with an hour of two for drying afterwards.



## Process for volunteers

### Sweeping

Use a vee mop or a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush attachment to remove dirt, dust, and debris from the court floor.

### Deep clean

1. Mix Floor Cleaner in warm water according to floor manufacturer recommendation.
2. Use a well wrung cloth, mop or cleaning equipment with low dispensing of water.
3. Dry down court of any excess moisture with towels or cloths.
4. To prevent water damage always wipe off any spillage as fast as possible.

## Things to consider

1. A broom is not recommended as it pushes much of the dust being swept back up into the air and it settles on the floor again.
2. In cases where dust has built up over time, an industrial vacuum cleaner should be used.
3. If there is a persistent problem with dust, a slightly damp towel will remove the majority of dust from the floor. The towel must not become so wet that it leaves traces of moisture on the floor.
4. It is recommended that a notice be displayed showing that only shoes designed for squash with non-marking soles are permitted on court.
5. It is recommended to display Health and Safety signs during and after cleaning such as 'Cleaning in Progress' and 'caution- wet floor'.
6. When using hot water be careful not to burn yourself.
7. When adding chemical it is recommended you use protective equipment.