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RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE FOR HAR TRU TENNIS COURTS

After play (if play has exceeded 2-3 hours) courts should be dragged with heavy bristle broom and lines swept, and courts watered by hand or with sprinkler system. If automatic sprinkler system is used, care should be taken to ensure even distribution of water. Sprinkler system installed by Oval Tennis have “overlap” water distribution and are controlled by a timer enabling the court to be watered at night, when water usage is less and evaporation minimal.

Calcium chloride may be spread by shovel or with spreader over entire court surface every two weeks, 100 lbs. per court, to further reduce watering time. Calcium is best applied in the evening and courts should be watered as usual after application. Each week net level should be checked and nets adjusted to proper height. For first six weeks of playing season, roll entire court surface one time a week. After every substantial rain and as soon as court is firm enough to walk on without leaving deep impressions, courts should be dragged then rolled with power roller. (Drums should be 1/3 to 1/2 filled with water.) When rolling, avoid sharp turns and never turn on playing surface. Early in season allow courts to dry longer before rolling to avoid moving tapes. Note: It is not necessary to roll if no play is anticipated. (Court must be damp when rolling. DO NOT roll court when dry.)

As season progressed low areas may develop in areas of heaviest play, baselines and in service boxes. These areas should be filled with new material as follows:

1. Mark low areas by observing puddling after rain.
2. Remove loose material with blower or brush.
3. Water low area lightly.
4. Place new material in area to be patched and level with flat edge of lute.
5. Drag patch to remove any rake marks, roll patched area.
6. Water patch thoroughly.
7. Roll patch again, while still soft.
8. Low areas generally develop only on courts receiving over 30 hours of play per week.

Once each season, remove excess granules by scraping courts with lute. These granules may be stored for use should sticky areas develop after rain or heavy watering. (These sticky areas are low and should be filled with new material as soon as convenient.)

Should lines, especially baselines, show signs of wear or fraying, they should be replaced immediately. Avoid any permanent build up of court material on lines (this is most common at net line) as this will discolor tapes.

If you need additional help please call Oval Tennis, Inc. 914 248-6825.