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GUIDELINES FOR THE

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

OF YOUR CRICKET WICKET

SYNTHETIC TURF PITCHES: Should be maintained on a regular basis to look and perform at an optimum level. There is a perception that synthetic turf wickets are maintenance free, but the reality is they require less maintenance than natural turf wickets. A tip for maintaining your synthetic turf wicket is to discipline a regular regime to keep your synthetic turf wicket playing at its optimum condition.

LINE MARKING: Regular checking and attendance to painted lines on a cricket wicket for straightness and width between 25–50mm maximum.

SEAMS: Any seam splitting should be addressed immediately. We recommend you contact your local installer for professional advice and/or repair works as seams can present an OHS issue depending on their location in relation to the bowling length.

BRUSHING: The main reason for brushing is to stimulate the top fibres of your synthetic turf wicket, aiding them to remain vertical. We recommend light brushing at least once every month and actioned in a number of alternate directions.

DEBRIS: Debris should be removed from your synthetic turf wicket on a regular basis to prevent organic matter building up in the turf structure. We recommend debris removal at least once every week and can be actioned with leaf rake & shovel or mechanical blower.

STAIN REMOVAL: Most stains can be removed from your synthetic turf wicket with warm soapy water, household grade detergent such as washing up liquid, and "elbow grease"!!! Heavy oil marks are removed using mineral spirits and a cloth; remembering to wash down the cleaned area with water to dilute the spirit residue.

BURNS: For superficial burns in your synthetic turf wicket, carefully clip the pile with scissors just below the blackened or melted tips. For large deep burns you may need to replace that section of synthetic turf wicket therefore we recommend you contact your local installer for professional advice and installation.