

TRACK MAINTENANCE



A well-designed, well-constructed and well-maintained track will provide a safe, resilient surface that will offer years of service. Note: a well-managed track will typically require a respray/re-top after 10years and 17years and a full surface replacement after 25years

To maximise the life of a track surface the track operator should develop and implement a regular schedule of preventative maintenance. Although this often requires an increase in annual facility maintenance budgets, a regular track maintenance regime and the swift repair of minor surface irregularities is far more cost-effective than allowing the track to deteriorate to a point where it requires major repair and/or reconstruction, or to the point where it becomes dangerous or even unusable.

Note: Athletics track surfaces do not last forever and even those with a regular maintenance schedule will require minor repairs and ultimately, every track surface will need replacing.

Preventive maintenance should be done on a daily, weekly, monthly, seasonal and annual basis and to support this process UKA has produced a Track Operator Handbook to support this course which includes facility checklists that you can download and use at your facility.

Carrying a digital camera or camera phone with you when carrying out your regular inspections is a useful tip as it allows you to take pictures of potential “problem” areas (e.g. water pooling, surface cracking and delamination) and send these to your track installer and/or appropriate track surfacing contractor.

UKA Approved track surfacing contractors:

- [Bernhard's Sports Surfaces Limited](#)
- [Blakedown Sport & Play Ltd](#)
- [Charles Lawrence Surfaces Ltd](#)
- [McArdle Sport Tec](#)
- [Polytan Sports Surfaces \(UK\) Ltd](#)
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