

## **REVISED MEMO: Preventing floor damage (May 1, 2007)**

During the 2001-2002 season, the USA Volleyball liability insurance coverage suffered unanticipated and extraordinarily high claims due to damage to wood floors caused by the removal of floor tape.

In an effort to eliminate this problem, USA Volleyball, ESIX (the insurance broker for USA Volleyball) and American Specialty (the liability insurance company) urge tournament directors to use only paper floor tape which has a quick release adhesive designed to minimize, if not eliminate, damage to wood floors caused by other types of tape.

Please be aware that if we, as a group, are unable to eliminate these claims, all of our insurances rates will increase substantially. In addition, the sponsoring entity of an event that produces a floor damage claim resulting from the use of floor tape other than the paper tape with safe release adhesive product, will be subject to a deductible of \$5,000.

Apparently many facilities are moving toward using a water based finish (rather than an oil based finish) on their wood gymnasium floors, which is less expensive but also is more prone to damage from the removal of floor tape. Because of problems with all vinyl tape products, only paper tape with the safe release adhesive should be used for temporary floor markings on wood floors.

**Please note that Safe-Off 290 WH paper tape from Specialty Tapes is no longer acceptable for use on wood floors.**

The vinyl tapes and the Safe Off paper tape are still acceptable for use on Sport Court surfaces.

Floor Tapes recommended for use on wood floors:

### **3M Painter's Masking Tape with Safe Release Adhesive**

2" width, 60 yard rolls, variety of colors, cost is about \$7.50 per roll (retail and by the case). Available at most Home Improvement Stores or through 3M distributors.

### **Pro Tapes and Specialties Painter's Grade Masking Tape with Safe Release Adhesive**

2" width,  
Available at Home Improvement Stores or through Harrison Brothers.

### **Permacel Paper Tape with Safe Release Adhesive**

2" width, white  
Available through Harrison Brothers.

If you are unable to find these products locally, you may want to contact Harrison Brothers, a distributor of adhesive-backed tapes for over 20 years.

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