

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET NUMBER 12

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### GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY ON SQUASH COURTS

#### Corridor

- A First Aid Box (complying with Approved Code of Practice for First Aid at work 1990) available in sight close to courts and also an Automated External Defibrillator.

A list of contacts for local doctors/dentists/hospitals/ambulance/qualified first aiders should be displayed (Health & Safety Regulation).

#### Door

- A notice showing that only shoes designed for squash with non marking soles providing a good grip are permitted on court.
- Door viewer to court and notice 'Do not open door before checking that the court is not in use, and knock before entry'.
- An internal flush door handle should be fitted.
- A check action door closer should be fitted.
- Door hinges should not protrude in front of the face of the door.

#### Floor

- Floor should be unsealed to provide a good shoe grip.
- Floor lines should be painted red (BS RAL3020) or contrasting colour and not taped.
- Floors should be regularly checked for split boards and that all are level with no projecting screws or fixings. Repairs should be carried out immediately.
- Clean floor daily (minimum) with V mop to remove dust and thereby remove slipperiness.

#### Walls

- Clean to remove dirt and grease marks from ball, racket and body contact.

#### Glass Back Walls

- Glass back walls require frequent cleaning and the door latch and hinges should be regularly checked and maintained.
- At least once a year the glass back wall should be inspected by a qualified person to ensure that the fixings have not become loose, and if necessary, adjustments made.

#### Lighting

- Clean and replace tubes at regular intervals to maintain 400 lux/1m above floor over full court area.
- Ball guards or shatterproof lenses for light fittings are available

#### Temperature

- 15°C +/-3°C recommended, to prevent possible condensation

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### Ventilation

- Ventilation access through the tin with the mechanical extractor fan sited at the rear of the court at high level to provide four air changes per hour.

### Board and Tin

- The board at the top of the tin should have no projections. The tin, if metal, should be undamaged with no sharp edges. If of any other material, all fixings, screws should be countersunk.

**Please note that the information for the maintenance and provision of squash courts contained in the England Squash Technical Information Sheets apply to courts built in the United Kingdom only.**

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