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**MFMA Recommendation for Marking Tape**

The Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association often receives inquiries regarding the use of marking tape on MFMA hard maple athletic flooring systems. Attached is a letter stating the MFMA position.

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Thank you for your inquiry regarding the use of marking tape on MFMA hard maple athletic flooring systems.

MFMA does not recommend the use of masking, construction, electrical, duct or adhesive tape to mark temporary court boundaries on the surface of a finished maple sports floor. Most tapes used for temporary court markings have a different coefficient of friction than gymnasium finishes applied to the maple playing surface, and can impact an athlete's ability to start, stop and pivot. It is also quite likely that the tape, when removed, will peel away layers of the floor's surface finish and any existing permanent gameline paints in areas where permanent and temporary markings meet. Removing the surface paint/finish and exposing the maple can result in additional chipping and peeling of the remaining paint/finish in adjacent areas.

In addition, most commonly available tapes contain adhesive resins that can etch or stain the floor finish or even the maple flooring below the temporary markings.

I hope this information has been helpful. If you have any questions please contact me at 847/480-9138.

Sincerely,

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