

# In Season & Winterizing TurfHound Tee Surfaces

## **IN SEASON REMINDER**

- We recommend rotating FAIRWAY panels on heavily used mats at least once a year at the beginning or end of a season.
- PLEASE educate your members NOT TO strike the ball from the same position over and over. This will shorten
  the lifespan of your FAIRWAY AND ROUGH panels. Educate their use of the entire width and depth of the
  surface panels. For example, hit wedges from the middle center, move forward and out, left, and right as you use
  each club.
- The ROUGH panels can be flip-flopped not rotated or the grain will be facing the incorrect direction. They can be in a year or so once the grain settles as it begins to mimic your natural turf.
- **Replacement Panels:** Depending on the size of your range and the amount of use it gets, you may want to look at replacing about 20% of the fairway panels starting at end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> year; rough in the 5<sup>th</sup> year.
- **Tee Holders**: Clean out broken tees from the tee holders every couple of weeks, but be careful **not to throw out the ribbed inserts** which helps keep the tee in the slot. A tee holder with built up broken tees will keep expanding and not hold the tee for an extended period leading to unhappy members.
- It is wise to purchase spare slotted tee holders/telescopic holders before the season starts.
- Grass inserts: The back slots which have the grass inserts are sometimes lost with rotating the panels or split if members use them as an alignment guide. Please a call your representative for replacements and we will ship them to you at no charge. BE SURE TO STOCK UP!
- Leaf Blowers: To keep your surface looking clean use a blower to remove surface dirt, divots, and leaves.
- Weed Spray: You can use grass and weed killer on the surface.
- **Top Dressing**: PLEASE keep Top Dressing away from the panels as we have seen "pitting" and white dots form on the surface. If dirt builds up, take a few back to the maintenance building and turn the panels on their side, raise them off the ground supported so dirt and mud do not flow to the edges and use the "turbo" head attachment of a power washer to remove mud and dirt buildup. (suggestion-take 2 saw horses and drill a hook on each leg so the panels will be supported up off the ground).
- DO NOT TOTALLY TAKE UP YOUR TEE LINE instead tarp the panels and secure with landscaping pins. If you must take up all the panels, please read the "Winterizing" reminders below.

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TurfHound Surfaces are designed and built to minimize the need for maintenance and can be left out in the winter elements. However, depending on your climate (heavy snow, days below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or Zero degrees Celsius) you may want to extend the useful life of the surfaces for as long as possible by implementing one of the steps below that meets your needs:

#### WE DO NOT RECOMMEND TAKING UP THE SURFACE

- Tarp the entire length of the tee line and use landscape pins or bricks to keep the tarp from coming loose.
- We recommend **NOT** taking up the tee line because the same person taking it up may not be the same person putting it down again.

### IF YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST TAKE UP THE SURFACE

- Surfaces can be stacked one on top of the other, similar surfaces together, in the maintenance building.
- THERE IS NO NEED TO TAKE UP THE FRAME.
- Mark each panel with indelible marker (left to right; end cap; perimeter rough left; perimeter rough right...).

Tee Line Models <u>without perimeter rough</u> have an end cap on the left and right end (or on the sides of the tee line). Note the direction of the grain and mark appropriately underneath (left/right).

Tee line models <u>with perimeter rough</u>, take note as to the direction of the grain and the shelf/ledge underneath the pads; grain forward with shelf cut in the front portion denotes front perimeter panel and grain forward with shelf cut in the back portion denotes a rear perimeter panel.

Tee Line Models <u>with perimeter rough</u> in addition to the end cap, have left/right <u>AND</u> front/back end pieces. If you look underneath each of the four (4) corners are molded to match the four (4) corners of the frame component. Again, note the grain direction and mark underneath as left/right <u>AND</u> front/back.

Tee Line Models <u>with a curve, wing or angled design</u>, be sure to mark the bottoms as you take each panel up as custom cuts have been made to the rough panels particularly at the curve or angle and this would include the perimeter rough.

If at anytime you have questions, please call your representative!

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