

A QUICK GUIDE TO...

Artificial Grass Pathways

Verde Sports Limited provide this month's Top Tips

As the winter weather is fast approaching, preparations to ensure that courses will be playable right through till Spring is getting underway.

It is important not to neglect pathways especially if money is tight. Artificial Grass is a cost effective solution despite common misconceptions.

Artificial grass could benefit your club, bring in extra revenue and increase your profits.

1. Muddy Paths Put Players off

A lot of work is carried out through the year to ensure that the course is in tiptop condition. However, the golfer still has to get both to the course and from one hole to another. Cheap, quick fixes for these paths are often used. In the long run these aren't cost effective and players are put off on many occasions. Would you want to walk across a mud bath?

2. Cost Effective Solution

Artificial grass doesn't cost as much as people presume. It's a bit like buying a cheap car. It may cost less initially, but it is expensive to maintain and has to be replaced much sooner. If a more expensive car had been purchased it would have cost less over 20 years and would have freed up time considerably, along with a lot less stress. Artificial Grass may appear expensive at the outset, but there is minimal maintenance required and it should last up to 20 years once installed. The green staff now have more time to concentrate on the course. All in all giving long term cost benefits.

3. Easy Installation

Artificial Grass is easy to install and can be carried out by the green staff themselves. As long as a free draining base is in place the artificial grass can simply be laid directly over the compacted soil or stone sub-base. Both sand-filled and non-sand filled options are



available to suit different areas of the course. If fixed securely this will remain in place for years to come. The installation is very similar to that of natural turf.

4. Low Maintenance

Once Artificial Grass has been installed there is very little maintenance required. Simply ensure that leaves are brushed off to prevent moss and keep the grass looking green. However, if left unattended and moss should appear, it is easily removed with various moss killers without damaging the surface. You now have a mud free pathway all year round.

5. Versatile & Hardwearing

A properly installed artificial grass pathway is substantial enough for the golf course machinery to drive over - the same path can be used for tractors, mowers, buggies, trolleys, golfers and the greenkeeper. Not only does it withstand this constant traffic but is also suitable for playing from if a ball should land on the path.

6. All-Weather Surface

Artificial Grass creates a surface, which is safe to use 12 months of the year. It isn't

muddy or slippery in wet weather or worn and dusty in the dry. Come rain, sun or shine it is a perfect solution all year round

7. Sound Resistant

One of the benefits of artificial grass is that it provides a surface, which is silent and comfortable to walk on, allowing the golfers to concentrate on their shot without the distraction of a noisy path.

8. Natural Appearance

The attractive green surface of the artificial grass blends well in to the course surroundings. This enhances a wide variety of areas that look and feel like natural grass without the associated wear or maintenance problems.

Taking all these points in to consideration your course would now remain open all year round, which in turn generates revenue and increases profitability.

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