

REVISED MEMO: Preventing floor damage (May 5, 2004)

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 floor tape which has a quick release adhesive designed to minimize, if not eliminate, damage to 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 safe release adhesive tape product, will be subject to a deductible of \$5,000.

Please note that Tape Connection vinyl tape (advertised as an alternative to the 3M #471 tape) is no longer acceptable.

It is recommended that one of the paper tapes be used. The only approved vinyl tape is 3M #471 with Safe Release Adhesive.

3M #2070 Painter's Masking Tape with Safe Release Adhesive

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

Safe-Off 290 WH from Specialty Tapes

2" safe release white paper floor tape designed for finished floors. 90 yard rolls – 24 per case - Order through the USAV national office.

3M #471 Plastic Vinyl Tape with Safe Release Adhesive

Following are the phone numbers for the Sales Centers around the country. Call to obtain the names and phone number of distributors in each area for the #471 plastic vinyl floor tape (2" x 36 yards):

Atlanta -	800-241-0111	High Point -	800-742-9546
Chicago -	800-972-0723	Los Angeles -	800-241-4819
Dallas -	800-241-2976	New York -	800-241-4819
Detroit -	866-599-4227		

National Championships Contact: Sandy Matuska, Industrial Business Customer Service
Phone: 651-575-6577 or 866-599-4227, ext. 17; Fax: 651-737-9420

Tape Connection - DO NOT USE.