

## PROPER MAINTENANCE OF YOUR CALICLAY COURT

### BRUSH AND LINE AFTER PLAY – EVERY TIME – NO EXCUSE

Just like any other clay tennis court, you should always brush it and clean the lines after a match. This is common courtesy and is expected across the world. Be sure to leave the court ready for whoever comes next.

In addition to being an excellent way to cool down, it is vital to brush your court so you can keep the material leveled and distributed evenly with the lines.

Once you water the court before use, the water will “lock in” the level of the material; so if the court isn’t swept correctly, the surface will become uneven and can lead to a poorly-performing surface.

In the end, a lack of simple regular maintenance will damage the lines.

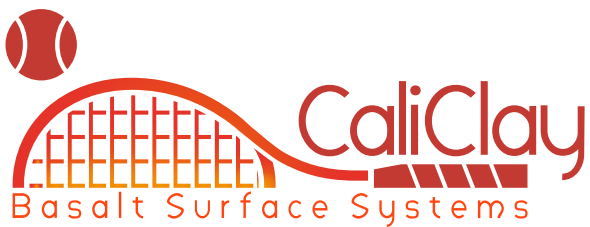
Two players can brush and line a court in 3 minutes. Four players can get the job done a lot quicker.

There’s no excuse for not brushing after playing tennis. If you’re able to play, you’re able to brush the court once you’re done.

Brushing before playing sound like a good idea – but it’s better to build a habit of doing it afterwards for the simple reason that if it rains after not having brushed it, the water will drain unevenly and move around material. It’ll also “lock in” material that hasn’t been leveled and will result in an inferior playing experience.

Common courtesy dictates we leave things as they were found. Nobody wants to play on an unkempt court and then perform poorly because of it; let’s be polite and follow the easy guidelines that will make the CaliClay experience much more enjoyable for all.

***\*It’s important to note that improper care of a court will invalidate the 10-year CaliClay warranty. Further, CaliClay does not take any responsibility for injuries incurred due to lack of court maintenance.***



## **FOR HEAVILY-USED COURTS – CLUB COURTS / TRAINING COURTS**

The more a court is used, the more upkeep it'll require. If you are running clinics with multiple players, it may be necessary to stop and brush the surface during a break.

Your clinic players can pick up balls and brush the court at the same time. It's quick and easy!

Keep in mind that the courts you see on TV, at Roland Garros for example, are brushed and lined during changeovers and commercial breaks... you don't need to do it that often, but once an hour during a heavy-traffic day should be enough.

If the surface gets bumpy, push your lute teeth-down across the surface. No need to apply much pressure; you can simply let the weight of the rake do the work. Be careful when doing so around the lines and nails as you don't want to pull on them.

If you come across a loose or raised nail, take it out and slip a small toothpick inside the hole before placing the nail back. Tap it gently with a hammer until it's firmly in place.

Be mindful of regularly inspecting your court and notify us if you need assistance.