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Coronavirus Guidance for Pole Vault & High Jump

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England Athletics Recently published comprehensive guidance on how to return the activity for coaches, leaders, athletes, runners and facilities, [which can be found here](#)

As part of the guidance on cleaning High Jump and Pole Vault Landing Mats, they have recommend contacting the equipment suppliers such as ourselves.

So you are aware our landing mats are made from the best quality materials including a Spike resistant mesh which is woven from polyvinyl chloride coated polyester core yarns that have a special formulation to make the mesh antimicrobial, mildew, and bacteria resistant.

Although this does not mean it can help prevent the spread of COVID-19, it does mean our landing mats can be sanitized using household cleaners.

So what cleaners can be used?

- Household Disinfectant Spray, Wipes and Alcohol Solution Sprays (70%+) are effective against COVID-19 and can be used in conjunction with our landing mats.
- Ensure the landing mats are wiped down after each use as you would if cleaning a standard kitchen surface
- Do not use Bleach as this can affect the integrity of the landing mat and may cause irritation to the athletes

More Guidance from England Athletics

Up to 5 athletes with a suitably qualified coach may take part in a high jump or pole vault training session with the following in place:

- Athletes and runners follow hygiene guidelines for cleaning hands prior to any training starting.
- Operators must contact the manufacturer of the jump's mats in use at their facility to confirm whether the proposed cleaning products can be used safely on their equipment. Disinfecting landing beds effectively against Coronavirus is the responsibility of the facility operator. The disinfectant used for this purpose must not damage or compromise the safety properties of the landing bed, or cause harm to staff, volunteers or athletes.
- If sharing, poles should be re-gripped before use and any part of the pole outside of the grip should be cleaned before use by another athlete.
- Bars should be cleaned using a anti-viral spray or wipe before use and managed by dedicated individuals for a particular session – i.e. one athlete and the coach, and cleaned between sessions.