



## Court Inspection Procedure

- Ensure you arrive at the school in time to undertake the court inspection and to have made a decision in time for the cascade process to be instigated at **1 hour before** the first match
- Check the playing surface on each court for suitability for safe play taking into account:
  - surface water
  - icy surface
  - debris on the court / hazards on court [eg uncovered holes]
  - specifically check the lines – as the courts are painted, the lines can be a particular slip hazard
  - Remember the area surrounding the court too – umpire line, and players run off area
- If you have any concerns regarding the safety of the playing surface, please remember that the school caretaker will be on site. They are available to help improve the playing surface to enable matches to take place. This might include sweeping the court of debris or helping to remove surface water for example. The hole [tennis net post?] on the right hand side court at the back for example is often uncovered – the caretaker can cover this if that is the most suitable court to use.
  - There is a phone inside the main sports hall building, on the desk to the right as you enter, that you can use to call the caretaker to ask for assistance
  - Don't be concerned to ask for this sort of support, this is part of what we pay for for the facilities
- If you are not satisfied that the courts are safe to play then instigate the cascade process by contacting the teams at the top and bottom of the list.
  - Remember, the responsibility does not lay solely on you. Everyone accepts that you will make the best judgement call that you can at the time. Umpires for each match will also be responsible for determining if the games are safe to proceed.

N.B. If you are inspecting the courts on a 'Dance Week' we will most likely need to use the 2 rear courts as the others may be used for additional parking. Remember to check the hole is covered on the right court, and also ensure make sure the barrier is out so an ambulance would be able to access the courts if necessary.