

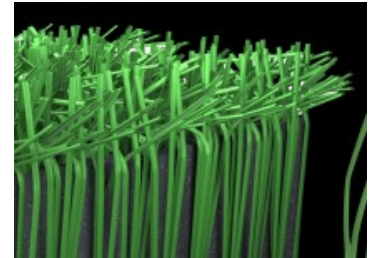
A NEW STATE OF THE ART INFILL-TURF

Installed by world renowned FieldTurf

In an effort to bring the best artificial turf to the greater Madison area, Break Away contracted FieldTurf to install our new state of the art turf-infill system in 2016. We have installed EPDM rubber, a “clean” Rubber that has been processed without the chemicals within recycled tires. FieldTurf is used locally at such locations as Breeze Stevens, UW Camp Randall, the McClain Center, and Reddan Soccer Park, as well as at the professional levels in the National Football League and Major League Soccer. Many facilities, including our competitors, have chosen other brands of turf that use recycled tires as their infill (Known as SBR). There are concerns that SBR is filled with chemicals, some of which may cause health concerns. Outdoors, the chemically filled dust caused by the breakdown of recycled tires can get washed away with rain or blown away by the wind minimizing or eliminating any or those health concerns. However, because the SBR dust is not dissipated indoors, **Break Away decided to commit to a healthier playing environment by going with EPDM and not recycled tires.** Recycled tires can also create a “hardened” surface caused by the compaction of the rubber. This hard surface is associated with leg injuries and concussions. **Break Away EPDM turf is softer and less able to compact due to a “spongier” make up. EPDM is simply the better choice.**

Sooo, why new turf so soon?

Relatively soon after the installation of the FieldTurf system, we began to notice some separation occurring in some of the seams. FieldTurf immediately came to repair the defects. The initial thought was that the glue was not adequately installed. However, more separations continued to be noticed. FieldTurf repeatedly returned to fix the defects as they would appear, however, it continued to be a problem



over time. After further investigation, the consensus was that the turf itself was defective. The backing that covers the underside of the turf was not bonding to the turf resulting in the continued release of the turf from some of the seams. Neither Break Away nor FieldTurf wanted to accept a substandard product. As such FieldTurf agreed to replace the defective turf with an **upgraded** turf with better bonding with the underside backing and still including the much celebrated EPDM rubber infill.

So it's back to... Playing the Game, Teaching the Game, Respecting the Game.