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HAINSWORTH CUE SPORTS
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Hainsworth Cue Sports Fabrics are made to last, but they need to be effectively looked after once they're put into play. The below guidance will help to ensure your Cue Sports fabric continues to perform for longer.

Brushing

Regular brushing of the fabric is essential. This is a major factor in maintaining a good table performance and appearance, as well as making the cloth last significantly longer. Brushing removes dust and chalk particles from the cloth and re-establishes the nap direction.

Always brush in straight lines in the direction of the nap (from baulk line to spot), never against or across. Otherwise the direction of the nap will be lost and the wool fibres will eventually bunch together, an effect known as pilling. It is particularly important not to brush too heavily or use a brush with stiff bristles, as this may damage the fibres.

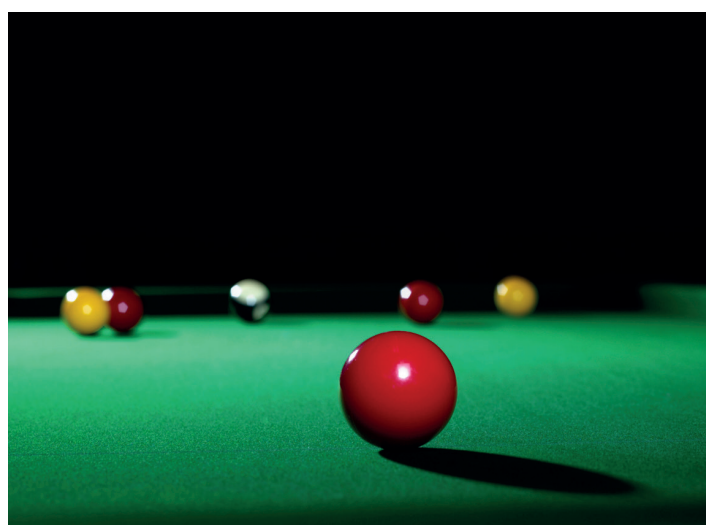
How often this is done depends on table usage and room temperature, but it should be done more frequently in humid conditions.

Ironing

It is also recommended to occasionally dry iron the cloth in the direction of the nap after brushing, as it helps the cloth to play faster.

The cloth should only be ironed after first making sure that it is clean and has been well-brushed, so that the fibres are laid in the direction of the nap. If not, any marks that haven't been removed through brushing will be set in when the cloth is ironed.

The iron must be clean, and should be tested for heat on a sheet of newspaper. If there is the slightest scorch to the paper, allow the iron to cool before using. Never iron the table cushions – regular brushing is all they require.



Colour

Ultra-violet light will cause colour to fade as the cloth ages, so it is advised that tables are kept out of natural daylight and direct sunlight.

Ideally, use a table cover to protect the cloth when not in play to preserve the brightness of the cloth colour.

Hainsworth Cue Sport cloth has a special anti-fade dye finish and is proven to keep its colour longer than any other cloth on the market.

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Fibrillation

These are white marks which sometimes appear on the cloth. Fibrillation is a natural characteristic of wool, which occurs when the fibre's outer scales are broken down, causing the inner fibre to reflect white light. This is an optical illusion making it look as though the fabric has been marked – if you dampen the white marks they usually return to their original colour. Brushing and damp blocking the fabric to remove chalk dust will also help to get rid of them.

Fibrillation should not be attributed to a fault in the cloth. They are part of the natural wear and tear process of cloth that is in play and has no significant effect on performance.

Cue marks

Cue marks are small spots that appear when a player's cue tip shaves off the nap surface. This is usually when a player has struck a ball below mid-centre to achieve a back spin shot. A careless player could even end up ripping the cloth. These marks are most noticeable on newer cloth, but gradually become less prominent as the cloth wears.

This type of damage occurs more frequently if the cue tips are damaged or badly fitted, or if the edges of the ferrule are rough or sharp. To mitigate this, always check your cue tips.



Table discipline

Encouraging and enforcing proper discipline amongst table users will help to considerably extend and maintain the cloth's performance. In particular:

- Do not spin coins or drop balls or heavy objects on the table
- Do not use cues with sharp edges on ferrules
- Do not use worn or damaged balls and avoid excessively powerful shots
- Do not drink over the table
- Do not chalk the cue over the table, as the chalk dust builds up and acts as an abrasive
- Do not sit or leave cues on the surface of the table