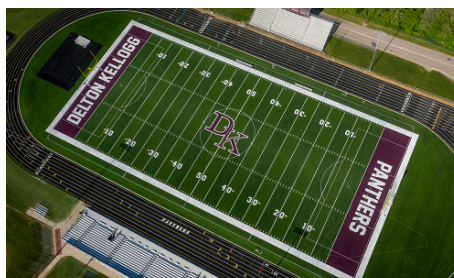


Has Your Facility Gotten Off Track?

Your track and field teams are shedding their warm-ups and getting ready for the season. The question, however, is whether your track is ready for them.



Here are a few symptoms that it might not be:

- Surfacing has come loose in areas, leaving bare spots, skinned or pitted sections
- Granules of surfacing material are scattered across the track
- Visible cracking of the surface (either in specific areas or throughout the facility)
- Drainage problems; standing water in any place on the surface
- Track surface looks uneven or wavy in spots; lane lines may also look wavy or crooked
- Delamination: The process of the top layer of the track separating from the underlayment. This may appear as a small bubble or it may present as long, wavy lines covering the surface
- Discoloration of the surface
- Field event areas looking worn or in need of improvement

If you're seeing any of the above symptoms – or if any areas of your track are giving you cause for concern, it's time to call in an expert – a specialty contractor with a background in track construction and repair. And the best – and only – place to find that professional is through the [American Sports Builders Association \(ASBA\)](https://www.sportsbuilders.org/), the national organization for builders, design professionals and suppliers of materials for athletic facilities.



Using ASBA's website, you can find the resources you need, including the following (click titles below):

▶ [Membership Directory](#) – Look up track-specific designers, builders and suppliers of materials and equipment by using this link. It's a free resource from ASBA and can help you find the right partner.

▶ [Certified Track Builder](#) – Want to go one step further and find a specialty contractor with a certification in running tracks? ASBA's Certified Track Builder program allows contractors to demonstrate their experience and aptitude in all aspects of running tracks. You can use this link to search our member database, click on Certifications, and then select Certified Track Builder.

▶ [Running Tracks: A Construction and Maintenance Manual](#) – This publication from ASBA, available for purchase in both hard copy and pdf format, is the ultimate guide to running tracks. With information on design, construction, maintenance, repair and more, it is applicable to everyone from the facility owner to the end user.

▶ [Progressive Web App](#) – ASBA's Progressive Web App (PWA) offers diagrams and layouts for a wide variety of different sports facilities, including track & field. The is able to be accessed through its own native icon rather than by opening a URL in your browser. Like many other resources, it is available free of charge.

▶ [Bid Information Request Form](#) – Can't find exactly what you want, and need someone to get back to you? Fill out ASBA's free Bid Information Request Form and then sit back and let the appropriate members of ASBA reach out to you.

▶ ASBA has plenty of other resources, including [ASTM Standards](#), [Construction Guidelines](#) and [Track Position Papers](#). Start now and let us put your facility on the **RIGHT TRACK**.

Questions?

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