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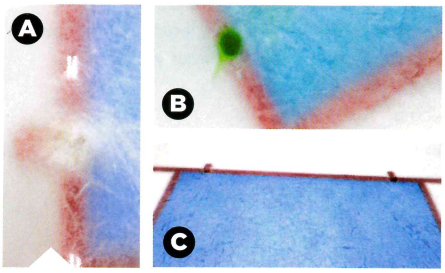
Marsh Peg Prep

Common techniques for prepping marsh peg holes during a resurface

I RECENTLY MET WITH JORDAN JOHNSON, Assistant Facility Manager at Fifth Third Arena, the Chicago Blackhawks Community Ice Rink, and we came up with some common techniques for prepping marsh peg holes during a resurfacing.

Every facility is different, but we found this process to work well for both of our facilities. Keep in mind that Jordan and I both have steel tube inserts in our floors that we are drilling the ice out of. Jordan's are in a concrete floor and mine are in a sand floor.

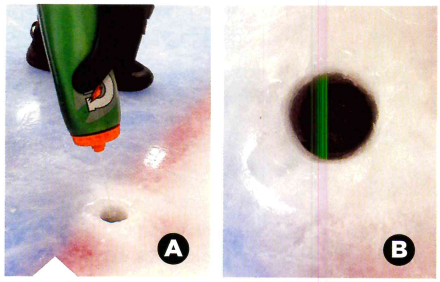
1. The tools we use are a battery-operated wet vac (or I use a large turkey baster), water bottle with warm water, cordless drill with a 1½ spade bit and a clean bucket. Some facilities have had success with hole saws or even flattening the tip on a spade bit to get deeper into their marsh peg sleeve or tube. 1½ inch spade bit used to clean out the marsh peg sleeve in the floor.



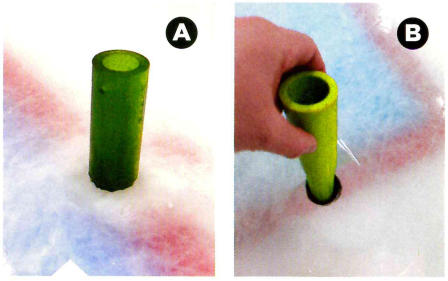
2. **(A)** Different ice surfaces before drilling into ice. Ice before drilling. **(B)** If you don't have tick marks for your goal posts, you can use food coloring to easily identify holes. **(C)** A good example of the tick marks for post or hole placement.

3. Drilling out the ice.

4. Cleaning the ice shavings and cleaning out the hole.



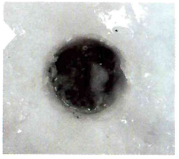
5. **(A)** Squirting water in helps open up the hole and cleans out the bottom. **(B)** An example of a finished hole.



6. **(A)** Finished hole with peg installed. **(B)** If your driller is a little off, always carry some slush to fill in the edges and use the marsh peg to reform the edge.

7. Setting the net on the peg.

8. Completed net set during a resurfacing.



9. A hole after a resurfacing. Typically can be cleaned out with a shop vac or turkey baster. Sometimes holes will freeze in during the period, so I always send my peggers out with a water bottle filled with warm water to open up the hole. In-game peggers typically do not need to re-drill the hole. Drilling is typically only needed before an event.

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