

Soccer Field Maintenance 101

“How to paint wide lines”

So you have volunteered or been volunteered to paint your soccer field lines. Don't panic, its not difficult. With these simple instructions, you can paint the lines like a professional. There are a couple of hints that can help you do this easily.

Hint #1 – Shake, Shake, Shake

The paint cans that are used must be shaken before using. This insures the paint is fluid and will spray easily. The best advise is to shake the can until you hear the ball rattling inside and then shake for 30 more seconds. The colder the temperature, the longer this takes.

Hint # 2 – Yes, it matters which way you go

When painting lines, the direction does matter. The main reason is that the paint coats 1 side of the grass blade more than the other. If you paint one direction one week (clockwise), go the opposite direction the next week (counter-clockwise). You will be amazed how much longer the lines last when painted in this manner.

Hint #3 – Cleanliness matters

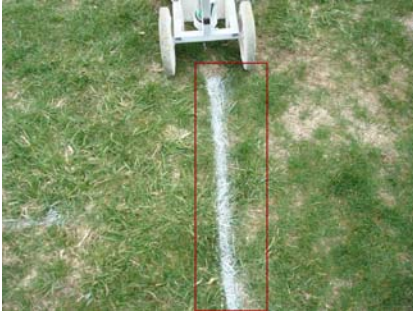
Yes, the paint sprayer nozzle hole must be clean or you won't get much paint out. In addition the pain that does come out may come out in all directions. Make sure before painting to check the nozzle hole and clean if needed. Keys, pocket knives, screw drivers all work to clean the nozzle hole as shown below:



Hint #3 – Why am I getting a narrow line?

This requires illustrations.

- If your lines look like this:



and not this:



Its simple to fix. Here is how:

- First, the nozzle on the can sprays out wider one direction. You can turn the nozzle to align it to the line stripe on the side of the can as shown below:



- Once you have the nozzle aligned with the line on the side of the can, now just put the can in the sprayer so the line is perpendicular to front of the sprayer as shown below:



You should be able to paint wide lines like a pro now.