

General Ground Suggestions from SAF

#1 Test your surface! Understand what soil you have and the improvements needed. Particle size and distribution (coarse fraction, medium fraction, fine fraction), Sand%, Clay%, Silt%, Organic%. Carbonate content, salt content, sodium content & pH.

#2 Evaluate and understand your arena. Depth of surface? Consistent depth throughout arena? Arena grade/drainage?

#3 Level base layer, sub-cushion, and cushion. Compaction level of base and sub-cushion layer soils.

#4 Check, and evaluate your equipment regularly. Correct tires and tire pressure, even harrow length.

#5 Proper equipment operation. ~~%Speed+~~ proper brake assist for turning, proper harrow depths, weight and draft controls.

#6 Apply good water evenly, water tests for hardness, salts, sodium, pH, sulfides, carbonates, and bi-carbonates

#7 Maintain the appropriate soil moisture. Know what moisture content is optimal and how to measure/assess it.

#8 Check ventilation from A/C vents, overhead fans, cross ventilation for localized (spot) drying.

#9 Prepare your surface as far in advance as possible using proper techniques and equipment.

#10 Know where to spend your money! Whether it's soil amendments, maintenance, equipment, or labor. Get the most ~~%bang~~ for your buck+!