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GGT Footing at Pacific Ridge Show Jumping



At the highest levels of equestrian sport, excellence begins from the ground up, literally. As Pacific Ridge Show Jumping continues to establish itself as a premier destination on the West Coast, the choice of footing at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center reflects a commitment to performance, safety, and the long-term well-being of both horse and rider.

At the center of that commitment is GGT Footing®, developed by Polysols Inc., a leader in innovative arena surfaces trusted by top venues and competitors alike.

GGT Footing is engineered through a precise blend of high-quality sand and advanced geotextile fibers, designed to create a surface that mirrors the ideal balance riders seek: soft yet supportive, responsive yet stable.

Unlike traditional footing, these fibers integrate seamlessly with sand to prevent excessive compaction while maintaining consistent traction. The result is a surface

that supports peak performance, allowing horses to push off with confidence, land with reduced impact, and move fluidly throughout the course.

For a discipline like show jumping, where fractions of a second and millimeters of precision define outcomes, this level of consistency is not just preferred, it's essential.

What sets GGT Footing apart is its ability to protect the athlete beneath the rider. The surface is designed to absorb shock and reduce strain on joints and tendons, helping to minimize fatigue and support long-term soundness.

This is especially critical in a competitive setting like Pacific Ridge, where horses perform across multiple classes over several days. A surface that maintains integrity from the first round to the last creates a reliable, confidence-building ride every time a horse enters the ring.

GGT Footing is designed to retain just

enough moisture to reduce dust while allowing for proper drainage, ensuring consistency through varying Southern California conditions.

The integration of GGT Footing at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center reinforces Pacific Ridge Show Jumping's commitment to delivering a world-class competitive environment. It's a thoughtful investment not only in performance, but in the longevity and well-being of the sport's equine athletes.

At Pacific Ridge, the standard is clear: every detail matters, and that includes the ground beneath every stride.

In show jumping, the spotlight may fall on the rider, the horse, and the jump, but the footing is the silent partner in every successful round.

With GGT Footing in place, Pacific Ridge offers more than a venue, it offers stability in every turn, confidence in every landing, and a foundation built for excellence.



HORSE & STYLE: *How long does it take to order and install GGT Footing?*

GGT: Lead times can vary depending on arena size, location, and supply logistics, but typically range from a few weeks to a couple of months from order to installation. GGT works closely with venues to plan delivery and ensure proper blending with existing or specified sand, making the process efficient and tailored to each facility's needs.

H&S: *Does GGT Footing work in different weather conditions?*

GGT: Yes—one of GGT's key advantages is its adaptability. The geotextile fibers help regulate moisture, allowing the footing to retain enough water to reduce dust in dry climates while still draining effectively during rain.

H&S: *How does it perform in California conditions specifically?*

GGT: In climates like Southern California, where arenas experience dry heat, sun exposure, and occasional rain, GGT Footing helps maintain consistency. It minimizes dust and keeps the surface stable even as temperatures fluctuate throughout the day.

H&S: *Does footing change throughout the day or with use?*

GGT: GGT Footing is designed to hold its structure under repeated use. With proper maintenance (dragging and watering as needed), it delivers a consistent ride from morning schooling through afternoon competition classes.

H&S: *Why does footing matter so much in show jumping?*

GGT: Footing directly impacts performance, safety, and horse longevity. A well-balanced surface supports push-off, cushions landing, and provides reliable traction, allowing riders to focus on precision and pace without second-guessing the ground beneath them. **H&S**

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