

The League of Agricultural & Equine Centers
2011 Footing Academy
Gloucester County Dream Park
Logan Township, New Jersey

Lesson Agenda

August 16, 2011

10:00-11:00 Session 1

Arena Floor Basics

- The Footing at Dream Park
- The Base
- The Sub-Base

11:00-12:00 Session 2

Soil Essentials

- Fundamentals
- Problems with Poorly Suited Materials
- Variability of Soils
- Soil Analysis

1:00-2:30 Session 3

Arena Condition

- Resilience
- Soil Strength
- Depth/Thickness
- Drainage
- Moisture Percentage

3:00-5:00 Session 4

Arena Maintenance

- Maintenance of equipment
- Soil Composition
- Soil Texture
- Equipment Demonstrations

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9:00-10:30 Session 5

Outdoor vs. Indoor Arenas

- Site Selection
- Managing the Elements
- Drought Management
- Round Pens
- Arena Demonstrations

10:30-12:00 Session 6

Moisture Control & Dust

- Health Factors related to dust
- Arena Surfaces
- Dust Control
- Contributing Factors to Dust Potential
- Management Practices

1:00-2:30 Session 7

Footing Amendments and Synthetics

- The What and Why of Amendments
- Footing Benefits
- Problems with Amendments

2:30-4:30 Session 8

Hardness and Risks

- The concern about hardness
- Measurement of hardness
- Injuries that can be caused from hazardous footing.
- Transitioning between events
- Final Equipment Demonstrations