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Having been a soccer referee myself, after officiating on synthetic fields, I was always amazed by the amount of rubber particles that came out from my shoes.

Interesting enough, although the feet were protected by shoes and socks, when I took shoes and socks when was time to go home, the feet were at least in part covered by the black very fine particles.

Keep in mind that the shoes are in contact with the turf that in the summer can get very hot. In addition, feet get sweaty inside the shoes and the moisture does not evaporate as much as from other areas of the body.

Regards,

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