

National Table Tennis Grand Finale 2017

5 -14 January 2018

RACKET CONTROL INFORMATION

Dear Players, Team Captains and Coaches, please read the information below regarding racket control carefully:

General information:

In the National Table Tennis Grand Finale 2017 (5 Jan to 14 Jan 2018), Racket Testing (testing on rubber **Thickness, Flatness and VOC**) will be carried out **before** the match for randomly selected matches of individual events and randomly selected team matches. The Referee may, at any time, choose any other matches to be tested.

After the testing, if the racket passed all the tests, it will be kept by the umpires of the match, who will then hand the racket to the player at the playing area, just before the practice/warm up.

Any racket that does not pass the racket test before the match cannot be used in the match. (The racket will be kept by the Referee until the end of the session or until his/her match is over for the session). The player will then have to play that match with another racket, which will be tested after the end of the match.

It is the player's responsibility to submit the racket to the umpires of your table in the Call Area at least **30 mins** (Team Events) / **20 mins** (Individual Events) before their scheduled match time. If a player does not submit his/her racket on time, the racket will be tested immediately after the match.

If a racket does not pass the racket test after the match, the player will have to forfeit that match.

Individual events

Players are required to submit their rackets to the umpires of your table in the Call Area least **20 minutes** before their scheduled match time.

Team events

All the 3 players who are in the line-up for the match are required to submit their rackets to the umpires of your table in the Call Area at least **30 minutes** before their scheduled match time.

The umpire will keep the racket of the player who has to play a subsequent match in the same team match.

Voluntary Racket Testing (without consequences)

- Each player is entitled to have a maximum of **2 voluntary tests** (ONLY two rackets for one racket control test each or have the same racket tested twice) during the tournament.
- Voluntary tests will have to wait in case official tests are conducted at the same time.

Schedule of Racket Controls

Voluntary Racket Testing:

Voluntary racket testing (without consequences) will be carried out in the Racket Control Room on **5 January (Friday, 1930 hours to 2130 hours)**. Voluntary racket testing will also be offered during the tournament period, but in such a way that they do not interrupt compulsory racket testing.

Compulsory Racket Testing:

From **6 January to 14 January**, compulsory racket testing will be carried out before match at random.

Consequences of failures in compulsory racket control

Before the match

In case of a racket test failure before the match, the racket cannot be used for that match and must be replaced by another one, which will also be tested after the match.

After the match

In case of a racket test failure after the match, the player will have to forfeit the match.

If the after-match test concerns rackets of the decisive (3rd or 4th) individual match of a team match, the teams shall be asked to wait at the match table until the racket test is finished. If the racket passes the racket test, no further action is required and the match result stands. If the racket of the winning player fails, then the player will forfeit the match. The result will be reversed and the next scheduled match will then be played.

For example, Xavier of Team A won the 4th match and Team A would have won the team match by 3-1. However, if the racket of Xavier fails the after-match racket testing, the result will be reversed and the team score will be changed to 2-2. The final match will then be played.

Penalty

Any player who failed **three** compulsory rackets testing before or after match in the tournament will be disqualified from the entire events of the tournament. Prizes won prior to his/her disqualification to be determined by Disciplinary Committee.

Caution

All players and captains are reminded that brand-new coverings should be aired for at least 72 hours before a match. It is not sufficient just to cut or to open the plastic cover, the plastic cover sheet must be removed and the rubber must be kept outside any type of bag so that the rubber / sponge is completely uncovered on both sides and then can release the remaining banned solvents.

Manufacturers have been asked (by ITTF) to extract all traces of such solvents, but not all do that, and the player will be held responsible if a test indicates that they remain at an unacceptable level.

We request for the co-operation of all participants to send in their rackets on time so that racket control can proceed smoothly.

With best wishes for a successful tournament.

Referee & Umpire Team
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