National Table Tennis Grand Finale 2027

6th January - 17th January 2027

RACKET CONTROL INFORMATION

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

General information:

In the National Table Tennis Grand Finale 2027 (6th January - 17th January 2027), Racket Testing (testing on rubber **Thickness, Flatness and VOC**, checking against **ITTF LARC list**) will be carried out **before** the match for randomly selected matches. The Referees may, at any time, choose any other matches to be tested.

After the test, 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 a match cannot be used in the match. The racket will be kept by the Referees until the end of the session or until the player's match is over for the session. The player must then play their matches with another racket, which will be tested after the match.

It is the players' responsibility to submit the racket to the umpires in the Call Area at least 20 minutes before their scheduled match. If a player does not submit his/her racket on time, the racket will be tested after the match.

If a racket does not pass the racket test after the match, the player will have to forfeit that 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 will be offered during the tournament period, but in such a way that they do not interrupt compulsory racket testing.

Compulsory Racket Testing:

From ***6th January to 17th January 2027***, compulsory racket testing will be carried out for random matches.

Consequences of failures in compulsory racket control

Before the match
In the event of a racket test failure before a match, the racket must be replaced with another one, which will also be tested after the match. The original racket cannot be used for that match.

After the match
In the event of a racket test failure after a match, the player shall forfeit the match.

Penalty
Any player who fails to pass **three** compulsory racket tests before or after a match in the tournament will be disqualified from all events of the tournament. The Disciplinary Committee shall decide if the disqualified player is eligible for the prizes won prior to their disqualification.

Caution

All players are reminded that brand-new coverings should be aired for at least 72 hours before a match. It is not sufficient to merely cut or open the plastic cover; the plastic cover sheet must be removed and the rubber must be kept outside of any type of bag so that the rubber/sponge is completely uncovered on both sides and can thus release the remaining banned solvents. Manufacturers have been asked (by ITTF) to extract all traces of such solvents, however not all manufacturers do this, and so the player will be held responsible if a test indicates that they remain at an unacceptable level.

We kindly request the cooperation of all participants to submit their rackets on time so that racket control can proceed smoothly.

We wish everyone a successful tournament.

Referee & Umpire Team
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