

The International **T**able **T**ennis **F**ederation

CHANGES IN RACKET CONTROL

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND PLAYERS

Dear friends,

After a transition period given to the players, in order to adapt and become familiar with racket controls, we now announce the **new rules**, which will take effect from **1st September 2010**.

1. The tolerance for VOC will be **3.0 ppm**, as communicated last year with the announcement of ITTF President, Adham Sharara and Chairman of the Equipment Committee, Odd Gustavsén. We enclose the same announcement with the new rule in bold, and proper modifications for this year.

Moreover, during the last Board of Directors meeting, in Moscow, the following rules passed and will be implemented, with effect from the date as stated above.

2. Racket Control tests will be carried out **after the match** at random. However, from the quarter-finals on, Racket Control tests will be carried out before selected matches of individual events and the randomly selected individual matches in all team matches. Rackets that do not pass the Racket Control test before the match cannot be used in the above-mentioned events. In the case where rackets do not pass a random Racket Control test after the match, the offending player will be **liable to penalties** as implemented at the 2010 World Championships (referred below).
3. All players are entitled to have their rackets tested voluntarily without any penalties before the match.

4. Penalties applying after each racket control failure

a. Failure regarding VOC

- Disqualification from the individual match for any first failure in an after-match test.
- Disqualification from the team match in case a player fails two times at any time.
- Disqualification from the tournament in case a player fails three times at any time.

b. Any other Failure (thickness, flatness, etc.)

- Disqualification from the individual match for any first failure in an after-match test.
- Disqualification from the individual match in case a player fails two times at any time.
- Disqualification from the team match in case a player fails three times.
- Disqualification from the tournament in case a player fails four times.

Remark:

- VOC infraction is accumulated with other types of failures.

c. Failing to present the racket before a match

- The racket has to be tested after the match.

5. A **general policy of accumulated failures**, will be implemented:

3.5.2.11 Following **4 accumulated failures** on any aspect of official racket testing **over a 48-months period**, a player will be **suspended for 12 months** from participating in ITTF events, the start of the date of suspension to be the date of the 4th failure.

All new rules, with further explanation, will be incorporated in the Technical Leaflet "T9 Racket Controls" and the Directives for Racket Control. As soon as they are finalised they will be sent to you and posted on the website. We just want you to be aware of the new rules, enough time in advance, therefore we sent to you this announcement.

Odd Gustavsen
Equipment Committee Chairman

Albert Rooijmans
URC Chairman