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## 3.2.4 Racket Control

- 3.2.4.1 It is the responsibility of each player to ensure that racket coverings are attached to their racket blade with adhesives that do not contain harmful volatile solvents.
- 3.2.4.2 A racket control centre shall be established at all ITTF World Title, Olympic and Paralympic competitions as well as at a select number of ITTF Pro Tour and Junior Circuit competitions and may be established at Continental and Regional competitions.
- 3.2.4.2.1 The racket control centre shall test rackets, according to the policy and procedure established by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Equipment Committee and Umpires and Referees Committee, to ensure that rackets abide by all ITTF regulations including, but not limited to, racket covering thickness, flatness and presence of harmful volatile substances (effective 1 April 2012).
- 3.2.4.2.2 The racket control test shall be carried out after the match at random only where the player does not submit the racket for a before match test, but from the quarter finals on, racket control tests should be carried out before all the matches of individual events and the selected individual matches in all team matches (effective 1 September 2012).
- 3.2.4.2.3 Rackets that do not pass the racket control test before the match cannot be used but may be replaced by a second racket which will be tested after the match; in the case where rackets do not pass a random racket control test after the match, the offending player will be liable to penalties (effective 1 September 2012).
- 3.2.4.2.4 All players are entitled to have their rackets tested voluntarily without any penalties before the match.
- 3.2.4.3 Following 4 accumulated failures on any aspect of racket testing in a period of four years, the player may complete the event, but subsequently the Executive Committee will suspend the offending player for 12 months. (effective 1 April 2012)
- 3.2.4.3.1 The ITTF shall inform the suspended player in writing of such suspension.

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3.2.4.3.2 The suspended player may appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 21 days of the receiving of the letter of suspension; should such an appeal be submitted, the player's suspension would remain in force.

3.2.4.4 The ITTF shall maintain a register of all racket control failures with effect from 1 September 2010.

3.2.4.5 A properly ventilated area shall be provided for the attachment of racket coverings to rackets, and liquid adhesives shall not be used anywhere else at the playing venue.

"Playing venue" means that part of the building used for table tennis and its related activities, facilities and public area (effective 1 July 2012).

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