

ITTF Authorised List of Racket Coverings LARC 2018B

This revised list is effective 1 October 2018 and is applicable in The Sheffield Table Tennis League.

Will all players please note that it is their right to inspect the bat coverings of opponents before the commencement of play. Equally, if they believe the bat being inspected does not comply with the ITTF standard, they should report their concerns to a member of the STTL Technical Sub-Committee.

To minimise any possible misunderstanding the coverings must meet the following criteria;

1. The supplier and brand name as well as the ITTF logo and eventually the ITTF number should be clearly visible on the rubber. N.B. Currently most, but not all, approved rubber indicate the ITTF number.
2. They must appear on the current ITTF list which is published twice annually in April and October.
3. The moulded image should match that shown on ITTF.com.

Further to the above, although the rubber under inspection may comply with these criteria it is unavoidable that through ageing, use, cleaning and storage, rubber deteriorates. If this deterioration results in a material change e.g. its appearance and/or performance then this may also render the rubber illegal.

For example:

1. Both rubbers must be MATT (non reflective) finish.
2. The colour red must be BRIGHT RED.
3. The rubber surfaces must be uniform in colour.
4. The rubber surfaces must be uniformly flat.

Most, if not all the above, will be issues if the rubber is perishing!

Finally, bat inspection is standard procedure at all tournaments so, if your opponent asks to inspect your bat there is no reason to take offence, neither should you do so should if in their opinion the rubber is in some way illegal - The STTL will adjudicate.