

Rubber Cleaners - I'm not sure where we are going to stand with regard to rubber cleaners such as Spinmax or the more standard sprays and foams. Do they simply clean the surface, or do they chemically modify it? They certainly change the friction in doing so, but it could be argued that they are simply undoing the effect of built up dirt and grease on the rubber surface. No mention about this at all from the ITTF - so your guess is as good as mine as to whether they will stay legal or not.

Greg Letts, http://tabletennis.about.com/od/speedglue/a/ban_speedglue.htm

USATT updates on any cleaners, boosters and VOC glues*

ITTF recommendation is to not alter the paddle's factory characteristics. So any chemicals/glue, solutions that will improve the friction, speed or any characteristics are seen as illegal. This is what ITTF instructions are and ITTF refuses to recommend any glue or cleaner or even approve any of them. I know it is confusing for players and coaches but this is all I can advise for now.

Regarding Spinmax I can not tell you if you can use or not, since USATT and ITTF do not test or approves any cleaners or glue. If you used the Spinmax last time more than 2 weeks ago it should be OK, you don't need to change the rubbers since the VOC if there is any, existing in the Spinmax would be evaporated.

My personal advice is to use water if you want to clean the rubbers' surface.

However no player can be asked to replace the paddle unless the paddle was tested with e-nez device and the racket failed the test.

The Wassing company (E-nez manufacturer) made a new device called ELIZE and will be out on the market sometimes this year. One e-nez costs around \$300 but the company was going to sign a dealership agreement with Newgy for North America. I don't know what the stage of the agreement is now.

Newgy has a few e-nez devices and my understanding is they are willing to rent them to TD during tournaments. USATT has only 2 devices and we can not rent or borrow because we have to keep them safe for Nationals and US Open.

Also attached is a letter to all players sent by ITTF Equipment Committee explaining the players' responsibility regarding racket control: <http://docs.google.com/gview?a=v&attid=0.2&thid=11ff5eee1acc0405&mt=application%2Fpdf>

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Here are some information:

USATT Memo

<http://www.usatt.org/news1/USATTRefMemo08-5RacketControl.pdf>

Authorized Racket Coverings April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009

http://www.ittf.com/ittf_equipment/pdf/Racket_list_no_29.pdf

http://www.ittf.com/front_page/ittf1.asp?category=rubber

Authorized Racket Coverings October 15, 2008 – June 30, 2009

http://www.ittf.com/ittf_equipment/pdf/Rubber_List.pdf

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