



Board of Directors Email Vote – October 23, 2013

At the request of USATT Chair Mike Babuin, the following proposed changes to the USATT Rules were submitted to the Board for approval on October 22, 2013. Voting was to close on October 29, 2013; however, the entire Board submitted their votes by October 23, 2013, marking the close of voting. In the proposal, items ***bolded and italicized*** are additions/changes, and items crossed out are items being deleted. (The formatting is for the convenience of the reader. Successful proposals shall be incorporated into the USATT Rules without the convenience formatting.)

To amend 2.2.4:

2.2.4 The bottom of the net, along its whole length, shall be as close as possible to the playing surface and the ends of the net shall be ~~as close as possible~~ ***attached*** to the supporting posts ***from top to bottom***.

PASSED: 8-0-0-0

In Favor: Mike Babuin, Anne Cribbs, Jim Kahler, Kagin Lee, Ed Levy, Attila Malek, Peter Scudner, Han Xiao

Opposed: n/a

Abstaining: n/a

Not Voting: n/a

To modify 2.8.3:

2.8.3 ***In doubles, when at least one player of a pair is in a wheelchair due to a physical disability***, the server shall first make a service, the receiver shall then make a return, but thereafter either player of that pair may make returns. However no part of a player's wheelchair ***nor a foot of a standing player of this pair*** shall protrude beyond the imaginary extension of the centre line of the table. If it does, the umpire shall award the point to the opposing pair.

PASSED: 6-2-0-0

In Favor: Mike Babuin, Anne Cribbs, Jim Kahler, Kagin Lee, Peter Scudner, Han Xiao

Opposed: Ed Levy, Attila Malek

Abstaining: n/a

Not Voting: n/a

To modify 3.2.5:

3.2.5 Advertisements and *markings*

3.2.5.1 Inside the playing area, advertisements shall be displayed only on equipment or fittings listed in 3.2.3.2 and there shall be no special additional display.

3.2.5.1.1 ***Advertisements or markings in or next to the playing area shall not be for tobacco goods, alcoholic drinks or harmful drugs, and they shall be without negative discrimination or connotation on the grounds of race, xenophobia, gender, religion, disabilities or other forms of discrimination.***

3.2.5.3 With the exception of LED (light-emitting diodes), advertisements on ***the surrounds of the sides of the playing area***, fluorescent, luminescent ***or glossy*** colors shall not be used anywhere in the playing area, ***and the background color of the surrounds shall remain dark (3.2.3.3).***

3.2.5.3.1 ~~LED Advertisements on surrounds shall not move at any other time than before the start and after the end of a match and during authorised intervals (3.4.4.)~~ ***change during the match from dark to light background and vice versa.***

3.2.5.3.2 LEDs on surrounds shall not be so bright as to disturb players during the match and shall not change when the ball is in play.

3.2.5.3.3 LED advertisements shall not be used without prior approval from ITTF.

3.2.5.4 Lettering or symbols on the inside of surrounds shall be clearly different from the color of the ball in use, not more than two colors and shall be contained within a height of 40cm; it is recommended that they be in a slightly darker or slightly lighter shade of the background color.

3.2.5.5 Markings on flooring shall be clearly different from the color of the ball in use; ~~it is recommended that they be in slightly darker or slightly lighter shade of the background color (effective 1 July 2012).~~

3.2.5.8 Advertisements on nets shall be ~~in a slightly darker or slightly lighter shade of the background color,~~ ***clearly different from the color of the ball in use***, shall not be within 3cm of the tape along the top edge and shall not obscure visibility through the mesh.

PASSED: 8-0-0-0

In Favor: Mike Babuin, Anne Cribbs, Jim Kahler, Kagin Lee, Ed Levy, Attila Malek, Peter Scudner, Han Xiao

Opposed: n/a

Abstaining: n/a

Not Voting: n/a

To amend 3.2.5.6:

3.2.5.6 There may be up to 4 advertisements on the floor of the playing area, 1 at each end, ***each contained within an area of 5m²***, and 1 at each side of the table, each contained within an area of 2.5m²; they shall not be less than 1m from the surrounds and those at the ends shall not be more than 2m from the surrounds.

PASSED: 8-0-0-0

In Favor: Mike Babuin, Anne Cribbs, Jim Kahler, Kagin Lee, Ed Levy, Attila Malek, Peter Scudner, Han Xiao

Opposed: n/a

Abstaining: n/a

Not Voting: n/a

To modify 3.3.2.5.2:

3.3.2.5.2 [Either the umpire or the assistant umpire may] decide that, in an otherwise correct service, the ball touches the net assembly ~~while passing over or around it;~~

PASSED: 8-0-0-0

In Favor: Mike Babuin, Anne Cribbs, Jim Kahler, Kagin Lee, Ed Levy, Attila Malek, Peter Scudner, Han Xiao

Opposed: n/a

Abstaining: n/a

Not Voting: n/a

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary