



## EQUIPMENT APPROVAL PROCESS

Anyone seeking to have a platform tennis paddle or ball approved by the APTA for use in APTA-sanctioned events and leagues must follow the process outlined below.

1. Email an introductory letter to the APTA Executive Director, Ann Sheedy. [ann.sheedy@platformtennis.org](mailto:ann.sheedy@platformtennis.org)
2. Send a photo and specifications of the paddle to the Chair of the Rules Committee. Send a prototype along with the basic manufacturer specifications and details of the submitted equipment to NTS. Ann will provide contact and necessary information.
3. If balls are to be tested, send a photo and specifications to the Chair of the Rules Committee and four balls to NTS along with the manufacturer specifications.
4. Testing and reporting of results may take up to 4-6 weeks and we advise that this time frame be built into product launch planning.
5. Depending on the test results, the APTA Rules Committee will make a final approval decision.

We do not return paddles or balls submitted for testing. We cannot guarantee non-destructive testing by NTS and need to keep copies of the paddles for possible future reference.

The cost of testing a paddle is \$300. The cost of testing the balls is \$400.

We require your submission to exhibit final graphics (manufacturer's name and model name must be on the face), including the APTA-licensed logo or text.

Manufacturers are required to have paddles tested and approved when any of the following conditions exist:

1. A new paddle is being introduced.
2. A previously approved paddle has any of the following: a name change; a change in components; a weight change; a change in hole configuration; or a change in the core.
3. Previously approved paddles being introduced with only a graphic design change need only be submitted for graphic approval from the Rules Committee. Full testing is not required.