



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
- 2) Send a photo and specifications of the paddle to the Chair of Rules Committee. Ann will supply contact information. Send a prototype along with the basic manufacturer specifications and details of the submitted equipment to Element Space & Defense. Ann will provide the information.
- 3) If balls are to be tested, send a photo and specifications to the Chair of the Rules Committee and 4 balls to Element 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 Element and we 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 change in components, 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.