

**2024 APTA BOARD COMMITTEE
RULES COMMITTEE**

MISSION STATEMENT

To oversee any changes and updates needed for the betterment of platform tennis while keeping the foundation and integrity of the sport, yet also moving the game into a positive future. Any suggested changes can be brought to the committee at any time and will be discussed thoroughly. The committee will also oversee equipment and ball standards.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The committee is always open to questions from various APTA members throughout the year. We make every effort to answer the questions we can, and for those that require further discussion, we engage in thorough deliberation. This year, based on these discussions, we made slight changes to the wording on Rules 17b, 6g, and 9b.

The committee continues to discuss changing the lob rule. The Boston and Baltimore leagues both tested a new rule: A lob that bounces in the court and then out of the court would be a winner for the team hitting the lob.

The equipment testing process is working very well. We are reviewing graphics and facilitating the testing process with NTS. So far, we have had 4 balls and 14 paddles approved.

Submitted by Ben McKnight
Rules Committee Chair