

Procedures for the approval of plastic balls

New plastic balls (never approved before, under any brand name):

- Should be tested following the normal procedure (steps described in the "Ball Approval Form").

Plastic balls already approved under another brand name:

Plastic balls already approved under another brand name can be approved, following the simplified procedure below:

1. Submission of the below:

By e-mail at equipment@ittf.com:

- "Ball Approval Form", both sheets should be filled in
- Design of the stamp, with dimensions clearly indicated
- Design of the package

After the above mentioned documents are received and confirmed we will ask you to send by post or courier, to one of our offices, the following:

- Sample of one package, with the balls as they will be sold on the market
- Original copy of the "Manufacturer Guarantee"

2. Provided that the original brand (of your manufacturer) has passed the tests and it's fully approved, you can request the time you want the approval of your brand's balls to become effective.

3. Provided that all the required documents and samples are submitted, we will invoice the approval fee.

4. As soon the approval fee is paid, we will immediately add the balls on the list of ITTF Approved Balls.

Important note:

The ITTF will carry the usual 2-year three round random testing for all ITTF Approved balls, for all brands and independently to the sameness of balls. The first round of the random testing for all new plastic balls will start soon after the approval of balls, no matter when the balls enter the list of ITTF Approved Balls. According to the current procedure, any ball brand that fails the three round random testing will be suspended from the list of ITTF Approved Balls, without further notice.

For balls, initially approved under the condition of sameness with an already ITTF Approved Ball, the only reference for maintaining the ITTF approval will be ITTF random testing, which should meet the T3 requirements. The testing of the original brand will have nothing to do with the testing of same balls, approved under a different brand name, and vice versa ie. if one pass and the other fail, there will be no connection to the two tests. In case major deviances are observed, from the original manufacturers' test, the ITTF will proceed in further testing, to confirm sameness of the balls.

The ITTF has no responsibility in case of a dispute between suppliers and manufacturers, for any reason; including quality, failure of the ITTF random testing etc, and will not give to suppliers any testing reports from other manufacturers and suppliers' balls. In case the ITTF discovers that there is a false claim of sameness, the ITTF has the right to suspend both the ball manufacturer and supplier.