

RACKET CONTROL ANNOUNCEMENT

As decided and approved by the ITTF's Executive Committee, based on the recommendation of the ITTF's Equipment Committee, the following Racket Control policy is in effect as of **7 October 2009**.

1. The "Mini-RAE Lite ®" device is the official ITTF device to be used for the detection of VOCs by Racket Controllers at all ITTF events.
2. The "Mini-RAE Lite ®" device is developed by R.A.E. Systems (USA) a multinational company with headquarters in the USA, and representatives worldwide, that specializes in chemical and radiation detection.
3. R.A.E and all its devices are certified at the highest level internationally.
4. The "Mini-RAE Lite ®" device will be calibrated before and after each ITTF event by R.A.E. Systems in Spain.
5. The "Mini-RAE Lite ®" device will show a digital reading measurement visible to the Racket Controller and to the player.
6. The threshold (tolerance level) from 7 October 2009 to 31 August 2010 is set at a reading of four (4) measured with the "Mini-RAE Lite ®" according to the testing conditions described in the Technical Leaflet T9. A second "Mini-RAE Lite ®" device will always be available as a back up.
7. The threshold will be gradually decreased on an annual basis.
8. On 1 September 2010 the VOC threshold will be decreased to 3 ppm.
9. On 1 September 2011 the VOC threshold will be decreased to 2 ppm.
10. All current rules, procedures, methods, Referee's authority, and sanctions remain the same. The only change is the use of the "Mini-RAE Lite ®" device as the official VOC testing device for the ITTF, and establishing a gradual reduction of the accepted VOC threshold.
11. The Women's World Cup held in early October is the first ITTF event at which this policy was implemented.

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