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**2012 Rule Change Summary  
Table Tennis**

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	<p><b>SECTION B – FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT</b></p> <p><b>4. Racket</b></p> <p>j. The racket covering shall be used without any physical, chemical or other treatment.</p>
<p><b>SECTION C — RULES OF COMPETITION</b></p> <p>1. Basic Rules for Singles and Doubles</p> <p>h. A Good Service</p> <p>1) Service shall begin with the ball resting on the palm of the free hand, which shall be stationary, open and flat, with the fingers together and the thumb free.</p>	<p><b>SECTION C — RULES OF COMPETITION</b></p> <p>1. Basic Rules for Singles and Doubles</p> <p>h. A Good Service</p> <p>1) Service shall start with the ball resting freely on the open palm of the server's stationary free hand.</p>
<p><b>SECTION C — RULES OF COMPETITION</b></p> <p>1. Basic Rules for Singles and Doubles</p> <p>h. A Good Service</p> <p>7) When the ball is struck in service, it shall be behind the end line of the server's court or an imaginary extension thereof, but not farther back than the part of the server's body, other than his/her arm, head or leg, which is farthest from the net.</p>	<p><b>SECTION C — RULES OF COMPETITION</b></p> <p>1. Basic Rules for Singles and Doubles</p> <p>h. A Good Service</p> <p>7) As soon as the ball has been projected, the server's free arm and hand shall be removed from the space between the ball and the net. The space between the ball and the net is defined by the ball, the net and its indefinite upward extension.</p>

**NOTE:** For full detail of Proposed Rule Changes (Accepted and Denied) please contact your Regional Sport Director. This list does not indicate those proposed changes that were not adopted by the Sports Rules Advisory Committee in 2012.