

MBLL Manitoba Open Equipment Rules



1.1 BLADE

It shall be comprised solely of rigid wood (no carbon or other non-wood plies). The handle may incorporate decorative non-wood inserts or inlays. If two hitting surfaces are used, both surfaces must be identical, and the composition of the blade must be internally symmetrical with respect to each surface. That is, it shouldn't matter which surface is used to hit the ball... they both must be identical.

1.2 RACKET COVERING

Each playing surface must be covered with a racket covering explicitly listed on the current Approved Hardbat Racket Coverings list on appendix A. If two sides of the blade are playing surfaces, then it is prohibited to use different Racket Coverings on the playing surfaces. In other words, "combination" rackets are prohibited.

An unused non-playing surface must have either an identical covering as the playing side, or sandpaper, or it may have no covering (bare wood), or it may be covered with a "paint sheet". Paint sheets are thin self-adhesive sheets typically used to cover the backside of a penhold blade. An unused non-playing surface may not be covered with any rubber incorporating sponge, nor may it be covered with medium-pips or long-pips rubber. A player who uses a non-playing surface to return a ball during a point, loses the point.

All racket coverings must be non-reflecting, but otherwise can be any color except white, orange, or yellow. The two sides may be the same or different colors.

1.3 GLUE

Rubber must be affixed to the paddle with a thin-drying standard glue that adds no perceptible effect to the paddle, or with a glue sheet. Typical rubber cements or wood glues are acceptable. Thick-drying flexible glues such as silicon glues that could provide a springy base are not allowed. Glue sheets are allowable (instead of glue) so long as they provide no perceivable thickness or springiness to the surface.

1.4 PRE-ASSEMBLED HARDBAT RACKET

A "pre-assembled" hardbat racket is defined as a mass-produced, typically inexpensive prepackaged racket with an all wood blade and factory-covered with the same pimped rubber on both sides and no sponge. A player may use a pre-assembled racket at the discretion of the tournament organizer. This situation is intended primarily for local hardbat events, and would typically occur if the tournament organizer wishes to provide rackets for players new to hardbat that don't have their own rackets.

Appendix A

List of authorized rubbers:

- Leyland ("Hock" rubber)
- Air Classique
- Andro Classic
- Butterfly Orthodox
- Dunlop Barna Original
- Friendship RITC "Dr Evil"
- Gambler Peace Keeper OX
- ATP Reisman, ATP "Leland Era"
- Valor Premier
- TSP Millitall
- Yasaka A-1-2, A-1, or A2
- Yasaka Cobalt

Website of authorized rubbers: <https://www.hardbat.com/hbCoverings.html>

Some recommended places to buy pre-assembly hard bats:

- <https://www.pingpongdepot.com/donic-schildkrot-appelgren-level-100-racket-st/>
- <https://www.canadiantire.ca/en/pdp/eastpoint-2-player-table-tennis-ping-pong-set-w-paddles-rackets-balls-5-pc-0843610p.0843610.html?rq=ping+pong+racket#srp>