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2010 College Table Tennis National Championships

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NEW RACKET CONTROL RULES, NO SWEAT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETES

Thursday evening saw dozens of elite athletes at the playing venue for the practice session at the 2010 College Table Tennis National Championships. Additionally, a great deal of attention was focused on the Racket Control booth manned by umpire Roger Dickson from Newgy Industries.

According to Dickson, about 80 players presented their rackets for voluntary racket testing, with lines wrapping entirely around the Court 1 bleachers. With rules governing the rubber surfaces and VOC content of the racket, plus random racket testing during the Championships, everyone wanted to take initiative and bring a legal racket to their matches.

Rackets were inspected for damage or other illegalities of the rubber surface. Roger says the main culprits were rubber sheets overlapping the edges of the blade in excess of the 2mm limit, plus rubber sheets thicker than the 4mm limits. Scissors and peeling of glue residue easily solved these problems, although there were even brand new sheets of rubber that failed the 4mm thickness limit!

Roger also came armed with four \$400 ENEZ machines to test rackets for VOC content. Professionalism at the NCTTA Championships is second to none; this is serious business!

With racket testing out of the way, these top-level athletes could refocus on the competition ahead and be confident that all the matches would be decided out on the tables.

Spectators can enjoy a weekend full of outstanding table tennis at the 2010 College Table Tennis Championships which starts Friday April 9th and continues to Sunday April 11th at the Center Sports Complex in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

About NCTTA

The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) is a non-profit organization established exclusively for promoting the sport of table tennis at the college level. As the national governing body for college table tennis in the United States and Canada, NCTTA organizes intercollegiate competition throughout North America. **www.nctta.org**

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