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USA Pickleball Paddle Standards 2026: Size, Power, Spin & Approval Guide

Independent OEM buyer checklist · 2026 edition

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1. Source and timing check

- [ ] Open the official manual from USA Pickleball, not a third-party mirror.
- [ ] Record the manual revision and the date the official notices were checked.
- [ ] Confirm which requirements apply on the planned certification submission date.

2. Product specification check

- [ ] Overall length ≤17 in; length + width ≤24 in, including edge guard and butt cap.
- [ ] Finished thickness, weight range and balance point are documented even though no rule maximum is published.
- [ ] Brand and unique model designation match the intended submission sample.

3. Performance and construction check

- [ ] PBCoR evidence is model-specific and compared with the current published 0.43 ceiling.
- [ ] For submissions from Oct. 1, 2026, measured spin is ≤2,100 RPM.
- [ ] Surface, reflectivity, prohibited-feature and alteration requirements have been reviewed.
- [ ] Face, core, adhesive, layup and cure are frozen to an approved golden sample.

4. Approval and production check

- [ ] The exact model appears as Pass in the live Approved Paddle List before approval claims are printed.
- [ ] Each production lot is traceable and kept consistent with the certified construction.
- [ ] Material, supplier, tooling or process changes trigger written review and re-evaluation when needed.

Checked July 26, 2026. Always verify the latest official sources: Equipment Standards Manual, Approved Equipment database, and 2026 Spin Rate Test update.

Supplier / factory

Brand and model

Submission target date

Reviewer and date

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