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**FISTF Equipment Homologation
Guide**



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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This FISTF Equipment Homologation Guide describes the process required to homologate equipment used to play Table Football using current FISTF Sport Rules.
- 1.2. The intended audience for this guide is a subject (person or company) that wants to produce, on industrial scale, Table Football equipment that can be used in FISTF official tournaments.
- 1.3. Contents include terms and condition for successful homologation, a description of the full homologation process from the point of view of the applicant, and a list of equipment modification requirements. A sample of the FISTF Approved Equipment logo is also included.



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2. Rules of Construction

- 2.1. The provisions of this guide apply to an applicant in the conduct of any activity related to obtain Table Football equipment homologation from FISTF.
- 2.2. Any equipment homologation case not provided for in this guide shall be referred to FISTF Sports Department, which shall issue a final, binding and conclusive ruling on the case.
- 2.3. In the event of any controversy, dispute or claim arising out of or relating to equipment homologation, or to the interpretation, breach, or enforcement thereof, the parties shall in good faith use best efforts to settle such controversy, dispute or claim by negotiation. If such negotiation should fail, such controversy, dispute or claim shall be submitted to the FISTF Sports Department, which shall issue a final, binding and conclusive ruling on all interested parties.



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3. Scope of Equipment Homologation

- 3.1. FISTF requires players to use only homologated Table Football playing equipment during all official International or National Tournaments, Championships and Friendly events.
- 3.2. The homologation process verifies compliance of Table Football playing equipment to the current **FISTF Rules of Table Football**, releasing to the equipment producer (the "Manufacturer") an official acceptance to sell and advertise his equipment as FISTF approved.
- 3.3. Homologated equipment from each Manufacturer is listed in the **FISTF Homologation Handbook** available from FISTF Sports Department.



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4. Terms & Conditions for Equipment Homologation

- 4.1. Table Football playing equipment can be successfully homologated only if is industrially produced and distributed by a Manufacturer in sufficient quantity to supply any required order. In any case, a custom build or modified equipment cannot be accepted for homologation.
- 4.2. Manufacturer is allowed to sell homologated equipment with further customization made only for aesthetic reasons (i.e. figure painting, application of stickers, etc.) that however does not modify, in any way, measures and playing characteristics of the original homologated equipment.
- 4.3. To obtain homologation for its Table Football playing equipment, the Manufacturer has to be in order with terms and conditions required by FISTF Marketing Department for equipment homologation and pass the homologation test process required by FISTF Sports Department.
- 4.4. Homologation is mandatory for the following playing equipment:
 - Goals
 - Goalkeepers
 - Bases
 - Playing Figures
 - Pitches
 - Balls
- 4.5. A Manufacturer can homologate the following equipment types:
 - a) A **product**.
 - b) A **part** that can be assembled into a product.
- 4.6. The following equipment items are considered as products:
 - Complete goals (frame, net and fixing parts).
 - Complete goalkeepers (figure, rod and handle).
 - Complete bases (base, disk/rings)
 - Playing Figures
 - Pitches
 - Balls
- 4.7. The following equipment items are considered as parts:
 - A base disk.
 - A part of a multipart base (lower plate or ring)
 - A part of a goal (frame or net or fixing part).
 - A part of a goalkeeper (figure or rod or handle).
- 4.8. While disks and rings of multipart bases are not specifically measured for homologation, is mandatory that the Manufacturer includes them in the homologation request to check base measures when fully assembled.
- 4.9. A Manufacturer that produces both playing figures and bases may ask for a specific homologation of the fully assembled playing figure (i.e. assembled base with playing figure inserted) as compliant to current FISTF Sport Rules measures.
- 4.10. A Manufacturer that produces pitches, goals and playing tables may ask for a specific homologation of the fully assembled playing table with pitch and goals as compliant to



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current FISTF Sport Rules measures. In any case, NO homologation can be requested for the playing table (or its parts) alone.

- 4.11. NO homologation can be requested for base weights/washers (if supplied by the Manufacturer).
- 4.12. A Manufacturer can homologate the following combinations:
 - a) **A product.**
 - b) **A product and one or more parts.**
 - c) **One or more parts only.**
- 4.13. An equipment item is homologated only if its shape and measures are compliant to the *Part III Equipment Regulations* specifications of the current *FISTF Rules of Table Football*.
- 4.14. FISTF reserves the right to choose not to grant homologation to an equipment item, if is made of harmful or dangerous parts.
- 4.15. In case of any equipment part required to “symbolize a human body” (i.e. a figure), FISTF reserves the right to choose not to grant homologation if the shape of the figure is, for any reason, deliberately and heavily departed from the natural human form. “Historically” shaped figures reproductions, as Sports Figures, are however accepted.



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5. Equipment Homologation Procedure

- 5.1. To obtain homologation for its equipment, the Manufacturer is required to complete the following sequence of steps:
 1. Send an initial homologation request to FISTF.
 2. Accept FISTF homologation agreement.
 3. Send Homologation Form to FISTF.
 4. Send Specimen Kit to FISTF.
 5. Wait for official homologation response from FISTF Sports Department.
 6. Send approval documentation to FISTF Marketing Department.
- 5.2. A Manufacturer that is familiar with the homologation procedure and have already accepted the marketing agreement can start directly from step 3, sending the equipment Homologation Form.

5.3. Step 1: Initial equipment homologation request

- 5.3.1. The first step is to send an email request for homologation to FISTF Sports Department to ask for FISTF homologation of its equipment.
- 5.3.2. Sports Department shall evaluate the request as applicable and answer the applicant about the next process steps.
- 5.3.3. Sports Department shall also request the Manufacturer to contact FISTF Marketing Department for a homologation agreement, if not already done.

5.4. Step 2: Homologation marketing agreement

- 5.4.1. The next step is to contact FISTF Marketing Department to accept the agreement with FISTF for the homologation process.
- 5.4.2. The Manufacturer is required to agree with terms and conditions requested by FISTF Marketing Department for equipment homologation, including due fees.

5.5. Step 3: Equipment homologation form

- 5.5.1. The next step is to submit the **FISTF Product Homologation Form** to FISTF Sports Department.
- 5.5.2. The FISTF Product Homologation Form describes in detail the equipment to be homologated. Two different type of forms are allowed, depending on whether or not the product/part it's been already homologated:
 - **Form F30** for new product/part homologation.
 - **Form F26** for updated product/part homologation.
- 5.5.3. The latest versions of the FISTF Product Homologation Forms are available from FISTF Sports Department.
- 5.5.4. One or more forms can be submitted, depending on the number and type of items to be homologated. Each form must be filled with the requested data and include all required measures, photographs and description of product and/or parts. If needed, the applicant shall add more pages to the form to describe the product/part in detail. Only fully compiled and signed forms shall be accepted.



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- 5.5.5. FISTF Sport Department shall verify form contents and inform the Manufacturer about the need of modification and/or integrations to its contents.
- 5.5.6. After successful form verification, FISTF Sport Department shall inform the Manufacturer about the exact list of samples to be submitted for homologation, called **Specimen Kit**.
- 5.5.7. The Specimen Kit is a set containing a real sample for each product/part to homologate.
- 5.5.8. FISTF Sport Department shall inform the Manufacturer about the Specimen Kit shipping address. To avoid missing required samples, shipping of the Specimen kit should be postponed until the form checking stage is completed with success.
- 5.5.9. During this stage, the Sports Department shall also verify the Manufacturer compliance with terms and conditions of its equipment homologation agreement with FISTF Marketing Department.
- 5.5.10. FISTF Sports Department reserves the right to choose not to grant homologation at the form checking stage, if the described equipment product already appears as not acceptable.

5.6. Step 4: Equipment Specimen Kit

- 5.6.1. The next step is to send the complete Specimen Kit to FISTF Sports Department at the specified address. Shipping costs are charged to the Manufacturer (insurance shipping is advisable).
- 5.6.2. To be acceptable by FISTF Sports Department is mandatory for each sample in the Specimen Kit to be compliant to the description in the Homologation Form and identical to the real production equipment.
- 5.6.3. In case of a homologation request being composed of more than one form, the Manufacturer shall include all the requested samples in a single Specimen Kit.
- 5.6.4. Products in the Specimen Kit shall be delivered fully assembled. No unassembled product shall be accepted for homologation, except in cases where the product is sold by the Manufacturer as separate parts to be assembled directly by the buyer (e.g. bases and disks).
- 5.6.5. In case of a Manufacturer producing a part useable only when assembled with other part(s) from other Manufacturer(s), the unassembled part shall be accepted for homologation, but the Manufacturer can be required to include in the Specimen Kit all the parts required to assemble it in a workable state, if these parts are not already available to FISTF Sports Department.
- 5.6.6. For unassembled products requiring specific or non-trivial assembly, is mandatory for the Manufacturer to include detailed instructions in the Specimen Kit.
- 5.6.7. To obtain homologation for a product/part made in various materials (PVC, metal, POM, Plexiglass, Carbon, etc.), the Manufacturer is allowed to submit a sample made in any of the available materials. The Manufacturer can, however, request a specific homologation for each different material.
- 5.6.8. The Manufacturer is required to guarantee that product/parts made in various materials retain the same measures for each untested material. Homologation can be revoked for an untested specific material, if subsequently found to be not compliant with required measures.



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5.6.9. Examples of required samples for a Specimen Kit:

Example A: A goalkeeper is available with two kind of handles (tail and cylinder), two types of figure finish (bare metal and with rubber paint coating) and two rod types (carbon and metal). The Manufacturer is requested to send a Specimen Kit that includes: 1) a fully assembled goalkeeper with metal figure, metal or carbon rod and a tail handle, 2) a cylinder handle and 3) a rubber coated figure.

Example B: A base is available in two materials (PVC and Plexiglass) and with two types of disks of different heights (A and B). The Manufacturer is requested to send a Specimen Kit that includes: 1) a PVC or Plexiglass base, 2) a disk of height A and 3) a disk of height B.

Example C: A playing figure is available with three different molding details (Caucasian, African, Vintage). The Manufacturer is requested to send a Specimen Kit that includes: 1) a Caucasian figure, 2) an African figure, 3) a Vintage figure.

5.7. Step 5: Equipment samples test

- 5.7.1. At the next step, FISTF Sports Department, after Specimen Kit acceptation, executes the homologation tests suite on the samples included in the kit.
- 5.7.2. To be homologated, each sample has to be compliant to the *Part III Equipment Regulations* specifications of the current *FISTF Rules of Table Football*. A minor deviation from listed values, due to production tolerances, is considered as acceptable.
- 5.7.3. For each sample submitted for homologation in the Specimen Kit, two cases are possible:
 - a) Sample passes all tests.
 - b) Sample does not pass one or more tests.
- 5.7.4. In case a sample passes all tests, homologation is approved for that product/part.
- 5.7.5. In case of a sample failing to pass one or more tests, the Manufacturer receives a report about failed test results. The Manufacturer can then apply the required improvements and send (charging shipping costs) the new sample for a test retry. At most, two improvement retries are allowed, after that the product/item is definitely rejected as "not compliant".
- 5.7.6. When homologation tests, including possible retries, are completed for all samples included in the Specimen Kit, FISTF Sports Department shall send an official homologation response to the Manufacturer, listing the approved equipment or, in case of reject, the reasons of rejecting.
- 5.7.7. In case of approved equipment, the official homologation response shall include a **Certificate of Approval** and an image file with the **FISTF Approved Equipment Logo** (see Appendix A). The FISTF Approved Equipment logo can be stamped, printed or carved by the Manufacturer on the product/part itself or on its package, as proof of homologation. However, the presence of the logo is not mandatory if the product/part is already listed as approved in the **FISTF Homologation Handbook**.
- 5.7.8. In case of equipment successful homologation, FISTF Sports Department shall send to FISTF Marketing Department both the original Homologation Form(s) and the Certificate of Approval.
- 5.7.9. FISTF Sports Department shall add the new homologated equipment to the **FISTF Homologation Handbook** Manufacturer's page for reference purposes. The updated FISTF Homologation Handbook shall be sent to FISTF Marketing Department and made available from FISTF.

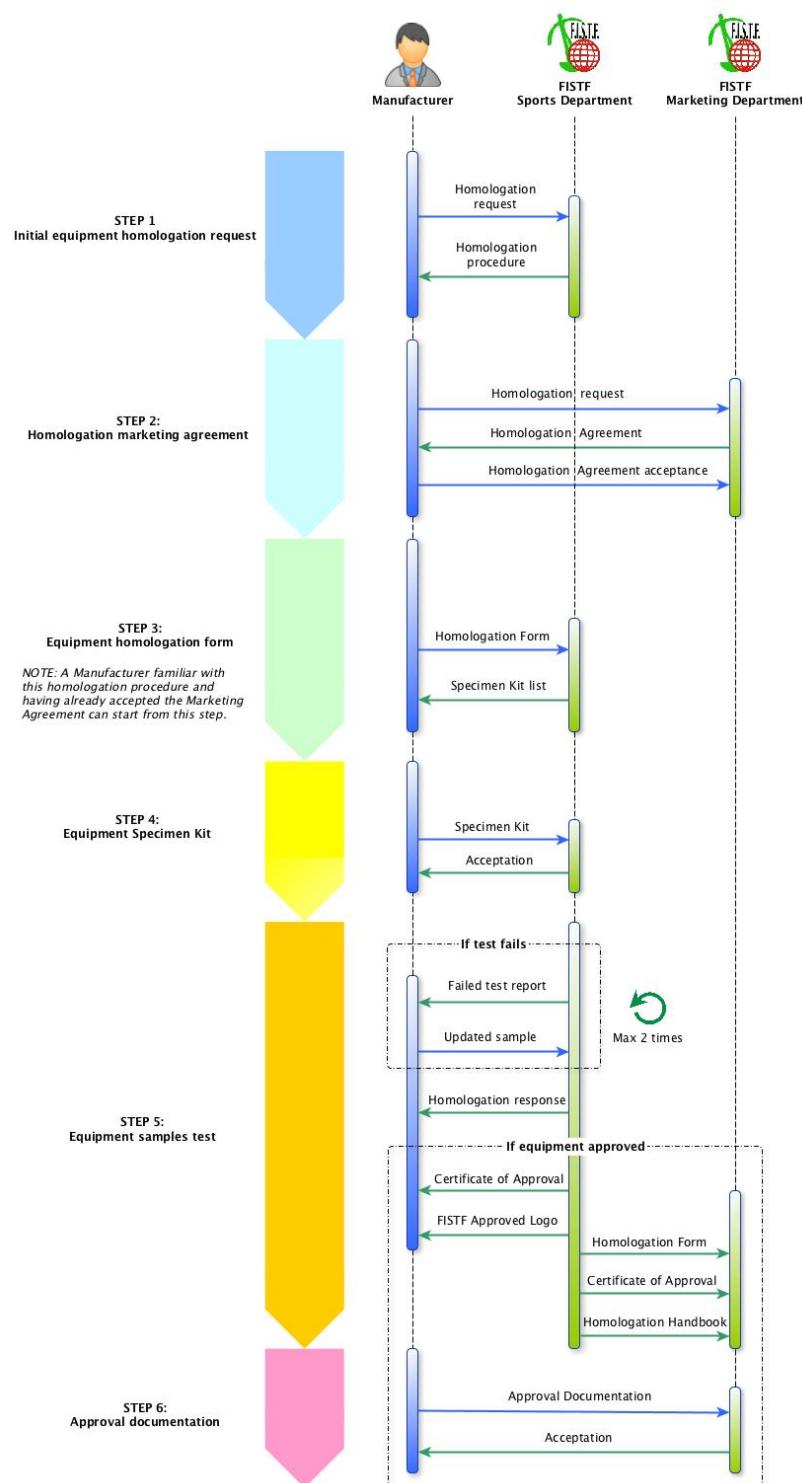


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5.7.10. The Manufacturer is required to archive the obtained Certificate of Approval for any possible further check during equipment lifetime.

5.8. Step 6: Archival and recording

- 5.8.1. In this last step, required only in case of equipment homologation approval, is requested to the Manufacturer to send the approval documentation and samples to the FISTF Marketing Department for reference and archiving. In any case, this step does not condition the already terminated homologation phase, meaning that the approved equipment can be sold by the Manufacturer and used by players in FISTF tournament even before the step is started or completed.
- 5.8.2. The Manufacturer shall send (charging shipping costs) the following items to FISTF Marketing Department as approval documentation:
 - **Approved Specimen Kit** containing only approved products/parts.
 - **Photo files**, in JPEG format, documenting each approved product/part.
- 5.8.3. After sending acceptance of the received documentation, FISTF Marketing Department shall archive the new homologated equipment for reference purposes.

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6. Equipment Homologation Procedure Flowchart

HOW TO READ THIS FLOWCHART

The flowchart is an overview of the equipment homologation procedure described in Chapter 5.

The flowchart is read top-down. For each step, a series of items are exchanged between:

- Manufacturer
- FISTF Sports Department
- FISTF Marketing Department

Blue arrows → are items sent by the Manufacturer.

Green arrows → are items sent by FISTF Departments.

Dashed rectangles [] are optional events that can happen or not. If the event on top of rectangle happens, then the items inside the rectangle are sent, otherwise not.

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- 7.1. The modifications listed in the following table shall require a new homologation to an already homologated product/part.

Modifications requiring a new homologation		
Equipment Type	Part	Type of change
Goalkeeper	Handle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Length• Overall shape• Rod joining angle
	Rod	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cover (see 7.2)• Diameter
	Figure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dimensions• Coating (see 7.3)• Details
Base	Base	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dimensions• Overall shape
Playing Figure	Figure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dimensions• Details
Goal	Frame	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dimensions• Material
Pitch	Playing surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dimensions• Lines position• Lines width• Material

- 7.2. The term “Cover” for a goalkeeper rod means any kind of plastic or rubber coating that sensibly modifies, in any way, the original rod diameter. Simple painting is not considered as cover, assuming that current equipment rules are not exceeded.
- 7.3. The term “Coating” for a goalkeeper figure means any special kind of paint that sensibly modifies, in any way, the figure dimensions and/or playing characteristics. Simple external customizations made only for aesthetic reasons (i.e. paint, decals) are not considered a coating, assuming that current equipment rules are not exceeded.
- 7.4. In case a new homologation is required for a part, the Manufacturer can choose to re-homologate either a full product sample that includes the modified part or the modified part sample alone.
- 7.5. In any case, a custom build or personally modified part cannot be substituted by the Manufacturer to an already homologated part.

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- 7.6. The modifications listed in the following table shall not require a new homologation to an already homologated product/part, assuming that unmodified characteristics of the homologated product/part remain the same and that current equipment rules are not exceeded.

Modifications NOT requiring a new homologation		
Equipment Type	Part	Type of Change
Goalkeeper	Handle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color• Material• Sticker• Finish
	Rod	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color• Cover color (see 7.2)• Length• Material
	Figure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color (see 7.3)• Material
Base	Base	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Base upper angle• Color• Finish• Material• Upper ring angle
	Disk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color• Material• Finish
Playing Figure	Figure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color• Material
Goal	Frame	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color• Fixing to pitch/table
	Net	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color• Material• Pattern
Ball	Ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color• Decals• Print
Pitch	Playing surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color• Lines color

- 7.7. When is not clear to the Manufacturer whether a modification requires a new homologation or not, it is advisable to contact FISTF Sports Department.



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8. DISCLAIMER

Homologation is granted purely on sports grounds, and FISTF expressly disclaims any obligation or warranty, express or implied, including, without limitation, any implied warranty arising from course of performance, course of dealing or usage of trade, all other obligations and liabilities whatsoever whether in contract, warranty, tort (including without limitation, negligence, active, passive or imputed liability or strict liability), by statute or otherwise, strict liability or product liability of any nature whatsoever, and intellectual property rights, related to the homologated products, either towards the applicant or any third party.



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Appendix A: SAMPLE OF FISTF APPROVED EQUIPMENT LOGO

