

Pips-out two-winged fast attack style of play - 5. Equipment

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Although this is a fast style, beginners should use all-round frames, not offensive ones. A stiff frame brings out the special qualities of the pips more and especially helps with spin-reversal. Rubbers should be 1.5 to 2.0 mm thick. Advanced players generally prefer fast blades and thick rubbers (2.0 or 2.1mm).

It is possible to use medium long pips instead of short pips, although they are generally much less fast. Medium long pips can be used on the backhand, except when the backhand is favoured for making the kill. Medium long pips with characteristics resembling closely those of long pips can only be used with a thick sponge.