



## **NCAA Composite Bat Moratorium**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

***Q: How long with the moratorium last?***

A: The NCAA Baseball Rules Committee has determined, based on membership concern and testing research, that composite barreled bats improve through use and exceed acceptable performance limits. After several meetings with the manufacturing community and the NCAA Baseball Research Panel, it was determined that the moratorium should stay in place for the 2010 competition season.

***Q: Is there any way a composite barreled bat will be legal in the 2010 competition season?***

A: All manufacturers have been provided an opportunity, through the certification testing procedure, to submit designs that they believe will hold up to an Accelerated Break-In procedure (ABI), which essentially involves rolling and improving the bat to its peak performance. If a bat is tested under this procedure and it remains below the current NCAA limit, the Baseball Rules Committee would consider that bat to be legal for competition.

***Q: Is there a list of illegal bats available?***

A: Yes. A complete listing of legal and illegal bats is available at the following Website: [http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal/ncaahome?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CONTEXT=/ncaa/ncaa/sports+and+championship/baseball/bat+standards/index.html](http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/ncaa/ncaa/sports+and+championship/baseball/bat+standards/index.html)

***Q: Are bats with a composite handle, but a metal/alloy barrel legal?***

A: Provided that they are certified through the NCAA process, these bats are legal.

***Q: What if an illegal bat is used in competition?***

A: NCAA Baseball Rules cover the use of an illegal or altered bat. To assist umpires, coaches and players in understanding these rules, the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee have prepared examples in a memorandum that is located on the bat Website listed above.

***Q: What bats will be allowed in the 2011 season?***

A: As announced previously, starting in January 1, 2011, the NCAA will only allow bats certified to the BBCOR Protocol. The complete testing protocol is available on the bat Website). The BBCOR protocol also includes an ABI process, so composite barreled bats that meet the BBCOR standard will be allowed in 2011.