

Bat Protocol for all NCAA Softball Games

- 1A.** Pre-game bat inspection by umpire for:
- 1) Bat has ASA 2004 certification seal;
 - 2) Bat appears on NCAA 2011 Approved Softball Bat List;
 - 3) Bat is suitable for play (no cracks, rattles...)

2A. Bat passes all three points above — bat is good to use

2B. Bat fails for any reason above — bat is surrendered immediately

2C. Nonapproved bat detected during the game

3B. Postgame — bat is returned and plate umpire files an NCAA incident report with the NCAA Softball SRE

3C1. Discovered when batter takes the bat into the batter's box

3C2. Discovered any time after the at-bat and before the first pitch to the next batter

3C3. Discovered any other time

NOTE — When individual conferences or institutions opt to perform supplemental BCT testing — they are responsible for developing protocols that should include at a minimum — when, where and by whom the testing will be performed; the type of machine used (not a USSSA calibrated machine); the disposition of bats failing BCT; identifying mark (stickers) to indicate bats passing BCT; policy to inform umpire crews of the identifying mark (sticker) for that event.

The NCAA Softball SRE would appreciate being informed via email of any bat model(s) failing BCT through supplemental testing efforts.

4C. Batter is out and ejected. Base runner(s) shall return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. Bat immediately surrendered, returned to the team postgame, and an incident report is filed with the NCAA Softball SRE

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