Bat Protocol for Compliance Barrel Compression Testing

1. Pregame Barrel Compression Testing (BCT) at selected sites only. If BCT is not available, skip to box 3A

2A. Bat checked-in, tested and, if it passes, apply dated sticker

2B. Bat checked in, tested and if it fails (referred to as unit failure) — bat is surrendered and sent to NCAA SRE

2C. Bat NOT checked in or tested but appears in game

3A. Bat inspection by umpire for ASA 2004 seal and bat listed on NCAA Approved Softball Bat List; bat suitable for play

3B1. Bat passes BCT retest with SRE — bat remains surrendered

3B2. Bat fails BCT retest with SRE — bat may be sent to lab

3C1. Discovered when batter takes it in batter's box or anytime before first pitch to next batter — batter is out and ejected, base runner(s) return, bat is surrendered, returned postgame, and incident report filed

4A1. Bat passes — good to use

4B1. Opportunity to request compliance verification through lab testing at requestor's expense

4B2a. Bat passes in lab — bat return to user through SRE

4A2. Bat fails for any reason above — the bat is surrendered, returned postgame and incident report filed

4B2b. Bat fails in lab — referred to as model failure, strike assessed to model; bat surrendered; notification to institution, manufacturer and NCAA committees

3C2. Discovered any other time during the contest— bat is surrendered, returned postgame, and incident report filed

4A3. Bat undetected pregame then later…

5A3a. Discovered when batter takes it in the batter's box or anytime before first pitch to next batter — batter is out and ejected, base runner(s) return to base occupied at the time of pitch. Bat is surrendered, returned postgame, incident report filed

5A3b. Discovered any other time — bat is surrendered, returned postgame, and incident report filed

5B. Opportunity to request failure verification through lab testing at requestor's expense

Three strikes for a model result in the model scratched from the NCAA Approved Softball Bat List

Bringing a bat onto the field that was not presented for BCT testing is considered a serious breach of sporting behavior

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