



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Softball Conference Commissioners, Directors of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrators at Conferences and Institutions and Head Coaches.

FROM: Dee Abrahamson, equipment consultant
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SUBJECT: NCAA Approved Softball Bat List and 2025 Playing Rules Changes.

Bat List: The first NCAA Approved Softball Bat List for the upcoming 2024-25 academic year has been posted on [NCAA Softball Rules of the Game](#) and the [RefQuest \(RQ+\) website](#).

Scheduled approved Softball Bat List distribution dates for the 2024-25 academic year are December 9 and April 14 (the second Monday of those months) at 9 a.m. Eastern time.

When reviewing the NCAA Approved Softball Bat List, please note that a model on the list with a strike(s) may be used in competition. Coaches are reminded they are responsible for legally equipping their team, and bats used in competition MUST appear on the current approved bat list.

As a reminder, softball barrel compression testing is required to be conducted at a minimum prior to the start of each tournament, series, doubleheader or game. This is a requirement for all competitions, including the nonchampionship segment, preseason tournaments, nonconference games, conference games and postseason.

Regardless of when barrel compression testing occurs, on-field bat inspections will be checked before every game. Every time a bat is removed from a team's possession at competition, whether through barrel compression testing or by an umpire, the [Softball Noncompliant/Inappropriate Bat Form](#) must be filed. Please refer to the [NCAA Softball Bat Testing and Compliance Information](#) for a more detailed explanation of the process.

2025 Rules Changes: As previously communicated on July 18, the NCAA Softball Rules Committee and Playing Rules Oversight Panel recently approved three rules changes. These rules changes are effective with the 2025 season; however, they will not be incorporated into the hardcopy rules book until the 2026/2027 version. The 2025 Major Rules Changes are available on [NCAA Softball Rules of the Game](#).

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If you have any questions about bats/equipment or the BCT required equipment/protocol, please contact Dee at abrahamson@niu.edu.

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