

Mandatory NCAA On-Site Portable Barrel Compression Testing (BCT)

Key to responsibilities:

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Team Representative-green font;

Umpire-blue font;

Bat Testing Manager-red font.

1. In advance of season-Obtain portable BCT fixture; Procure stickers distinct by team or by event; Create and communicate testing plans including frequency, time and location for testing and disposition of failed bats for both conference and non-conference competitions. In addition, create contingency plans to ensure testing will occur...for example, back-up fixture (perhaps asking visiting team to travel theirs), more than one person trained to be the bat testing manager, extra stickers in case visitors forget theirs.

2. Highlight and enter numbers of each model on the NCAA Approved Softball Bat List. Bring team stickers for opponent's bats (if applicable). Attend BCT at the predetermined time. Arrange bats in bat list order. If applicable, place team stickers on opponent's passed bats. Following testing, retrieve team's list and bats.

2. Assemble and calibrate fixture. Match the model number on each bat to the bat list. Return bats not on the NCAA Approved Softball Bat List, with illegible model numbers or those with obvious damage at this time. Compress each bat until it passes or fails twice paying attention to back-stop style exception minimums. Sticker or witness stickering of bats that pass twice. Disqualify bats that fail twice, identify them with the team's name prior to securing them from the team, and appropriately amend bat list. Complete lavender section of first page of bat list.

3. Secure failed bats from the bat testing manager, securing them until the team departs.

3. Present only stickered bats (preferably in order) and NCAA Approved Softball Bat List to umpires at dugout for inspection.

3. Verify the number of presented bats equals the number of bats in the game column of the relevant pages of the NCAA Approved Softball Bat List AND equals or is less than the total listed by the bat testing manager in the lavender box of page one. If not, amend the list to the number of stickered bats. Inspect the bats for appropriateness, remove those with damage and amend the bat list. Secure disqualified bats with on-site administrator.

4. Obtain disqualified bats from the umpires, securing them until the team departs.

5. Request BCT failed bats (in-season only) and those removed for damage from the on-site administrator when departing the facility for the final time.

6. In the event one or both teams has no bats passing BCT and therefore stickered, call the head coaches together to inform them the game will not be played.

7. Following the game, complete the electronic Noncompliant/Inappropriate Bat form for bats disqualified for damage.

7. Following the game, complete the electronic Noncompliant/Inappropriate Bat form for bats failing BCT.