**Bat Check Protocol – Quick Reference:**

***Before the game:***

* Ask if BCT testing will occur.
* Obtain a sticker sample.
* Review as a crew Protocol.

***On the field:***

* Each team should present all bats intended for use during the game.
* Each team shall present current NCAA Approved Softball Bat List.
* Each team shall highlight their bats on the list.
* Plate umpire will administer the Bat List.
* Base umpires will inspect the bats.

***Inspecting the Bats:***

* If Bats were BCT, identify the sticker.
* Ensure that the bats are suitable for play (no cracks or rattles…)
* Each bat has 2004 ASA Certification Seal.
* Exact model on NCAA Approved Softball Bat List.

***After inspection:***

* Verify number of units.
* Inform the coach if any bat failed.
* Reconcile number of units.
* Enter total number of bats, initial, date and game time.
* On site administrator is responsible for securing damaged and inappropriate bats.

***NOTE: Coaches shall keep their respective bat list. This list must be readily available during the game. Coaches may use the same bat list for multiple games played on the same day.***

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|  | EXAMPLE: |  | SAMPLE |  |  | SAMPLE |  |  |  |  |
|  | NCAA | Approved | Softball | Bat List |  | Team : | sample |  |  |  |
|  | Jan-14 |  |  |  |  | Date | 2/27/14 |  |  |  |
|  | **Bat models listed herein are placed on the list by the manufacturer because the manufacturer believes them to be appropriate** | | | | | | |  |  |  |
|  | **to the collegiate fastpitch game and in compliance with the batted ball exit speed standard of less than 98 mph.** | | | | | | |  |  |  |
|  | Placement of bats on the NCAA Approved Softball Bat List does not guarantee, or otherwise mean, compliance with ASA/NCAA standards. | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Such placement is based on manufacturers' representations that they do so comply, and institutions take on the risk that bats may not so comply. | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Manufacturers are responsible for, and liable for any damages resulting from, any misrepresentations associated with the same. | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
| **strike** | **Adidas models (2)** | **alloy/comp** | **model name** | **shell color** | **stencil color** | **# units** |  |  |  |  |
|  | FPVQSH2K11 | composite | Vanquish | white | blue/yellow |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | FPVQSH2K10 | composite | Vanquish | silver | blue/white/yellow |  |  |  |  |  |
| **strike** | **Anderson models (29)** | **alloy/comp** | **model name** | **shell color** | **stencil color** | **# units** |  |  |  |  |
|  | 011030 | single wall | NanoTek SP Alpha | white/black | blue | 10 | ump 2/17/14 |  |  |  |
|  | 011031 | single wall | NanoTek SP Omega | white/black | blue |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 011032 | double wall | RockeTek SP | red/blue | white |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 011033 | double wall | Techzilla SP | blue | green | 10 | ump2/17/14 |  |  |  |
|  | 011034 | single wall | Ignite SP | black | orange |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 011035 | multiwall | FlexZilla SP | black | grey/ red/ white |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 011036 | multiwall | RocketFlex SP | black | red/ white |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 017005 | multi wall | RockeTech FP | red taper/blue barrel | red/silver |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 017006 | single wall | PyroTech FP | light grey | silver/red |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 017007 | multi wall | RockeTech FP (-9) | red taper/silver barrel | black/red |  |  |  |  |  |
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***After the game when bat(s) have been pulled…***

* Obtain the manufacturer, Model, Model name, reason it was pulled and team name.
* Return bat(s) to respective team(s).
* Plate umpire must submit incident report within 24 hours.

***Regular season games:***

***If BCT testing has occurred:***

* Following the first game of a doubleheader, series or tournament, the umpire crew need only confirm the suitability of each bat by checking for damage and verify the total number of available, stickered bats rather than reconcile each individual model of bat with the team’s highlighted bat list.
* Exception: if a new bat list is published when a series or tournament is in progress, Rule 3.3.4.1.1 shall not apply and each bat model shall be individually reconciled with the new NCAA Approved Softball Bat List.

***If BCT testing did not occur:***

* Repeat the procedure before each game.