



Altered Bat Announcement

To address the concern of altered or just excessively used softball bats, Nevada ASA is asking that players no longer use any bat that shows any visible sign of wear on the barrel, knob, cap or plug. Nevada ASA umpires and directors are authorized in their discretion to remove from play any bat which shows wear such as worn off or cracked graphics or damaged barrels, handles, tapers, plugs, caps or knobs.

Any person discovered in possession of an altered bat at or near the facility or grounds of a softball competition in which such equipment is not permitted to be used shall be subject to discipline pursuant to Article 505. ASA shall have the right to take possession of a bat that is, in the sole discretion of the official, reasonably suspected to be an altered bat. In the event the suspected altered bat is tested and determined to be an altered bat, then the person shall surrender ownership of the altered bat to ASA; otherwise a bat of equal or greater value, or a monetary equivalent, in the sole discretion of ASA, shall be returned to the owner of the subject bat. **In addition a player found in possession of an Altered Bat and found guilty according to Article 505 shall be suspended from ASA play for a minimum of five (5) years.** A team that is discovered to have within its possession or control an Altered Bat may be suspended from further tournament competition **and from ASA Play for a period of two (2) Years.**

If a person is injured by a batted ball, the bat will be immediately confiscated as evidence and the bat will be given to the State Commissioner for further testing. Refusal to submit the bat for further testing will result in an immediate minimum two year suspension from all ASA play.

*Altered Bats – Excessive pressure or shaving, in the Nevada ASA view of what is an altered or doctored bat, any bats that are subjected to pressure in any manner that exceeds that of striking the bat against an approved ball traveling at game like speeds. Such excess pressure would include, but is not limited to, any compression, rolling, placing in a vice, hitting a stationary object such as a pole, etc.

Teams may protest a bat at any time by calling for the tournament director and submitting a \$50.00 protest fee. If the bat passes the ASA bat tester, the bat is returned to the player and the protesting team loses their \$50.00 fee. If the bat fails the ASA bat tester the bat will be removed for the remainder of the tournament and returned after the tournament. The bat user will be reported and placed on probation and the \$50.00 protest fee will be returned to the protester.

I, _____ representing all sponsors, coaches, and players of _____ am signing this waiver stating that my team will not use illegal or altered bats of any kind. If a person related to my team is found using one, the entire team including players, coaches and sponsors may be banned for a minimum 2 year period from all ASA play. Failure to sign this waiver will eliminate my team from the tournament.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Tournament: _____