



APPROVED BATS

For all softball related activities administered by the Waukegan Park District for the entire 2011 softball season (including, but not limited to, leagues, playoffs and tournaments), the Waukegan Park District will adhere to the NSA rules and regulations, including the current Approved Bat List managed by the NSA on their website [<http://www.playnsa.com/ApprovedBat.aspx>]. Any bat or bat model that cannot be determined, for whatever reason, will be deemed illegal and ineligible for use. The Waukegan Park District reserves all rights to determine and deem legality, at any time, of any bat used during Waukegan Park District softball related activities, and said determination of legality, at all times, solely rests with the Waukegan Park District.

Further, all bats deemed eligible for play under the guidelines specified by the NSA **MUST** pass compression testing administered by the Waukegan Park District **AND** must have the sticker, applied by the Waukegan Park District on all bats passing compression testing, clearly visible and in unaltered condition, at all times during any Waukegan Park District softball related activities.

All bats passing the initial compression testing will be marked with an official Waukegan Park District sticker signifying NSA bat list adherence and successful completion of compression testing administered by the Waukegan Park District. Only bats bearing an official, approved and unaltered Waukegan Park District sticker will be legal for play in any Waukegan Park District softball related activity during 2011. Any bat not bearing the approved Waukegan Park District sticker will be deemed and determined to be illegal, at all times, for use during any Waukegan Park District softball related activities.

PENALTIES FOR USE OF ILLEGAL BATS

The penalties for use of an illegal bat (whether not NSA approved or not bearing an approved, and unaltered, Waukegan Park District sticker) at any time during a Waukegan Park District softball related activity will be as follows:

- 1) Immediate ejection for player caught using said illegal bat, without substitution, during current game. Said player's position in batting order will be an automatic out each time it comes up subsequently during the current game. If, by this action, the team who loses said player to ejection cannot field an NSA approved number of players to continue game, said game will be considered forfeited.
- 2) Any play initiated with an illegal bat will be considered an immediate, inning ending out.
- 3) In addition to the immediate penalty given in number 1 above, any player caught using an illegal bat will be suspended from play, on **all teams** that said player is a rostered member, for no less than 2 additional games (for each team said player is a rostered

member) pending the outcome of an investigation of the incident by the Waukegan Park District.

ADDITIONAL PLAYER SAFETY RULE

For immediate and permanent inclusion with and to all rules relating to Waukegan Park District softball related activities, if any pitcher is struck by a line drive, at any time, that does not come in contact with the ground or said pitcher's glove prior to striking him, the play will immediately be considered dead, the batter out and all runners, if any, returned to the base they occupied immediately prior to the play.

At the sole discretion of the umpire overseeing the game, if said umpire deems that there is any malicious intent to injure said pitcher by the player hitting said line drive, or any player on his/her team to purposely promote, provoke or cause to occur, any such injury to any player on opposing team, at the time of the incident, said umpire can, in any combination hereof,

- 1) Immediately eject said player, without substitution, during current game. Said player's position in batting order will be an automatic out each time it comes up subsequently during the current game. If, by this action, the team who loses said player to ejection cannot field an NSA approved number of players to continue game, said game will be considered forfeited.
- 2) Consider said play to be an immediate, inning ending out
- 3) Consider intent of said play to be immediate cause of forfeiture of current game by offending team

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT BAT COMPRESSION TESTING

The Waukegan Park District reserves the following rights relating to bat compression testing:

- 1) The right to solely determine and deem legality, at any time, of any bat to be used for any Waukegan Park District softball related activity at any time
- 2) The right to determine when bat compression testing will commence, will end and will be available by appointment
- 3) The right to deny repeated testing of bats not passing initial testing
- 4) The right to charge a \$5 fee for bat testing requested after the ___2___ week of Summer & Fall League play
- 5) The right to identify a maximum number of bats each player is allowed to have tested

Bat compression testing, prior to commencement of Waukegan Park District softball related activities, will begin __May 16, 2011_____ and will be administered at __Field House & Waukegan SportsPark_____ by [appointment only or contacting Tim Crawford]

In season bat compression testing will commence during the 1st week of all Summer & Fall League play and run through the ___2___ week of all Summer & Fall League play and will administered at [SportsPark or Field House.]. Additional testing will be done, at the sole discretion of and by appointment only through Tim Crawford.