

SPRD Softball Bat Testing Policy



Is my bat legal?

- We do **NOT** require testing for all bats used in the league. If the bat meets the requirements below, the bat is approved as long as:
 - A. It is ASA approved and has a manufacturer's ASA approved sticker(see below),
 - B. It has been tested and approved by either SPRD or Spokane County Parks and Recreation, and has either of their ASA approved stickers for the current year.
- All approval stickers provided by SPRD or Spokane County Parks must be for the current calendar year.

Who can request that my bat be tested? When can my bat be tested?

- A SPRD league supervisor has the authority to randomly test bats at any point throughout the season without prior notice.
- Any team manager or umpire may request a bat to be tested at any point before or after the bat has been used.
- Games will not be stopped for testing. The site supervisor will test the bat while play resumes.
- A player's personal bat may be tested at any time before or after their game upon request in order to deem it legal (given a sticker) without question.

What happens if an illegal bat is used during a game?

- If the bat in question has been used at any point during a game and is found to be illegal, it will be removed for the game and player will be issued a warning. If bat is found again being used in game, the game will result in a forfeit.

The umpire said my bat is damaged and/or it has been tampered with, what now?

- It is at the umpire's discretion if:
 - A. Bat has been altered or has evidence of tampering.
 - B. A bat is damaged (cracked, chipped, etc.)
- If an umpire believes that a bat has been tampered with it will be considered illegal and it will not be allowed in any SPRD league or tournament game.
- If an umpire deems a bat to be damaged and a safety issue before or during any point of the game, players will not be able to use that going forward in any SPRD league or tournament game.

What happens if my bat is not approved by the bat tester or I refuse to have it tested?

- Refusal to comply with the bat-testing policy will be grounds for an immediate forfeit of usage of the bat in question until it has been tested and deemed legal to use. Bats found to be legal will be labeled with a sticker to provide evidence showing it has been tested and approved by league officials. Bats that have been previously tested with the Spokane County league and are labeled with the current year's approval sticker will be deemed legal in this league, provided they are not on the ASA non-approved bat list.
- Bats that do not pass the bat compression test are not allowed to be used in SPRD games or tournaments. Use of a bat that has failed a test will result in an automatic forfeit of the game or games that it was used in after the test was performed.

Are there any special exceptions to the requirements for bats used in the Masters leagues?

- Only Masters 50s are allowed to use "senior bats." However, these bats **MUST** possess a manufacturer's "Senior Softball" stamp (below).
- Masters 50's bats must be ASA and/or Senior Softball approved marked BPF 1.21 or less.
- The Miken Ultra is not allowed. The Miken Ultra II is allowed as long as it is not on the current ASA non-approved bat list.
- **ONLY ASA-APPROVED BATS FOR THE OVER-60 LEAGUE: It must have an ASA manufacturer's stamp.**
- A player found using a non-approved bat will be ejected and has a one-game suspension. A second offense is a suspension and requires a hearing.

