

So Cal ASA

Bat Protesting Policy

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The following policy applies to Non Championship Play in ASA and WSL events in Southern California.

Any time during a game that a Manager / Player wishes to protest one or more bats that their opponent has used in that game, they may do so using the following procedure.

- Notify the umpire.
- Identify the bat(s) being protested.
- Umpire takes possession of the bat(s) and summons the Tournament Director.
- Protesting Manager / Player provides \$100 per bat Protest Fee to the Tournament Director.

The Tournament Director shall ask the bat(s) owner for permission to ship the bat(s) to the ASA National Office for testing. If permission to test the bat is given, the bat owner is allowed to continue playing ASA softball until a decision is rendered as to whether or not the bat has been altered. If the bat is declared legal and it has been destroyed by the testing process, which often happens, SoCal ASA shall reimburse the bat owner the cost of the bat or \$300.00, whichever is less. If it is determined that the bat has been altered, the bat will not be returned to the owner and the owner will not receive any compensation. Additionally, the owner is automatically suspended and must appear before a hearing panel with respect to the use of an altered bat.

If the owner of the bat does not permit ASA to test the bat, the owner shall be suspended immediately from ASA and must appear before a hearing panel for possible further suspension.

Southern California ASA and WSL want to do their part to clean-up the altered bat problem in Softball. Should you have any questions or comments regarding this policy please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,

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