

2015 Non-Approved Bat / Non-Stamped Bat CLARIFICATION

SP-Rule 1 Section 35 / FP-Rule 1 Section 42

2015 definition of a Non-Approved bat: a non-approved bat is one that does not bear the NSA 2012 logo or one that DOES bear the NSA 2012 logo from a bat company that is not listed on the Approved Bat Company list or that is listed on the Non-Approved Bat list.

SP-Rule 7 Section 11(c) / FP- Rule 7 Section 1(d)

The batter is out when a batter appears in the batters box with, or is discovered using an illegal bat, altered bat or Non-Approved bat, prior to or after hitting the ball. The batter is also ejected from the game for using an altered or Non Approved bat. **In youth play the coach is also ejected.**

SP-Rule 1 Section 25 (c) / FP-Rule 1 Section 32(c) **Non Approved needs to be added to definition**

2015 Definition of an Illegally Batted Ball: Occurs when the batter hits the ball with an illegal, altered, or non approved bat.

SP / FP - Rule 8 Section 6 (B):

A baserunner must return to his/her base when the Umpire declares an illegally batted ball.

All this being said, please apply the following:

- If you see a Non Approved bat, not bearing a NSA 2012 logo, in the batters hands and they have entered into the batters box, the batter is out and ejected immediately
- If a batter hits a base hit and it is discovered before the next legal or illegal pitch, the umpire can declare an illegally batted ball and all runners return to the base last occupied at the time of the pitch and the batter is out and ejected.
- If the bat DOES bear a NSA 2012 stamp, and is questioned by the opposing team, this must be handled by protest
- If a substitute is available one may be entered into ejected players spot in the line up

At the plate meeting, I would get a bat from one of the teams that has the NSA 2012 logo and explain to both coaches that every bat in the game must have this stamp, if it does not, then all of the above applies.