



SNZ TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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Subject ISF rule change: Rule Reference - Rule 3 Sec 1m ISF 2006-2009 Official Rules of Softball

ISF Technical Bulletin issued 10 June 2008: This rule clarification to the ISF 2006-2009 Official Rules of Softball was originally issued by the ISF to member National Federations on April 18, 2008.

ISF – Certified Bats

A reminder to all National Federations and your coaches, players and umpires that the current ISF bat certification standard (adopted at the 2005 Congress) is the ASTM high-speed batted ball test (100mph). This pertains to bats allowed for use in ISF competitions or ISF-sanctioned tournaments, such as World Championships, Olympic Qualifiers, the Olympics, and others. August 31, 2008 will mark the end of the period during which bats that complied with the previous ISF bat performance standard (1.20 BPF) shall be permitted to be used in ISF play.

ISF ADU Comments

The new approved bats will be identified with ISF 100MPH BBS labelling. A list of currently approved bats (whether from the old 1.20 BPF standard or the current ASTM high-speed batted ball test standard) may be viewed at http://www.internationalsoftball.com/english/rules_standards/certified_bats.asp

Current Rule Reference: Rule 3 Sec 1m

Distribution: To all National Federations and Umpires.

SNZ bat policy for domestic softball played in New Zealand

Rule Reference - Rule 3 Sec 1m - SNZ 2006-2009 Official Rules of Softball

Effective 1 September 2008 and in addition to the above ISF rule change for ISF International play Softball New Zealand will adopt the following

- a) **A bat will be approved for use if it is listed on the current ISF Certified Bat List or listed on the current ASA Approved Bat List.**
- b) **It is expected that the ISF 100MPH BBS bat certification introduced for ISF competition effective 31 August 2008 will be adopted as a rule change at the 2009 Congress. SNZ will issue its new 2010-2013 Official Rules of Softball adopting rule changes approved at the 2009 Congress following the end of the 2009-2010 season. The new rulebook will be effective from the 31 August 2010 for the 2010-2011 season. Bats (including BPF 1.2 bats) that comply with current Rule 3 Sec 1m of the NZ Rulebook will be allowed to be used up to the introduction of the new rulebook. Effective 1 September 2010 a bat will be approved for use in New Zealand play only if it complies with the new rulebook and/or a) above.**

A copy of the current list of ISF Certified bats as at 1 September 2008 is available from SNZ or members of the National Umpiring Staff.