

Bat testing protocol for PGF National Championships

The goal of bat testing is to confirm that all bats used in tournament play meet approved standards. It is our goal to approve as many bats as possible.

- **All bats must be inspected and compression tested** during team registration and player check in. There will be no exceptions – a team representative must be present during testing !
- Visual inspection will be conducted prior to compression testing to determine if excessive cracks, paint chips, rattles or excessive wear appear.
 - Any bat found to have any of the above will be pulled from play.
 - This will be based on judgement and inspector's judgement will be final.
 - Any bat that has rattles will be pulled from play
- All bats must display governing bodies Certification Mark
 - A published certified bat list will be on hand to determine if bat is certified
 - Bats on the non-approved list will be pulled without testing
- Each bat will be compression tested.
 - Pre load to 500 psi
 - Bat must exceed 1550 psi
 - Non Linear bats must exceed 1400 psi
- Once a bat passes compression and visual testing a sticker will be applied.
 - The sticker cannot be removed
 - ALL bats in play must have a sticker
- If a bat fails compression testing the bat will be removed from play and held at PGF headquarters until team has concluded play.
 - Bats will be assigned a ticket with matching ticket number given to team representative. To retrieve the bat the team representative must present the ticket sub matching that on the bat.
 - All bats held will be stored by team name
- If a player is found to be using a bat without an approved sticker (in batter's box) :
 - Bat will be pulled from play and taken to PGF headquarters until team concludes play
 - Team will be charged with an out
- If the bat is discovered prior to player entering the batter's box:
 - The bat will be removed from play
 - No penalty to the team
 - Bat will be tested as soon as available
 - If approved, a sticker will be applied and bat will be returned to play
 - If it fails, the bat will be removed from play and held at PGF headquarters until team concludes play.
- Umpires will conduct visual inspection of all game bats prior to every game
- Subsequent testing will be available during the week.
 - New bat purchases
 - Late arriving player
 - Replacement of broken bat
- It is the responsibility of coaches/managers to insure players are using legal bats