

NCAA Softball On-Site Portable Barrel Compression Testing (BCT)-Post Season

Key to responsibilities:

Tournament Host-black font;

Team Rep-green font;

Site Rep-red font;

Umpire-blue font.

Note- "bat list" refers to the current NCAA Approved Softball Bat List

1. In advance of testing-

Designate a secure location with table and chairs for barrel compression testing.
Provide site rep with your portable BCT fixture and the provided envelope with the stickers and bat log sheets for each team (which were shipped to your attention).
In conjunction with site rep, communicate testing plans, time and location to participating coaches.

2. Highlight and enter the number of each model on the team's bat list.
Attend BCT at the predetermined time.
Arrange bats in the appropriate bat list order.
Following testing, retrieve team's bat list and bats that passed BCT.

2. The site rep should be the bat testing manager, or at a minimum, closely supervise a neutral party substitute.
Assemble and calibrate portable BCT fixture whenever it is assembled.
Match the model number on each bat to each team's bat list.
Return bats not on the bat list, those with illegible model numbers, or those with obvious damage to the team rep at this time.
Compress each bat until it passes or fails twice paying attention to back-stop style exception minimums as noted on the bat list.
Sticker or oversee sticker of bats that pass twice.
Disqualify bats that fail twice, identify them with the team's name prior to securing them with the tournament host, and appropriately amend the bat list.
Complete the appropriate section of the first page of bat list.
On the first day, complete (or have team rep complete) the provided bat log which then must be updated daily.

3. Secure failed bats from the site rep for shipment to Dee following your tier.

3. Present only stickered bats (preferably in order) and current bat list to umpires at the dugout for inspection prior to each game.

3. Verify the number of presented bats equals the number of bats in the game column of the relevant pages of the provided bat list AND equals or is less than the total listed by the site rep in the appropriate box of page one.
Amend the list to the number of stickered bats presented if needed.
Inspect the bats for appropriateness, remove those with damage and amend the bat list appropriately.
Secure damaged bats with the tournament host.

4. Obtain disqualified bats from the umpires on the field, securing them until the team's final departure from the site.

4. Retrieve damaged bats from the tournament host when departing the facility for the final time.

5. If any bats failed BCT, contact Dee following the final testing session to obtain a shipping label and ship them ASAP.

5. No later than the end of each day, complete the RefQuest electronic Noncompliant/Inappropriate Bat form for bats failing BCT.

5. Following the game, complete the RefQuest electronic Noncompliant/Inappropriate Bat form for disqualified bats due to damage.

7. Immediately following EACH TIER, forward the teams' bat logs through an email or screenshots to Dee (Abrahamson@niu.edu).
Note-stickers need not be returned.

6. Following the final BCT for the tier, return the BCT fixture, unused stickers and completed log sheets to the tournament host.