



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Softball Conference Commissioners and Head Coaches.

FROM: Dee Abrahamson, equipment consultant
NCAA Softball Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: NCAA Approved Softball Bat List.

The most recent NCAA Approved Softball Bat List has been posted on the NCAA Softball Home Plate at www.sup.arbitersports.com and at www.NCAA.org/playingrules.

Please note this is a follow-up to the Dec. 20, 2019 list. The additional verification testing took place on the Easton Ghost FP18GH10, which resulted in the removal of one strike by the NCAA Softball Rules Committee. Therefore, this list reflects two strikes on the Easton Ghost FP18GH10 model and has no other changes from the Dec. 20, 2019 list.

The other planned Approved Softball Bat List distribution date for the 2019-20 academic year is April 13 at 9 a.m. Eastern time. Additional lists will be posted if timely information warrants, such as when a manufacturer withdraws a bat model or the results of bat testing dictate assessing strikes against and/or removing a model.

When reviewing the bat list, please note that a bat on the list with a strike(s) may be used in competition. Coaches are reminded they are responsible for legally equipping their team, and bats used in competition **MUST** appear on the current approved bat list. Coaches are to highlight and indicate the number of bats of each model that will be on the field or in the team area during that game on the appropriate page(s) of the bat list before providing the bat list to the umpires (and the tester at sites where barrel compression testing is performed). Bats are to be checked before every game.

Thank you in advance for your time. Please contact Dee Abrahamson at abrahamson@niu.edu for bat/equipment questions.

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