

This communication is to provide step-by-step instructions on how to ensure a bat is approved for use in NFHS Softball games. These instructions are focused on ensuring a bat has the proper certification mark and does not appear on the USA Softball's Non-Approved Bats with Certification Marks list. They do not include instructions for visual inspections to ensure the specific bat complies with Rule 1-5-1b, c and e.

1. Ensure that the bat bears one of the three certification marks shown in figure 1-6, shown below.
  - a. If one of these marks is present, continue to step 2.
  - b. If one of these marks are NOT present on the bat STOP at this point. This bat is NOT approved for use in NFHS Softball.



**Figure 1-6**

<p>Pass step 1, they have one of the required certification marks. Proceed to Step 2</p>	<p>STOP! These do not contain one of the required certification marks and are NOT approved for use in NFHS Softball.</p>

2. For bats that pass step 1 and bear one of the required certification marks, compare their model number with the USA Softball's Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks list. This list can be found at <https://usa.asasoftball.com/e/BB1P2000.asp> and contains photos and model numbers of bats that were once approved but for various reasons are now non-approved.
  - a. It should be noted that many bats look very similar, and their model numbers are also very close. For a bat that contains a proper certification mark to be non-approved that bats model number must the model number found on the USA Softball's Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks list.
  - b. As seen on the small portion of the USA Softball's Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks list shown below, the Easton Synergy model SCN3 is now a Non-Approved bat.
  - c. Although this bat does pass step 1 and contains a required certification mark (yellow circle) it can be seen that its model number (red circles) is listed on the USA Softball's Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks. Due to the model number appearing on this list, this bat is NOT approved for use in NFHS Softball.
  - d. For other bats that pass step 1 and their model number does NOT match any of the model numbers listed on the USA Softball's Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks list it is approved for use in NFHS Softball.

**USA Softball Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks**

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