

Ben Franklin Bat Policy & Procedure: Any person discovered in possession of an Altered Bat at or near the facility or grounds of a Ben Franklin League contest in which such a bat is not permitted to be used shall be subject to the following:

The Ben Franklin Slow Pitch Softball League shall have the right to take possession of a bat that is, in the sole judgment of the league official(s) or designee, reasonably suspected to be altered. In the event the suspected altered bat is tested and determined to be altered or does not pass the testing device used by the league, such a bat will be prohibited from further use in league competition and may be subject to being surrendered to the ASA as described in Article 510 M 06 of the ASA Code. The player who used the bat, regardless of ownership, and/or its rightful owner is subject to suspension from play in the Ben Franklin League for a MINIMUM period of the remainder of the season. The team will be placed on probation for the same time period and if within that time period the team has any additional bats which are found to be in this manner and do not pass the bat testing device used by the league, the team will forfeit any remaining games in the season and will forfeit all fees and rights to such immediately.

The offended team, player and/or rightful owner of the bat(s) are welcome to attend the testing of the bat in question. Once the bat is tested and a disposition is reached there will be no further appeal on this matter. The decision of the league is final.

If the bat is removed during a contest in which offending team was victorious and the bat should fail the testing equipment, the win will be awarded to their opponent.

Any and all bats that do not pass the testing equipment used by the league will not be eligible for use in any league contests. The decision of the league is final in all matters of testing.

By participating in the Ben Franklin Slow Pitch league all players, coaches, managers, team personnel and sponsors agree to the above and shall have no recourse against the league for its suspicion and/or findings. It is the consensus of the league participants that such a rule be enacted and enforced for the safety of the contestants and the dignity of the game.