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ASA Bans Bats Found Out of Compliance from Championships

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, Wednesday, July 31, 2002 — The Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA), the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, today announced that five (5) models of softball bats sold throughout the country are no longer authorized for use in ASA Championship Play until further notice.

The announcement is in connection with recent developments in the ASA Bat Testing and Certification Program. Under that program, bat manufacturers submit a sample of a bat model for testing to determine whether it satisfies the ASA Bat Performance Standard. If the standard is met, the ASA issues a certification mark for that model.



ASA routinely and randomly audits compliance with the bat standard by testing samples of certified bats. Recent tests show that some certified bats no longer meet the ASA standard. Effective immediately and until further notice otherwise, bats of the following previously certified models are no longer allowed in ASA Championship Play:

- **DeMarini Doublewall Classic**
- **Miken Velocit-E Ultra (Balanced)**
- **Miken Velocit-E Ultra (Maxload)**
- **Worth 3DX**
- **Worth EST23**

During the compliance investigation, it was also discovered that bats of a particular manufacturer's model contained the ASA certification mark without authorization. As a result, effective immediately and until further notice otherwise, bats of the following model are no longer allowed in ASA Championship Play:

- **Steele's Triple XXX**

About the ASA

The Amateur Softball Association of America, a volunteer driven, not-for-profit organization based in Oklahoma City, OK, is the national governing body of softball in the United States. Founded in 1933, the ASA regulates competition in every state through a network of 93 state and metro associations to insure fairness and equal opportunity to the millions of players who annually play the sport. Additional information about the ASA and its Bat Testing and Certification Program can be found by visiting www.asasoftball.com

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The Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) is the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States. As part of the ASA Bat Testing and Certification Program, bats submitted for testing are issued an ASA certification mark if the model satisfies the ASA Bat Performance Standard.

Beginning January 1, 2000, in ASA Championship Play, players may use only bats which meet all requirements of Rule 3, Section 1 and:

1. bear an ASA approved certification mark; or
2. are included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA National Office; or
3. in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, were manufactured prior to 1995 and, if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance standards then in effect.

ASA routinely and randomly audits compliance with the ASA Bat Performance Standard by testing samples of certified bats. In addition, ASA takes efforts to ensure that the ASA certification mark is not being used on bats that are not certified.

Until further notice otherwise, bats of the following models containing an ASA certification mark are no longer allowed in ASA Championship Play:

Manufacturer	Model
DeMarini	Doublewall Classic
Miken	Velocit-E Ultra (Balanced)
Miken	Velocit-E Ultra (Maxload)
Steele's	Triple XXX
Worth	3DX
Worth	EST23