

Bat Testing Protocol

1. Bat testing will take place prior to each Conference baseball series and only bats passing testing will be considered legal for use during the series. The host institution's testing equipment shall be used. Compression testing machines must be calibrated each series.
2. Bat testing shall be conducted by head coaches or their designees with the visiting team bat testing to occur prior to hitting on the day of the first game of the series and the home team bat testing during the visiting team's hitting session that day. The bat testing schedule may be adjusted by mutual consent.
3. A bat must pass both ring testing and compression testing to be legal for use in a Conference series.
4. Ring Testing: A ring test will be conducted to verify the maximum barrel diameter. The bat must pass through a ring that is 1 inch long and of inside diameter of 2.658 inches.
5. Compression Testing: The G4 compression tester shall be used. The lowest passing scores for each type of bat using the G4 will be as follows:
 - Metal Bats: 1250 psi
 - Composite Bats: 1000 psi
 - Non-linear (based on notification from NCAA indicating that the bat passes BBCOR at a lower psi level than typical): Rawlings Quattro (composite), 800 psi

A compression test will be considered passed or failed as follows:

- a. If the bat meets or exceeds the passing score threshold on the first test, it will be considered to have passed testing.
- b. If the bat does not meet the passing score threshold on the first test, it will be rotated 90 degrees (either direction) and tested again. If the bat meets or exceeds the passing score threshold on the second test, it will be considered to have passed testing. If the bat fails to meet the passing score threshold on the second test, the bat will be considered to have failed testing.

6. Each team shall be issued a unique-colored sticker by the Conference office for use both home and away, with the home team's stickers applied to the visiting team's approved bats and vice versa. Stickers shall be placed on the taper of approved bats so that they are easily visible.
7. A bat that fails testing will be considered illegal for use during the series.

Confiscated bats will be returned to the visiting team at the conclusion of the series for transportation home; it is the responsibility of the visiting team coach to provide the bats to the institution's sport administrator. However, such bats shall not be used in any subsequent game.