

# Important information regarding USA Softball certified equipment Certification Marks

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OKLAHOMA CITY – USA Softball, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, has announced today that there will be NO changes to the Certification Mark all bats and balls used for USA Softball Championship Play. Read more about the certification marks and test standard for USA Softball below.

## Certification Marks for bats

There will be NO changes for Certification Marks for all bats used in USA Softball Championship Play. The official bat for USA Softball Championship Play must meet all of the USA Softball specifications and requirements of Rule 3, Section 1. The official bat must bear either the ASA 2000 Certification Mark, ASA 2004 Certification Mark, or ASA 2013 Certification Mark (Slow Pitch, Men's Adult Fast Pitch, Junior Olympic Boy's Fast Pitch and Men's Modified only), as shown below and must not be listed on the Non-Approved Bat List with 2000 or 2004 Certification Mark.



**AND** must be included on a list of approved bat models published by USA Softball

**OR** must, in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the USA Softball Bat Performance Standard. This includes wooden bats. **Exception:** Senior Softball bats may be used in Senior Championship Play only.

## **Certification Marks for balls**

There will be NO changes for Certification Marks for all balls used in USA Softball Championship Play. Presently, in USA Softball Championship Play players may use only balls which meet all requirements of USA Softball's Official Rules of Softball Rule 3, Section 3. The approved certification marks are listed below:



For more information on Certified Equipment, please refer to [www.USASoftball.com](http://www.USASoftball.com).

## **About USA Softball**

USA Softball is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization headquartered in Oklahoma City, Okla., and is designated as the National Governing Body (NGB) of Softball in the United States and a member of the United States Olympic Committee. One of the nation's largest sports organizations, USA Softball sanctions competition in every state through a network of 70 local associations and has grown from a few hundred teams in the early days to over 150,000 teams today, representing a membership of more than 2 million. USA Softball is dedicated to providing people of all ages the opportunity to play the game they love at a variety of levels by offering recreational, league, tournament and competitive play for fast pitch, slow pitch and modified pitch. USA Softball annually conducts thousands of tournaments throughout the country including over 100 National Championships. The USA Softball umpire program is among the nation's largest and are widely known as the best trained umpires in the game.

As the NGB for the sport of softball, USA Softball is responsible for training, equipping and promoting the six USA Softball National Teams that compete in events such as the Olympics, Pan American Games, World Championships and other international and domestic events. For more information on USA Softball, including its founding and history as the Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA), please visit, [www.USASoftball.com](http://www.USASoftball.com).