



City of Watsonville  
Parks & Community Services Department  
**Illegal Bat Policy**

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Any player discovered using an altered bat, including a doctored bat or a bat with additional weight shall be called out and suspended from further recreational league play for a minimum of one year. Any team that is discovered using or have within its possession or control an altered bat may be suspended from further adult sport league play for a minimum of one year.

The following guidelines shall be followed when an altered bat is suspected in City of Watsonville Parks & Community Services Department softball league play:

- 1) Convene a meeting with the City of Watsonville's Parks & Community Services Department softball committee. The committee shall consist of the following: Recreation Coordinator, Recreation Supervisor, Nor-Cal ASA Tri-County Commissioner and Nor-Cal ASA Tri-County Umpire-In-Chief.
- 2) If it's agreed upon by the committee that the bat in question is reasonably suspected to be altered, then the League Director and UIC shall convene a meeting with the player who has the suspected altered bat and provide him or her with a copy of the ASA code and City of Watsonville rules and regulations.
- 3) Once the bat has been deemed illegal, an incident report shall be immediately completed.
- 4) Upon completion of the incident report, a copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Nor-Cal ASA Commissioner and SANCRA affiliates.
- 5) The suspected bat shall be recorded with the player's name, team name, bat manufacturer, brand name and model name/number.

Every bat used in the City of Watsonville Parks & Community Services Department adult softball league will be tested. Bats not tested will not be used in league play.

As stated in Watsonville's Softball Rules & Regulations, Section 2.M:

City of Watsonville Parks & Community Services Department reserves the right to remove any bats that appear to be altered, and/or send to ASA for bat testing. Should these bats be altered, painted and/or deemed illegal, the owner will be suspended from SANCRA for up to one (1) year. If the player/owner should refuse to turn the bat over, then they will be suspended for one (1) year. By playing in this league, all players agree to these conditions.