



City of Rockville  
**MEMORANDUM**

April 14, 2011

TO: Adult Softball Managers

FROM: Chuck Miller, Sports Programs Supervisor (240) 314-8652

SUBJECT: City of Rockville Bat Confiscation Process

**Background**

According to Article 510 N. 06 of the 2006 ASA Code, any player discovered using an altered bat, including a doctored bat or a bat with additional weight shall be called out and disqualified for a minimum of three years. The City of Rockville shall have the right to take possession of a bat that is in the sole discretion of the umpire, reasonably suspected to be an altered bat. If requested, and the player using the bat refuses to hand it over for testing, he/she is suspended for an indefinite period of time until compliance. In the event the suspected altered bat is tested and determined to be an altered bat, then the player shall surrender ownership of the altered bat to ASA; otherwise a bat of equal or greater value, in the sole discretion of City of Rockville and ASA, shall be returned to the player. A team that is discovered using or have within its possession or control an altered bat may be disqualified from further competition.

The following guidelines will be implemented if an altered bat is suspected in league play.

- 1) Convene a meeting of the City of Rockville committee. The committee should consist of the ASA Rep., Umpire in Chief (UIC), and Sports Programs Supervisor of the League or his/her designee.
- 2) If it's agreed upon by the City of Rockville committee that the bat in question is suspected altered, then the UIC should convene a meeting with the player who has the suspected bat.
- 3) Once the bat has been taken into the UIC's possession, an incident report should be immediately completed that contains information such as the following:
  - Player Name, Address, and Contact Information
  - Type of bat including manufacturer, brand name, and model name/number
  - Date, time, and location where the bat was removed from competition
  - Details of why the bat was confiscated
  - Appropriate signatures and contact information

4) Upon completion of the incident report, the suspected bat and a copy of the report should be shipped to ASA Headquarters to the following for further technical investigation

ASA Headquarters  
c/o Craig Cress  
2801 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

5) Please allow a minimum of 4 weeks for a report back from ASA's testing lab.

6) If the bat is confirmed altered, ASA will inform the City of Rockville in writing and the player will be suspended for a period of three years and the team automatically moved to last place in the standings.

7) If the bat is not altered, a bat of similar or greater value should be returned to the player as soon as practical.

Note: It will be the financial responsibility of the City of Rockville to replace any bat that is forwarded to ASA Headquarters for testing and subsequently destroyed in the process if it's not considered part of ASA play.

cc: Jim Blackwood, UIC  
Field Supervisors