



**New York State Public High School Athletic Association
Executive Committee Meeting – October 22, 2015**

[PROPOSAL TITLE]

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Cathy Allen (conference call) and Chris Ceruti

Proposal:

Penalties for using a “non approved certification stamped bat”

The penalty for using a “ASA non approved certification stamped bat”, which is listed on the most current list on the asa.com website, will be the same as the penalty for using an altered bat.

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA follow the ASA rules and use their certified and banned bat lists. Many softball athletes are using bats on which are currently on the non approved lists. The Committee is concerned about safety and the number of injuries. The feeling of the Committee is that the bats have to be controlled and stricter enforcement of these bats must be adhered to. Imposing a stronger penalty may help to get these bats off our playing fields.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Softball Committee

Budget Impact:

None for the Association

Notes: This topic has been discussed at length at several of the Committee meetings. It was noted that even though a bat has a certification stamp from ASA there is a list of banned bats within that list. It was noted that several of these bats were in use at our State Tournament in June. NYSSO representatives were present at the meeting and it was agreed that we could put penalties on the use of these bats. It is the Committees hope that greater awareness of this list and stricter penalties will prevent these bats on the softball diamond.

Attachments: Meeting notes from the November 17th Committee meeting- states both proposals and the motions for the proposals