



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Conference Baseball Administrators

FROM: Ben Brownlee
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SUBJECT: Minimum Barrel Compression for Rawlings Quatro Model Baseball Bats.

The following information is applicable for the NCAA postseason bat testing protocol and is recommended for those member conferences conducting baseball bat barrel compression testing during the regular season while testing all models of the Rawlings Quatro baseball bat.

Through information provided by conferences with institutions using the Rawlings Quatro baseball bat and additional testing conducted at the Sports Science Laboratory at Washington State University, a minimum permissible compression threshold has been established for the portable bat testing device. For all lengths and models of the Rawlings Quatro and Rawlings Quatro Pro, a portable compression testing device reading below 800 lbs should be considered outside of an acceptable range of compliance. The compression threshold for metal bats is 1250 lbs and the threshold for composite baseball bats is 1000 lbs. The Rawlings Quatro and Rawlings Quatro Pro are exceptions to the 1000 lbs minimum compression threshold.

Should you have any questions regarding the compression value, please contact me (bbrownlee@ncca.org) or Jeff Kensrud (jkensrud.ssl@wsu.edu).

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cc: Baseball Rules Committee
Selected NCAA staff

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