

# Technical Bulletin 20-1



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Re: New USSSA Softball Bat Certification Stamp

Softball Canada currently accepts bats certified by USSSA for use in Slo-Pitch competition. *USSSA has recently adopted a new certification stamp (shown to the right) that will now be eligible for use in Softball Canada SP competition.* The former USSSA stamp will also continue to be accepted.

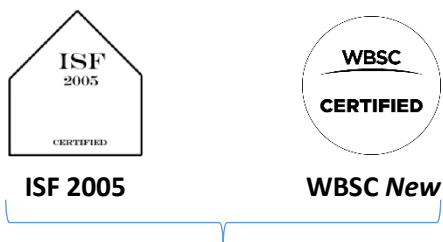


## Current Standards

*For the 2021 season, the following certification stamps are currently accepted for Softball Canada competition.*

### WBSC

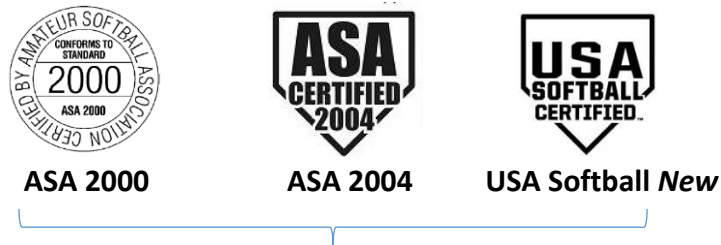
With the transition from the ISF to the WBSC, new bat certification stamps have been developed for international play. The new logo will begin to appear on newly manufactured bats this year. Bats with the older 2005 stamp will continue to be accepted for competition. Bats must also be on the WBSC certified bat list.



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### USA Softball

USA Softball has developed new stamps to transition from their ASA 2004 and ASA 2013 stamps. These stamps are equivalent to the former stamps as shown below and will begin to appear on newly manufactured bats beginning this season. Bats with the older 2000, 2004 and 2013 stamps will continue to be accepted as previous under Softball Canada rules. All bats must continue to remain on the approved bat list to be certified for use.



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**Certified for use in Adult Men's (U23 and above) Fast Pitch competition ONLY.**

### USSSA

Both USSSA certification stamps remains accepted for all levels of Slo-Pitch.



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For more details please refer to the updated Bat Check Protocol / Approved Bat information at <https://softball.ca/programs/umpires/approved-bats>

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