



## MEMORANDUM

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### VIA EMAIL

TO: Conference Commissioners, Directors of Athletics and Head Baseball Coaches.

FROM: Randy Bruns, secretary-rules editor  
NCAA Baseball Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Baseball Batting Helmets – Add-On Products.

This is a reminder that baseball batting helmets must meet the standards established by the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE). This requirement is outlined in Rule 1.15a in the 2017 and 2018 NCAA Baseball Rules Book.

In this regard, please [click here](#) to review a statement from NOCSAE regarding add-on products to helmets, including batting helmets.

As a reminder, an institution's head coach or representative is required by Rule 4.4c to confirm with the umpire during the pregame meeting that playing equipment meets NCAA rules and regulations. Umpires shall verify with the head coach during the pregame meeting that all players are legally equipped, including all batting helmets being worn (Rule 4.4e). If a head coach is unable to verify a batting helmet with an add-on product is legal, the player will be required to change to a legal helmet or risk being ejected if a legal helmet is not worn (See Rule 1.15a PENALTY). Umpires who are registered on the NCAA Baseball Central Hub on the ArbitrSports website will receive this notification as well. To ensure all umpires are aware of this directive, we ask that conferences distribute this information to your conference coordinators of umpires. Each institution should distribute this information to umpires assigned by the institution (if applicable).

The NCAA Baseball Rules Committee encourages institutions wanting to add a product to their existing helmets, or if they have any questions about an add-on product, to contact the manufacturer of the batting helmet to ensure that the batting helmet still meets the NOCSAE standard if a product is added.

Should you have any questions about the application of the baseball playing rules, please do not hesitate to contact me ([rbruns11@gmail.com](mailto:rbruns11@gmail.com); 319-240-0403).

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