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### **SHADOW HILLS REMOVED FROM CIF-SS PLAYOFFS FOR ILLEGAL BATTING PRACTICE**

LOS ALAMITOS – The CIF Southern Section has removed the Shadow Hills High School Girls Softball Team for a violation of playoff rules in regards to batting practice.

The violation occurred prior to a Division 6 second-round game on May 21 versus Mary Star of the Sea High School in San Pedro.

CIF Southern Section Bylaw 2521.2 states the following:

***Teams entered in the softball playoffs will not be permitted to take batting practice on the day of a playoff game prior to the commencement of the contest during the contest (See playoff bulletin for definition of batting practice)***

The CIF Southern Section Softball Post-Season Bulletin defines batting practice as follows:

***BATTING PRACTICE– Includes bunting or slap hitting. Teams entered in the softball playoffs WILL NOT be permitted to take batting practice on the day of the scheduled contest. Batting practice will be construed as any type of pitching motion with ANY type of ball from in front of the batter (including pitching machines, underhand tossing, overhand throwing or pepper). THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE BATTING WARMUP WILL BE SIDE SOFT TOSS. The player who tosses the ball should be on a knee and to the side of the batter. The ball should be lifted, not pitched, to the batter. THE PENALTY FOR BATTING PRACTICE WITH WIFFLE BALL, SOFTBALL, BASEBALL, ETC. MAY BE FORFEITURE OF GAME.***

It was determined after receiving video tape and official statements that a violation had occurred and the violation was such as to warrant the removal from the playoffs of the Shadow Hills team.

Mary Star of the Sea will now move on to a quarterfinal-round contests Friday at Pomona Catholic High School.

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