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Rawlings Helmet Flap/Extension Policy

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Re: "C-Flap" and NOCSAE Certification

We write this letter requesting clarification from helmet manufacturers regarding their stances on whether or not add-on face protector components, such as a "c-flap", will void NOCSAE certifications. Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, Inc. has a very clear and firm stance on this matter. The addition of any component to a Rawlings helmet that was not sold by Rawlings and advertised as approved for use as contemplated will both void any manufacturer warranty and void the NOCSAE certification. Rawlings cannot properly assess the effectiveness or safety of any such modification or the effects on the integrity of the helmet shell. Any helmet alteration, which includes drilling the shell, effectively creates a new model that would require 3rd party testing to achieve NOCSAE certification.

Rawlings Sporting Goods Inc. manufactures a number of different baseball and softball batting helmet face guards/masks designed to fit our helmets. These batting helmet face guards/masks are SEI Certified to the NOCSAE Standard which requires both annual 3rd party testing as well as ongoing quality control (QC) impact testing.

However, Rawlings is excited to inform you that we intend to offer a flap/extension of our own that will be available for sale in the upcoming months. The name of this accessory attachment will be known as the Mach EXT (Mach Extension). The Rawlings Mach EXT has been specifically designed to fit on our new Mach batting helmet line. The Mach EXT can be attached by aligning the pre-drilled holes on the extension to the pre-drilled holes on the Mach helmet resulting in a combination and attachment method that does not void Rawlings' helmet warranty nor the helmet's NOCSAE certification.

Additionally, Rawlings currently offers a number of different baseball and softball batting helmet face guards and masks designed to fit our helmets. These products are SEI Certified to the NOCSAE Standard.

We hope that this statement is helpful and provides detailed clarification. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or comments.

Respectfully,

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