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#### TO SEI NOCSAE PARTICIPANTS:

# SEI Certification Bulletin #33 ND024-24m24 Standard Revision Implementation

The SEI Committee on Certification Programs has approved of the immediate implementation of ND024-24m24 Standard Performance Specification for Newly Manufactured Baseball/Softball Catcher's Helmets with Faceguard for use in offering SEI certifications.

## **Revision Changes Summary**

ND024-24m24 Standard Performance Specification for Newly Manufactured Baseball/Softball Catcher's Helmets with Faceguard

- Participants are now able to submit catcher's helmets with faceguards for use with softballs only for certification to ND024-24m24
  - Section 5.2 Drop Tests remain unchanged regardless of helmet type.
  - Section 5.3 Helmet Projectile Tests remain unchanged with both baseballs and softballs being prescribed regardless of helmet type.
  - Section 5.4 Faceguard Projectile Tests have been updated to include softball only faceguard impacts. The requirements for helmets intended for use with both Baseballs and Softballs remain unchanged
- Section 7 Construction, previously defined in ND001, has been added to this standard.
- Section 8 Materials, previously defined in ND001, has been added to this standard.
- Section 9 Labeling, previously defined in ND001, has been added to this standard.
  - Section 9.4 is new to the labeling requirements and is applicable for helmets to be used with softballs only.

#### Standard Revision Fees

Based on the revision(s), SEI has determined that this standard revision will have no effect on currently certified ND024 products. Because of this, SEI has decided to waive the standard revision fee and process the adoption of the new revision at no additional cost to participants. Initial and Class I certification fees will still apply for those submission types.

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### **Implementation**

SEI is currently offering certifications to ND024-24m24 for new products, or upon request for early adoption. The official effective date of ND024-24m24 is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Once this date has been reached, SEI will automatically start processing all annual submissions as Standard Revision submissions to the latest edition, with no action required by the participant. After August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, SEI will no longer be processing submissions to ND024-21.

#### **Lab Fees**

With this being a revision to the existing ND024 standard, and thus being considered a new standard, the laboratories have been offered the opportunity to provide new testing fees. Included with this bulletin participants can find the revised test fees attached.

# Sampling

The minimum required sampling is as follows:

- 1. NOCSAE DOC (ND) 024-24 Newly Manufactured Baseball/Softball Catcher's Helmets with Faceguards
  - a. Standard Specification:
    - 1. For helmets intended for use in both baseball and softball (BB+SB Helmets), at least seven (7) of each helmet model in each of the critical sizes must be tested.
    - 2. For helmets intended for use in only softball (SB Only), at least five (5) of each helmet model in each of the critical sizes must be tested.
  - b. SEI Minimum Sampling:
    - 1. Initial, Class I, Standard Revision submissions:
      - a. For helmets intended for use with Baseballs and Softballs: At minimum, seven helmets in each critical size shall be submitted for testing. For helmet projectile impact testing, seven samples shall be submitted for testing on each headform it fits. For drop testing and faceguard projectile impacts, testing shall be performed on only the largest headform the helmet fits.

b. For helmets intended for use with Softballs only: At minimum, seven helmets in each critical size shall be submitted for testing. For helmet projectile impact testing, five samples shall be submitted for testing on each headform it fits. For drop testing and faceguard projectile impacts, testing shall be performed on only the largest headform the helmet fits.

## 2. Annual submissions:

- a. For helmets intended for use with Baseballs and Softballs: At minimum, seven helmets in each critical size offered shall be tested on the largest headform the helmet fits for all projectile and drop testing.
- b. For helmets intended for use with Softballs only: At minimum, five helmets in each critical size offered shall be tested on the largest headform the helmet fits for all projectile and drop testing.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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