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TO SEI NOCSAE PARTICIPANTS:

**SEI Certification Bulletin #27  
Standards and Quality Audit Update**

This bulletin will serve to provide updates relevant to the SEI NOCSAE Certification Program, such as NOCSAE standard revisions, and other certification related topics.

**NOCSAE STANDARDS ACTIVITY**

SEI staff was in attendance at the NOCSAE Winter Standards Committee meeting held in Phoenix, AZ on January 31, 2020. As a result, we have provided below SEI's summary of the standards development activity taken during the meeting.

**Revised NOCSAE Standards**

NOCSAE proposed the following standard revisions during the Winter 2020 Standards Committee meeting. Revisions are typically substantive changes to the performance requirements or test methods that could potentially affect initial or annual certifications.

**ND022-20 Standard Performance Specification for Newly Manufactured Baseball/Softball Batter's Helmets (Revised February 2020, Effective February 2021)**

- Added language to impact in vertical position or 40 degree +/-1 degree tilt reducing possible random impact vectors

**Modified NOCSAE Standards**

NOCSAE acknowledged the following standard modifications during the Winter 2020 Standards Committee meeting. Modifications are non-substantive edits that are provided for clarification only, do not alter the substantive content of the standards, and will not affect initial or annual certifications.

**ND081-18am19a Standard Linear Impactor Test Method and Equipment Used in Evaluating the Performance Characteristics of Protective Headgear and Faceguards**

- Added Section 9.3.4 which states random impact locations may not be closer than one inch from any other previous impact location, and clarified the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  angle rotations in section 6.6

**ND002-17m19a Standard Performance Specification for Newly Manufactured Football Helmet**

- Corrected a typo in section 7.2

**ND050-11m19 Standard Performance Specification for Newly Manufactured Polo Helmets**

- Changed the NOCSAE/SEI logo artwork for polo helmets
- Changed references to face protector to eye protector



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**ND001-17m19** *Standard Test Method and Equipment Used in Evaluating the Performance Characteristics of Headgear/Equipment*

- Updated the NOCSAE seal/artwork for ND050

**ND055-11m19** *Standard Performance Specification for Helmet Mounted Polo Eye Protection*

- Changed section 4.3 from face to eye protector

**SEI QUALITY AUDIT UPDATES**

NOCSAE QA/QC Plan Assessments

In an effort to provide further clarification and education on NOCSAE's QA/QC requirements, SEI hosted a webinar on March 5, 2020 to review several aspects of this topic. If you were not able to attend the webinar and would like to view the session slides and recording, please contact SEI's Manager of Quality Audits, Kate McDonald ([kmcdonald@seinet.org](mailto:kmcdonald@seinet.org)).

As a reminder, SEI is asking that participants submit their QA/QC plan(s) for each product type and for each supplier location to SEI's Program Manager, Dave Petit ([dpetit@seinet.org](mailto:dpetit@seinet.org)). SEI staff and the SEI auditor(s) will review the plan(s), to determine whether a given plan meets the NOCSAE QA/QC requirements as specified in NOCSAE ND 001, *Standard Drop Impact Test Method and Equipment for Protective Headgear/Equipment* and NOCSAE ND 011, *Manufacturers Procedural Guide for the Control of Quality and Sample Selection for Testing to NOCSAE Standards*. For those participants that have not already submitted their plan(s), SEI will contact participants directly to request any outstanding QA/QC plan(s) with a goal of having all plans reviewed prior to the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, SEI is rescheduling audits, where necessary, and is currently assessing the possibility of certain audits to be conducted remotely. Audits that cannot be conducted remotely, will be postponed to the summer or until travel and safety restrictions are lifted by the responsible governmental authorities.

We hope you have found this bulletin to be helpful. Do not hesitate to call a member of the SEI staff with any questions.

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