



**IN CONJUNCTION WITH USA BASEBALL AND ITS OTHER PARTICIPATING NATIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS, PONY BASEBALL HAS ADOPTED THE NEW USA BASEBALL BAT STANDARD (USABat).**

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE -3 BAT (BBCOR CERTIFIED), ALL OTHER 2 5/8 INCH MINUS FACTOR BATS (-5, -7, -9, ETC) MUST BE YBBCOR CERTIFIED WITH THE USABat LICENSING STAMP ON THE BAT IN ORDER TO BE USED FOR LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT PLAY. 2 5/8 INCH MINUS FACTOR BATS -5, -7, -9, ETC., USED IN 2017 WILL BE ILLEGAL TO USE IN 2018.**

**THE NEW YBBCOR CERTIFIED BATS BEARING THE USABat LICENSING MARK ARE EXPECTED TO BE OFFERED IN RETAIL STORES IN SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> OF 2017.**

