



Updated: For 2018 Playing Season

Babe Ruth League, Inc. Approved and Non-Compliant Bats

Having trouble finding a particular USABat model? You may access the USABat Finder tool to request information on where to obtain the bat you would like. [Access USABat Finder Tool](#)

"It is the policy of Babe Ruth League, Inc. to assure the safety of all participants. Accordingly, Babe Ruth League, Inc. reserves the right to ban any equipment, including bats, at any time, including during the season, based upon a change of existing policy and/or upon new information made available to Babe Ruth League, Inc."

[Click Here](#) to read about the USABat Standard to be used beginning on January 1, 2018.

[Click Here](#) to read about the USABat T-Ball Sticker Program beginning on January 1, 2018.

[Click Here](#) for the list of USA Bat Standard approved bats.

Babe Ruth League Bat Rules	
2017	2018
T-Ball	
Marked for T-Ball Use	USA Baseball T-Ball Stamp
Cal-Ripken Baseball	
2 1/4" Barrel with 1.15 BPF Marking	USA Baseball Marking 2 5/8" Barrel Maximum NO BBCOR BATS
Babe Ruth Baseball 13-15	
2 5/8" Barrel Aluminum or Composite BBCOR .50	USA Baseball Marking or BBCOR .50 2 5/8" Barrel
Babe Ruth Baseball 16-18	
All Bats Must Be BBCOR .50 No Greater Than -3	All Bats Must Be BBCOR .50 No Greater Than -3
Babe Ruth Softball	
Marked as "Official Softball Bat" or "Official Fastpitch Bat"	Marked as "Official Softball Bat" or "Official Fastpitch Bat"

Note: Solid one piece wood bats are permitted for use in all divisions and must conform to Rule 1.10. No laminated or experimental bats shall be used in a game.

Tampering or altering bats may violate certain federal and state laws and voids the USA Baseball certification, as well as all manufacturer warranties. Rolling is considered tampering and would void the bat's certification and make it illegal for play.

NON-COMPLIANT BATS FOR - BABE RUTH SOFTBALL:

Contained below is a current listing of non-compliant bats that are not eligible, or approved, for use in any Babe Ruth Softball program or activity.

* Babe Ruth League Softball has been advised that Louisville Slugger is recalling the entire current line of the OneX fastpitch softball bat (all lengths and weights) from the market.

Effectively immediately and until notified otherwise, these bats are no longer approved for play in any level of the Babe Ruth Softball program. It should be noted that both the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) have taken similar action at the request of Louisville Slugger. [Click here](#) for more information.

PENALTY

- If the illegal bat is discovered prior to a batter completing his "at bat" the bat is simply removed from play and the "at bat" continues.
- A player who uses an illegal bat or non-conforming barrel dimension and hits a fair ball will be ruled out. No advancement on the bases will be allowed, and any outs during the play shall stand. This is an appeal play. The "at bat" will be considered legal once a pitch is thrown to the next batter.
- Any bat discovered prior to the game that does not conform to the above rule shall be directed to be removed immediately and not be allowed for use during the game.

If you have any questions on approved or non-compliant bats, do not hesitate to contact Babe Ruth Headquarters.

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