

2018 Bat Rules

New baseball bat regulations go into effect January 1, 2014

In the interest of making baseball a safe and enjoyable experience for all and to align ourselves with neighboring communities, effective January 1st 2014, the Catholic Schools Athletic League has moved to adopt the bat rules implemented by the USSSA back in 2012.

Compliance with these rules is mandatory for all players and all teams and applies to all levels of play offered by CSAL

USSSA Baseball Bat Marks & Grandfathering Rules are as follows:
Big Barrel Bat Rules (2⁵/₈" or 2³/₄")

Effective for CSAL Players January 1, 2016

All Varsity Division 1 players: The bat have a BBCOR mark permanently attached to the bat that is recognized by NHSF as a legal bat for NHSF sanctioned play and has no more than a minus 3 ounces difference from the length of the bat. Minimum bat length is 29 inches.

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- Have the new permanent USSSA Mark on its taper OR
- Be a Qualified BBCOR bat OR
- Be a Wood Bat

ALL of the above must be manufactured by an approved [USSSA Bat Licensee](#)

Small Barrel Baseball Bat Rules (2¹/₄" or less)

- Have the new permanent USSSA mark on its taper OR
- Have the old permanent USSSA mark ("USSSA 1.15 BPF"2) OR
- Be a Wood Bat

ALL of the above must be manufactured by an approved [USSSA Bat Licensee](#)

In Summary, all bats must have a BPF (Bat Performance Factor) of 1.15 and all Bats must be approved by the USSSA. Please check your player's bats to ensure it is in compliance and has the required USSSA markings.

If you have any concern about the person selling or providing you a bat, do not accept the bat, because you will be held responsible.