

## USSSA BAT RULE CHANGE

As some have heard and many have not, USSSA has placed a new rule in regards to bats for the 2012 season. All big barrel bats must carry the USSSA bat stamp or will be deemed illegal for play.

Here is a snapshot of the rule:

**A. JANUARY 1, 2012 14 U AND YOUNGER BIG BARREL BAT RULES. TO BE LEGAL IN 2012 FOR USSSA 14U AND BELOW, A BIG BARREL BAT MUST BE MANUFACTURED BY AN APPROVED USSSA BAT LICENSEE AND**  
**1) HAVE THE NEW USSSA MARK ON ITS TAPER, OR**  
**2) BE A QUALIFIED BBCOR BAT, OR**  
**3) BE A WOOD BAT.**

**There are no exceptions to this rule!!!** Please note that only **Qualified BBCOR bats** have any weight v. length (drop) limitation.

Beginning JANUARY 1, 2012, Big Barrel baseball bats ( $2\frac{5}{8}$ " or  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " ) will be allowed

in USSSA sanctioned play for 14U and below if, and only if,

1) they have the **New USSSA Mark** (see below) prominently and permanently displayed on their taper and are manufactured by an approved USSSA bat licensee (a list of these USSSA approved bat licensees is found on the USSSA/Baseball website), **OR**

2) is a "**Qualified BBCOR Bat**" ( a Big Barrel bat that is made by a USSSA approved bat licensee, has 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 which bat must be at least 29 inches long), **OR**

3) is a **Wood Bat** manufactured by an approved USSSA bat licensee .

Here is the stamp the **MUST** appear on each bat:

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More information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.ussa.com/ussa/ussa-general/2011-12NewBaseballBatMarksGrandfatheringRulesAnnouncement.pdf>

Currently we are working with suppliers to provide a pre order program that will guarantee delivery of the bat of your choice as well as a discount program that will get you the best pricing. More to follow shortly.