

Approved MYBSA Bat Guidelines and Penalties for Use of Illegal Bats

A bat must meet MYBSA league specifications and standards as noted in league rules. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to specific governing associations standards.

A bat is considered legal when the following conditions are met;

- 1) Meets league specific barrel size requirements (See Below).*
- 2) Bat Performance Factor does not exceed 1.15 (baseball) or 1.20 (softball).*
- 3) Is clearly identified by stamp or seal as being sanctioned by at least one of the following baseball or softball governing bodies; Little League International, USSSA, Pony, Cal Ripken, Dixie Youth, Amateur Softball Association, Babe Ruth League, NFHS, Baseball Players Association or National Softball Association.*

*A bat that is not clearly marked with a BPF and sanctioning body stamp will be considered an illegal bat.

League	Ages	Barrel Size Limit	BPF Cannot Exceed
<i>Rookie Baseball</i>	<i>3 to 4</i>	<i>2 1/4 "</i>	<i>1.15</i>
<i>Minor Baseball</i>	<i>5 to 6</i>	<i>2 1/4"</i>	<i>1.15</i>
<i>Pinto Baseball</i>	<i>6 to 8</i>	<i>2 1/4"</i>	<i>1.15</i>
<i>Mustang Baseball</i>	<i>9 to 10</i>	<i>2 1/4"</i>	<i>1.15</i>
<i>Bronco Baseball</i>	<i>11 to 12</i>	<i>2 5/8"</i>	<i>1.15</i>
<i>Pony Baseball</i>	<i>13 to 15</i>	<i>2 5/8"</i>	<i>1.15</i>
<i>Minor Softball</i>	<i>6 to 8</i>	<i>2 1/4 "</i>	<i>1.20</i>
<i>Junior Softball</i>	<i>9 to 10</i>	<i>2 1/4 "</i>	<i>1.20</i>
<i>Senior Softball</i>	<i>11 to 14</i>	<i>2 1/4 "</i>	<i>1.20</i>
<i>Major Softball</i>	<i>15 to 17</i>	<i>2 1/4 "</i>	<i>1.20</i>
<i>1. 2 3/4 barrel size bat is not allowed in any league</i>			
<i>2. All 2 5/8" barrel sized bats not made of a single piece of wood must meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance guidelines or the appropriate league BPF, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark.</i>			

Penalty for Using an Illegal Bat

A batter is out for illegal action when a batter enters the batter's box with one or both feet entirely on the ground with an illegal bat (refer to specific league rules) or is discovered having used an illegal bat prior to the next player entering the batter's box. In addition, all base runners must return to their previously occupied base prior to the infraction. The bat will also be immediately removed from play.

Note: *If the infraction is discovered before the next player enters the batter's box following the turn at bat of the player who used an illegal bat:*

- 1) the manager of the defense may advise the plate umpire of a decision to decline the penalty and accept the play. Such election shall be made immediately at the end of the play.*
- 2) For the first violation, the offensive team will lose one eligible adult base coach for the duration of the game. The base coach cannot be replaced for the remainder of the game.*
- 3) For the second violation, the manager of the team will be ejected from the game. Any subsequent violation will result in the newly designated manager being ejected.*