

MYBSA Equipment Guidelines

Before purchasing equipment for your son or daughter to use in playing in MYBSA leagues, please review the following guidelines.

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>			

Glove or Mitt

The first baseman and every fielder other than the catcher must wear a glove or mitt of any weight and not more than 14" long from top to bottom, not more the 8" wide across the palm, and webbing not more than 5-3/4" wide at the top. The pitcher's glove shall be of one solid color

other than white or gray, or if multi-colored, white and light gray shall not be included in the colors. No pitcher shall wear sweat bands on their wrist or arm.

Helmets

All helmets must bear the NOCSAE stamp. Label your child's helmet by using a Sharpie type pen and writing on the foam inside as writing on the helmet surface may disqualify the helmet from play.

Catcher's Equipment

The catcher must wear a catcher's mitt. Male catchers must wear a cup and a long model chest protector. Female catchers must wear a long or short model chest protector. All catchers must wear: a chest protector with a neck collar, throat guard, shin guards, and a catcher's helmet with mask. The catcher's helmet must bear the NOCSAE stamp (skull caps are not permitted). All catchers must wear a "dangling" type throat guard during infield/outfield practice, pitcher warm-ups, and games. Dangling means the throat guard will still hang down and protect the neck area when the catcher is looking straight up.

Cleats

Shoes with molded cleats are permitted at all levels. Metal cleats are allowed only in the Pony league.

Uniforms & Miscellaneous

For all baseball leagues other than Rookie and Minor leagues, pants should be all white in color (no pin striping) and have a belt loop. A uniform-matching belt should be used. Rookie and Minor Leagues may use pull string type pants if preferred. Players must not wear watches, bracelets, rings, pins, and jewelry (metallic or non-metallic). Jewelry that alerts medical personnel to a specific condition is permitted.