

Katy PONY Baseball – Rec League Bat Rules

PONY Baseball adopted the USA Baseball bat standard ([USABat Standard](#)) on January 1, 2018. Except for -3 (BBCOR certified), all other 2 1/4" and 2 5/8" barrel bats with a minus factor of (-5, -7, -9, etc.), must be USABat certified with the USABat licensing stamp on the bat in order to be used for league and tournament play. PONY will now allow the use of 2 1/2" USABat certified bats as well.

This rule change impacts all Divisions except Colt, which continues to follow high school bat rules.

The Pony bat rules can be found [here](#).

Penalty for use of an illegal bat (Pony Rules):

(a) If detected before the first pitch of an at-bat, the bat shall be removed from the game. The batter is not out and is required to use a bat that conforms to bat regulations. The Manager of the team shall be warned and will be removed from the game on a second occurrence.

(b) If detected after the first pitch (whether the pitch is swung at or not) the batter is declared out and base runners shall not advance. The Manager of the team shall be removed from the game and may be suspended for the next scheduled game.

(c) If detected after a ball is hit, the batter is out and base runners shall return to their original base prior to the hit. The Manager of the team shall be removed from the game and may be suspended for the next scheduled game.