

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL BAT RULES

Rule 1.10 (summarized)

- All BPF – 1.15 bats are prohibited.
- The bat diameter shall not exceed $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches.
- The bat must be a baseball bat and non-wood bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.



Tee Ball Division

- Non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- Non-wood bats must have a grip of cork, tape, or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.
- Under the USABat standard, certified Tee Ball bats (26" and shorter) will feature the USA Baseball mark and text which reads ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS.



Coach Pitch (Farm) Division

- Non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- Non-wood bats must have a grip of cork, tape, or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.
- Bat shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2⁵/₈ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.
- **NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.
- **NOTE 2:** Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor Divisions only with the use of [approved Tee Balls](#).

Machine Pitch (Cactus) Division

- Non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- Non-wood bats must have a grip of cork, tape, or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.
- Bat shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2⁵/₈ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.
- **NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.
- **NOTE 2:** Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor Divisions only with the use of [approved Tee Balls](#).

Minors (AA/AAA) Division

- Non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- Non-wood bats must have a grip of cork, tape, or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.
- Bat shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.
- **NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

Majors Division

- Non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- Non-wood bats must have a grip of cork, tape, or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.
- Bat shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.
- **NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

Intermediate (50-70) Division and Juniors Division

- Non-wood and laminated bats shall bear the USA Baseball logo.
- Non-wood bats must have a grip of cork, tape, or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.
- Bat shall not be more than 34" inches in length; nor more than 2⁵/₈ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end.
- **NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.
- **NOTE 2:** Also, permitted for the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League Division are bats meeting the BBCOR performance standard, and so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum/alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side, and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

Senior Division

- Non-wood bats must have a grip of cork, tape, or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.
- Bat shall not be more than 36 inches in length, nor more than $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths ($15/16$) inches in diameter ($7/8$ inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces). All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum/alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side, and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

Additional Notes

- **NOTE 1:** The traditional batting donut is not permissible.
- **NOTE 2:** The use of pine tar or any other similar adhesive substance is prohibited at all levels of Little League Baseball. Use of these substances will result in the bat being declared illegal and removed from play.
- **NOTE 3:** Non-wood bats may develop dents from time to time. Bats that have cracks or sharp edges, or that cannot pass through the approved Little League bat ring for the appropriate division must be removed from play. The 2-1/4-inch bat ring must be used for bats labeled 2-1/4. The 2-5/8-inch bat ring must be used for bats labeled for 2-5/8.
- **NOTE 4:** An illegal bat must be removed. Any bat that has been altered shall be removed from play. **PENALTY** – See Rule – 6.06(d).
- **Approved Ruling:** If the certification mark/s on a bat are not legible, that bat cannot be used and shall be removed from the game.