



Little League Baseball

Bat Rules

Central Little League & Little League® Intl. has assembled an online resource page dedicated to baseball bat information, that includes the latest bat information, current Little League Baseball® rules and regulations governing bats, and a series of frequently asked questions. Little League rules are strict and Central Little League of Las Vegas has amended some of the rules. Our goal is to ensure all of our players get a chance to play!

As of January 1, 2018, the new USA Baseball Bat Standard was implemented. USABat Standard bats must be used in the Little League Major Baseball Division and below. Little League-approved baseball bats that were approved for use for the 2017 season ***will no longer be acceptable for use in any Little League game or activity*** as of January 1, 2018.

USABat models are performance tested and certified using USA Baseball's Performance Test Protocol.

- **CERTIFIED BATS:**

- For more information on the USABat standard and a complete list of bats approved through the USABat Standard, (NOTE, some bats are approved and may NOT be listed, this is meant to be a quick search/reference guide)
- visit usabat.com.

- **ABOUT USA BAT STANDARD**

- <https://www.littleleague.org/help-center/usa-baseball-bat-standard-faqs/>

- **NOTICE ON NEW ADOPTION:**

- <https://www.littleleague.org/news/little-league-adopt-new-usa-baseball-bat-standard-starting-2018-season/>

- **DE-CERTIFIED BATS**

- View a list of BATS that are faulty or no longer approved, even though, they MAY have, at one point, been approved:
- <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-information/decertified-bats/>

MANDATORY - Rule 1.10

The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat).



ALL DIVISIONS RULES

All BPF – 1.15 bats are prohibited. The bat diameter shall not exceed 2⁵/₈ inches for these divisions of play.

- Allowed Sizes:
 - 2 ¼
 - 2 ½
 - 2 5/8

WOODEN BATS PROHIBITED

Even though little league in general does allow the use of wooden bats, our league, Central Little League, will NOT allow WOODEN Bats.

ALUMINUM – ALLOY - COMPOSITE BATS

- 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.
- 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.

GENERAL

- NOTE 1:
 - The traditional batting donut is not permissible.
- NOTE 2:
 - PINE TAR IS ALLOWED in Central Little League. *Although, the original rules do state, 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.

- 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).
- NOTE 5:
 - Umpires and Coaches CAN Inspect ANY bat, prior to game and during the game.
- NOTE 6:
 - BPF Bats are not allowed as of 2018; The BPF has been replaced by the USABat Baseball Bat Standard for Junior League, Intermediate 50/70, Major, Minor, and Tee Ball Baseball Divisions.
 - Either USABat Standard bats **or** BBCOR bats must be used.
- NOTE 7:
 - Will 2017 and OLDER models be allowed?
 - No. Starting on January 1, 2018, all bats must be marked with the USABat label in order to be used in Little League Baseball®.
 - All bats marked with the BFP 1.15 will not be permitted to be used in any Little League activities, including practices or games.

PENALTY – USE OF AN ILLEGAL BAT

This change updates the penalty for the usage of an illegal bat as listed in 6.06(d) to remain consistent with the penalty included in the change to Rule 3.01. Use of an illegal bat, De-certified bat and or any batting assistance (unless approved by the Board of Directors of Central Little League):

Bat removed from play and field. If the Bat is used and player is caught, the BALL IS DEAD; The player(s) run and or runs scored, runs to bases do not count. Player will have to start over, all runners returned to original positions, and the batter is permitted to use a TEAM bat.

- 1st Warning:
 - Verbal warning, remove bat, use another bat from the team and or team approved bat.
 - Remove the bat from the field.
- 2nd Warning:
 - Verbal warning, remove bat, use another bat from the team and or team approved bat.
 - Remove the bat from the field.
 - Player is removed from the INNING and can resume play on the next inning.
- 3rd Warning:
 - Player is removed from the game.
 - One Coach may be considered to be removed from the game and removed from the field.
 - This is at the discretion of the UMPIRE.
 - In case there is NO Umpire, coaches from both teams MUST contact a Board Member of Central Little League asap via phone-call or onsite visit for regulations.
 - NOTE, littleleague.org specifically states *“The manger of the team will be ejected from the game, the batter who violated the rule will be ejected from the game, and the offensive team will lose one eligible adult base coach or head coach for the duration of the game.”* **We at Central Little League, have amended these rules for leniency, as stated above. IF a coach is removed or head coach is removed, any other coach of the team can assume the head coach position of the team.**

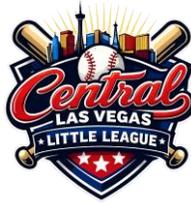
BAT SIZES BY DIVISION

Bats are measured based on player height and arm length. If we have a player who is taller than the average player or requires a larger bat based on their body type and size, please contact the Board of the Central Little League for a review.

- **Tee Ball (4-6)**
 - 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.
- **Rookies (6-8)**
 - It shall be 30- inches maximum and under.
- **Minors (8-10)**
 - It shall not be more than 33 inches in length
- **Majors (10-12)**
 - It shall not be more than 33 inches in length
- **Intermediate (12-13)**
 - Shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball’s Youth Bat Performance Standard.
 - Bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard may also be used
 - 30 inch to 34inch
- **Juniors (13 – 14)**
 - Shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball’s Youth Bat Performance Standard.
 - Bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard may also be used
 - 30 inch to 34inch

- **Seniors (14 – 16)**

- All bats **MUST BE** meet the BBCOR standard.
- 35 Inch Max
- 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)
- Example: A 35 Inch bat cannot weight less than 32 ounces



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