

As of January 1, 2018, the new [USA Baseball Bat Standard](#) will be implemented. For more information on the USABat standard and a complete list of bats approved through the USABat Standard, [visit usabat.com](#).

Rule 1.10 - Baseball

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 wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat).

Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors), and below, shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat - USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF - 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches for these divisions of play. Additional information is available at [LittleLeague.org/batinfo](#).

All Little League Divisions:

It 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:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

In all divisions, non-wood bat 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.

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 and Softball. 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 $2\frac{1}{4}$ -inch bat ring must be used for bats labeled $2\frac{1}{4}$. The $2\frac{5}{8}$ -inch bat ring must be used for bats labeled for $2\frac{5}{8}$.

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).

For 13 Year Old and Teener Leagues:

Little League has also established bat standards for older divisions. However, the Hampden Youth Baseball Association (HYBA) does not participate in Little League programs for these age levels. The Greater West Shore Teener Association, for which HYBA is an affiliate, will have to agree to the bat regulations to be followed. We will provide that information when it is available. To see the Little League regulations for these age levels, for informational purposes, [Click Here](#).