

2012 Bat Rules

In the past couple of years, several baseball sanctioning organizations have changed their rules regarding what bats are legal for use in their leagues or tournaments. As of August 1, 2011, these are the rules expected to apply to the 2012 season. Be aware that these sanctioning organizations may change rules during their membership meetings in the fall and winter.

Organization	8U to 13U	14U	15U +
AABC	Wood or non-wood bats may be used and must not be larger in diameter than 2-3/4 inches. There is no restriction with regard to the differential between length and weight.	Wood or non-wood bats may be used. The bat may not exceed minus three (-3) in differential between length and weight and must not be larger than 2-5/8 inches in diameter.	Only wood, laminate or composite wood bats may be used. The bat must not exceed 42 inches in length and 2-3/4 inches diameter.
USSSA	<p>The maximum diameter shall not exceed 2-3/4 inches and the maximum length shall not exceed 36 inches. Bats should not exceed the 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) as defined for baseball bats by ASTM Standards.</p> <p>Special Note: In 2012, new big barrel bats (diameters of 2-5/8" or 2-3/4") must have the new USSSA 1.15 BPF mark. Older big barrel bats will not be allowed.</p> <p>New small barrel bats (diameter of 2-1/2") must have the new USSSA 1.15 BPF mark as well. At this time no decision has been made regarding older small barrel bats and whether they will be allowed.</p>		NFHS rules apply.

NFHS	N/A	N/A	Any solid (one-piece) wood baseball bat will be legal. The only legal non-wood bats will be BBCOR-certified* baseball bats. The bat may not exceed minus three (-3) in differential between length and weight.
KVBSA	Pending		NFHS rules apply.