

BAT SPECIFICATIONS

For

Kino Baseball Leagues

(Effective February 2023)

10U + 11U DIVISION

- Maximum length is 33 inches.
- Barrel diameter can be 2 ¼", 2 5/8" or 2 ¾"
- Bat must have **USABat** or **USSA** stamped on the bat. Any bat that does not have either one of these stamps on the bat it is considered illegal for use in a game.

12U DIVISION (WOOD BAT)

- Solid one- piece wood bat (ash, maple, or birch) OR composite wood
- Maximum length is 33 inches.
- Barrel size permitted is 2 ½" in diameter.

13U/80 MAJOR DIVISION + FUTURES DIVISION

- Maximum length is 34 inches
- Barrel diameter can be 2 ¼", 2 5/8", 2 ¾"
- Bat must be stamped either **USABat**, **USSSA** or **BBCOR .5**
- **Bat drop -8 or heavier is required.**
- Any bat that does not have any of these stamps is considered illegal for use.

SCHOLASTIC DIVISION (JAYVEE + VARSITY)

- BBCOR .50 stamp (metal or composite) or wood bats permitted.
- Maximum barrel diameter is 2 5/8"
- Maximum length is 34 inches

ILLEGAL BAT: (NFHS Rule 1-3-5)

Bats that are altered from the manufacturer's original design and production, or that do not meet the rule specifications, are illegal. No artificial or intentional means shall be used to control the temperature of the bat. No foreign substance may be inserted into the bat. Bats that are broken, cracked, or dented or that deface a ball, i.e., tear the ball, shall be removed from the game without penalty. A bat that continually discolors the ball may be removed from the game with no penalty at the discretion of the umpire.

ILLEGAL USE OF BAT PENALTY (NFHS Rule 4-1a)

If the infraction of using illegal bat (appeal by the opposing team coach) is discovered before the next pitch, following the turn at bat of the player who used the illegal bat, the defense may take the penalty (batter is out and any runners on base return to the base they started from) or the result of the play.

KINO RULE: Successive illegal bat use infractions in a game will result in the player using the illegal bat being restricted to the bench, and the coach ejected from the game.

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