

Hey Reggie

The wood bat just needs to be a single piece of wood and not exceed 34 inches in length. They won't have another other marking on it such as USA or others that matter. The only other wood bat question I get is Bamboo bats. These are not considered wood and are NOT legal.

Hope this helps!

Rob



### Page 18 from 2018 rule book

**BAT REQUIREMENTS: CAL RIPKEN** – All non-wood bats must have the USABat Marking. Barrel Maximum –  $2\frac{5}{8}$ ". No BBCOR Bats are permitted in the Cal Ripken Division. For T-Ball Division, bats must be marked with the USABat T-Ball Stamp.

13-15 – The non-wood bats may must have the USABat Marking or marked BBCOR .50. Bat Barrel –  $2\frac{5}{8}$ "

. 16-18 – All non-wood bats MUST be a BBCOR .50 and no greater than -3. Barrel –  $2\frac{5}{8}$ ".

**ALL DIVISIONS** – If any bat in Cal Ripken Baseball or Babe Ruth Baseball cannot be clearly identified for its make and model to determine the barrel composition, then the bat must be removed from the game. Any cracked or flat bats must be removed from the game.

#### PENALTY:

- If the illegal bat is discovered prior to a batter completing his "at bat", the bat is simply removed from play and the "at bat" continues.
- A player who uses an illegal bat or non-conforming barrel dimension and hits a fair ball will be ruled out. No advancement on the bases will be allowed, and any outs during the play shall stand. This is an appeal play. The "at bat" will be considered legal once a pitch is thrown to the next batter.
- Any bat discovered prior to the game that does not conform to the above rule shall be directed to be removed immediately and not be allowed for use during the game.

**NOTE:** The new USA bat standard (USABat) applies to bats classified below the NCAA and NFHS level of play as of January 1, 2018.

### Page 36 from 2018 rule book

**1.10 (a) The bat shall be a smooth, round stick not more than 2.61 inches in diameter at the thickest part and not more than 42 inches in length. The bat shall be one piece of solid wood.**

**NOTE:** No laminated or experimental bats shall be used in a game.

(b) Cupped Bats. An indentation in the end of the bat up to one inch in depth is permitted and may be no wider than two inches and no less than one inch in diameter. The indentation must be curved with no foreign substance added.

(c) The bat handle, for not more than 18 inches from its end, may be covered or treated with any material or substance to improve the grip. Any such material or substance, which extends past the 18-inch limitation, shall cause the bat to be removed from the game.

NOTE: If the umpire discovers that the bat does not conform to (c) above until a time during or after which the bat has been used in play, it shall not be ground for declaring the batter out, or ejected from the game.

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