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Baseball

NEW BAT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018

Effective January 1st, 2018, the CV/KO Baseball League has adopted the following bat standard for all practices and games. Bats from previous seasons are illegal, excluding -3 BBCOR certified bats and wooden bats that comply with the Major League Baseball (MLB) Official Bat Rule.

For the 16U league (COLT) and older, the bats must be:

-3 BBCOR certified and may not exceed $2\frac{5}{8}$ " diameter
or
Wooden bat that complies with the MLB bat rule

For the 14U league (PONY) and younger age groups, the bats must be:

USABat standard stamped (applies to both composite & alloy bats) and may not exceed $2\frac{5}{8}$ " diameter
or
-3 BBCOR certified and may not exceed $2\frac{5}{8}$ " diameter
or
Wooden bat that complies with the MLB bat rule

How do I know if a bat complies with the new USABat standard?

New bats that comply will have the USA Baseball "stamp" on the bat. If this logo is not visible, the bat is illegal. The picture below shows you what to look for regarding the USA Bat standard:



What happens if a player is caught using an illegal bat?

Penalties may include the player being ejected, manager being ejected, team forfeiture of the game, and possible suspension for repeated violations. The specific rules for each age group address the penalty(-ies) for illegal bat usage.