



2017 USA Baseball Bat Guidelines

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Rule</u>	<u>Associated Events</u>
14U/15U	<p>Any BBCOR -3 bat</p> <p>Please check with nearest tower for any specific bat questions.</p>	<p>14U Championships</p> <p>15U Championships</p>
17U	<p>Any solid (one piece) wood bat and NFHS approved BBCOR wood barrel baseball bats.</p> <p>Please check with nearest tower for any specific bat questions.</p>	<p>17U Championships</p>

These standards are in accordance with those of the National Federation of State High School Associations (**NFHS**). For a summary of their approved and unapproved bats, please visit www.mme.wsu-ssl.org/certifiedbaseballbats.aspx. All 2017 USA Baseball events will adhere to the NFHS's stated move to BBCOR-only standards for non-wood bats.

Bat Protest Procedure

Teams wishing to protest the use of an illegal bat must notify the umpire before the next at-bat. Once the first pitch to the next batter has been thrown, the protest will be considered invalid.

Result of Successful Protest

A successful protest will result in the automatic ejection of the player committing the infraction and the manager of the infracting team. The protesting team can then choose to accept an automatic out or the result of the play.

Non-Team Related Occurrences

Players participating in USA Baseball camps or individual based identification events that are found to have committed an infraction will have their participation reviewed by the operating staff and may face expulsion from the event.

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