

SIJHSAA BASEBALL

BAT CHANGES FOR 2018

Approved 3-14-18 by SIJHSAA Board of Control

******To change SIJHSAA By Law: Article XXV: Baseball Playing Regulations Section 1d which contains exceptions to the NFHS bat rules to read as follows:**

The following bats are legal for use in 2018 SIJHSAA Contests:

- A. Any non-wood bat containing a silkscreened or permanently marked BBCOR label as detailed in 1-3-2 of the NFHS baseball rules book or;**
- B. Any bat 30 inches and under that has a greater than minus three(3) drop provided the bat barrel diameter does not exceed 2 ¼ inches or;**
- C. Any bat 30 inches and under that has a greater than minus three drop and a barrel diameter no larger than 2 5/8 inches provided that the bat contains the USA Baseball logo or;**
- D. Any wood bat that meets the NFHS standards as detailed in section 1-3-2 and 1-3-3 of the NFHS baseball rules book.**

NOTE 1: Any bat 31 inches and over must meet the NFHS bat guidelines and contain the BBCOR label.

NOTE 2: Any bat 31 inches and over and has a greater than a minus 3 drop with the USA Baseball logo is an illegal bat.

NOTE 3: Any non-wood bat with a barrel diameter greater than 2 5/8 inches is illegal.

NOTE 4: Effective with the 2019 season, no bat with a 2 ¼ inch barrel will be legal.

Rationale: Bat manufacturers are phasing out the production of bats with 2 ¼ inch diameter barrels. The SIJHSAA has allowed these smaller barreled bats in past years because it is a bat that students in our member schools are able to swing. But, because bat manufacturers are no longer going to produce 2 ¼ inch barrel bats, the bats with the USA Baseball logo that have a 2 5/8 inch barrel with a greater than minus 3 drop give our students another option. These bats with the USA Baseball logo have BBCOR like characteristics. A 30 inch and under bat with a 2 ¼ barrel would still be legal as many players have used these bats in previous years and may have been recently purchased. Eventually, the 2 ¼ inch barrel bats will disappear because as noted above the bat manufacturers are stopping production of that size bat. However, given that 2 ¼ inch bats may have recently been purchased the committee wants to allow their use for one more year but then completely phase out their use beginning in 2019 given that there are options with the new USA Baseball logo bats to swing a greater than minus three(3) drop bat.

SIJHSAA Baseball Bat Standards

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- Any bat 30 inches and under that has a greater than minus three drop provided the bat barrel diameter does not exceed 2 1/4 inches or;
- Any bat 30 inches and under that has a greater than minus three drop and a barrel diameter no larger than 2 5/8 inches provide that bat contains the USA Baseball logo or;
- Any wood bat that meets the NFHS standards as detailed in section 1-3-2 and 1-3-3 of the NFHS baseball rules book.

NOTE 1: Any bat 31 inches and over must meet the NFHS bat guidelines and contain the BBCOR label.

NOTE 2: Any bat 31 inches and over and has a greater than a minus 3 drop with the USA Baseball logo is an illegal bat.

NOTE 3: Any non-wood bat with a barrel diameter greater than 2 5/8" is illegal.

NOTE 4: Effective with the 2019 season, no bat with a 2 1/4" barrel will be legal.

The following are examples of legal and illegal non-wood bats. This list is not intended to be all inclusive or all exclusive:

Legal and Illegal Non-Wood Bats Without a USA Baseball Logo

Length	Weight	Barrel Diameter	Status
31	28	2-5/8"	Legal assuming BBCOR labeled
28	18	2-5/8"	Illegal--Maximum barrel diameter for a 30" (or less) non-wood bat that has a greater than minus 3 differential is 2 1/4"
30	20	2-1/4"	Legal--BBCOR label not required
29	18	2-1/4"	Legal--BBCOR label not required
29	22	2-3/4"	Illegal--Maximum barrel diameter for a 30" (or less) non-wood bat that has a greater than minus 3 differential is 2 1/4"
31	20	2-1/4"	Illegal--A 31" bat must weigh at least 28 oz. and meet all other NFHS standards including a BBCOR label
28	19	2-1/4"	Legal--BBCOR label not required
31	28	2-3/4"	Illegal--Maximum barrel diameter for a non-wood bat is 2 5/8"
31	28	2-5/8"	Legal assuming BBCOR labeled
30	27	2-5/8"	Legal assuming BBCOR labeled
32	22	2-1/4"	Illegal--A 32" bat must weigh at least 29 oz. and all other NFHS standards including a BBCOR label
31	25	2-1/4"	Illegal--All 31" and over bats must meet the NFHS standards and include a BBCOR label
30	27	2-1/2"	Legal assuming BBCOR labeled
30	18	2-1/4"	Legal--BBCOR label not required
30	20	2-5/8"	Illegal--Bats 30" and under with a greater than -3 drop have a maximum barrel diameter of 2-1/4"
28	18	2-1/2"	Illegal--Bats 30" and under with a greater than -3 drop have a maximum barrel diameter of 2-1/4"

Legal and Illegal Non-Wood Bats With a USA Baseball Logo

Length	Weight	Barrel Diameter	Status
30	20	2-5/8"	Legal assuming USA Baseball Logo is silk screened on bat
31	20	2-5/8"	Illegal--All bats 31 inches and over must meet NFHS guidelines including BBCOR label
28	18	2-5/8"	Legal assuming USA Baseball Logo is silk screened on bat
26	16	2-1/4"	Legal assuming USA Baseball Logo is silk screened on bat
31	21	2-5/8"	Illegal--All bats 31 inches and over must meet NFHS guidelines including BBCOR label
32	22	2-5/8"	Illegal--All bats 31 inches and over must meet NFHS guidelines including BBCOR label
29	19	2-5/8"	Legal assuming USA Baseball Logo is silk screened on bat
28	18	2-1/2"	Legal assuming USA Baseball Logo is silk screened on bat