



Babe Ruth League, Inc. 2014 Approved And Non-Compliant Bats

APPROVED BATS FOR 2014:

Please note the following details on all baseball bats approved by Babe Ruth League, Inc. for 2014 local league and tournament play. Such descriptions are included as part of the 2014 Babe Ruth League Rules and Regulations.

CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL DIVISION

The bat may not exceed 33" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 ¼" in diameter. Only 2 ¼" barrel non-wood bats marked BPF 1.15 will be allowed. Wood 2 ¼" barrel bats are allowed.

13-15 BASEBALL DIVISION

The bat may not exceed 34" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 ⅝" in diameter. All aluminum/alloy barrel bats and all composite handle (only) aluminum/alloy barrels are allowed. Only composite barrel bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 will be allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.

16-18 BASEBALL DIVISION

The bat may not exceed 34" in length and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 ⅝" in diameter or be greater than a -3 length to weight ratio. Only metal/composite bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 are allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.

NON-COMPLIANT BATS FOR 2014:

Contained below is a current listing of non-compliant bats that are not eligible, or approved, for use in any Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball program or activity.

- Babe Ruth League, Inc. has been informed that **Nike Bat Model #Aero CX2-BTO636 (light grey), CX2-BTO573 (dark grey) and CX2-BTO598 (blue)** have failed recent performance standard compliance testing.

Effective immediately and until further notice, **Nike Bat Model #Aero CX2-BTO636 (light grey), CX2-BTO573 (dark grey) and CX2-BTO598 (blue)**, including all graphic variations, is not eligible, or approved, for use in any Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken program or activity.

- The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has advised Babe Ruth League, Inc. that the BBCOR decertification process has been implemented for the following bats:

Marucci CAT-52 33-inch model, CAT-52 34-inch model, and Black 33-inch and 34-inch models

Reebok Vector-TLS 33-inch model

Effective immediately and until further notice, the bats listed above are not eligible, or approved, for use in any Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken program or activity.

- Babe Ruth League, Inc. has been informed that the **Mattingly Balistk Bat Model - BTKYB (blue)** has failed recent performance standard compliance testing.

Effective immediately and until further notice, the **Mattingly Balistk Bat Model - BTKYB (blue)**, including all graphic variations, is not eligible, or approved, for use in any Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken program or activity.

- Babe Ruth League, Inc. has been informed that the **Louisville Slugger (Hillerich & Bradsby) TPX Dynasty - 12 bat - Model YB12D (black/red/grey)** has failed recent performance standard compliance testing.

Effective immediately and until further notice, the **Louisville Slugger (Hillerich & Bradsby) TPX Dynasty - 12 bat - Model YB12D (black/red/grey)**, including all graphic variations, is not eligible, or approved, for use in any Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken program or activity.

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.

If you have any questions on approved or non-compliant bats, do not hesitate to contact Babe Ruth Headquarters.