



## RTJBL Bat Requirements

As of January 1st, 2018, our national charter Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth along with Little Baseball and most other national baseball charters now follow and require that all bats are USABat certified. RTJBL requires that all players affiliated with our league use a USABat certified bat for all rec divisions and travel teams. As per our league rules, if a player uses an illegal bat in a game they will be ruled out. Any subsequent violations during future at bats in any game by that player will result in disciplinary action by the Executive Board.

Please take the time to confirm that the bat your child is using conforms to the guidelines below;

- Under the USABat standard, metal and composite bats must feature the USABat certification mark to be authorized for play in all of our rec and travel divisions. Solid, one piece wood bats may be used with or without the USA Baseball mark. Our Babe Ruth divisions allow both USABat and BBCOR .50 certified bats.
- For non-wood and multi-piece wood youth baseball bats (non-TeeBall bats), the USA Baseball mark signifies that the bat has undergone lab testing to confirm that it performs at a wood-like standard and has been certified under USABat.
- Bats with the **BPF 1.15 stamp** are not permitted in any of our programs.
- Bats with a **USSSA** certification are not permitted.
- Bats with a diameter **greater than 2 5/8** are not permitted.
- Tampering with an approved USABat is not permitted.

For more information visit the USABat website at <https://usabat.com/>

**Note**-It is possible that there is a tournament that our travel teams may enter that has other bat guidelines. Teams are allowed to conform with those rules if they differ from the above. USABL and NPGL leagues and tournaments all follow USABat standards.

**Example USABat stamp;**

