

In an effort to maintain a competitive balance for games and to remain in line with bat performance specifications used by Centex Tournament Series play, Town & Country Baseball will be adjusting bat compliance requirements for all age groups.

This rule change will take effect beginning with the Spring 2020 season:

Rules for all Leagues (see below for league specific rules):

- A bat labeled with either of a BBCOR, 1.15BPF stamp or the official USA Baseball Stamp (USABat) can be any length/weight ratio
- A bat $2\frac{1}{4}$ in diameter is allowable and does not need the aforementioned stamp and can be any length/weight ratio
- Any bat without the aforementioned stamp/label and larger than $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter (e.g. $2\frac{5}{8}$, $2\frac{3}{4}$), the length to weight ratio must be equal to or heavier than minus 10
 - For example:
 - If length is 30 inches, weight must be 20 oz
 - -10, -9, -8, -7, -6 or -5 would be acceptable length to weight ratios whereas -11, -12 and -13 would not.
 - Exception for 14u league, which must be drop 8 or heavier (noted below)
- The official bat shall be round in cross section for the entire length of the barrel and smooth surfaced in the hitting area.
 - Axe branded baseball bats are allowable if have stamp or meet length/weight requirement
- The maximum length shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches.
- The bat shall be constructed of wood, aluminum, or any other material or combination of materials as defined for baseball bats by ASTM standards.
- Any material to improve the grip may be used for a distance not to exceed eighteen (18) inches from the handle end.
- All bats must be commercially manufactured for baseball play.
- Softball bats or bats altered after manufacture to reduce or add weight will not be allowed.

4U, 6U, 8U leagues:

- The maximum diameter shall NOT exceed two and five eighths ($2\frac{5}{8}$) inches.
- A bat with $2\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter barrel is NOT acceptable in these leagues.

10u, 12u leagues:

- The maximum diameter shall NOT exceed two and three fourths ($2\frac{3}{4}$) inches.

14u leagues:

- All bats must be equal to or heavier than minus 8 in length to weight ratio.
 - For example: -8, -5, -3 are acceptable length to weight ratios and -10 is not