



**1988 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALISTS 2000**  
**1973 | 1974 WORLD CUP GOLD MEDALISTS 2007 | 2009**

2011 USA Baseball Bat Guidelines

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Rule</u>	<u>Associated Events</u>
18U	Any solid (one piece) wood bat	Tournament of Stars 18U National Team Trials Breakthrough Series Labor Day Cup NTIS 17U 18U National Team
16U	Any non-composite BESR -3 (see link below – category A) or approved-composite BESR -3 (see link below – category C) <a href="http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/besr/certified.html">http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/besr/certified.html</a> <b>OR</b> any BBCOR -3 bat (see link below) <a href="http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/bbcor/certified.html">http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/bbcor/certified.html</a>	16U Championships 16U Cup 16U National Team Trials 16U National Team Labor Day Cup NTIS 15U
14U	Any non-composite BESR -3 (see link below – category A) or approved-composite BESR -3 (see link below – category C) <a href="http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/besr/certified.html">http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/besr/certified.html</a> <b>OR</b> any BBCOR -3 bat (see link below) <a href="http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/bbcor/certified.html">http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/bbcor/certified.html</a> <b>OR</b> any non-composite -5 bat <b>OR</b> aluminum/alloy barrel and composite handle -5 bat	14U Championships 14U Cup 14U National Team Trials 14U National Team NTIS 13U
Women's	Any non-composite BESR -3 (see link below – category A) or approved-composite BESR -3 (see link below – category C) <a href="http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/besr/certified.html">http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/besr/certified.html</a> <b>OR</b> any BBCOR -3 bat (see link below) <a href="http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/bbcor/certified.html">http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/bbcor/certified.html</a> <b>OR</b> any non-composite -5 bat <b>OR</b> aluminum/alloy barrel and composite handle -5 bat	Women's International Friendship Series

These standards are in accordance with those of the National Federation of State High School Associations (<http://www.nfhs.org>). For a summary of their approved and unapproved bats, please visit: <http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/certification.html>. All 2012 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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