

Little League International - **NEW 2009 BAT RULES.**

Read carefully **BEFORE** you purchase a new bat for you child.

Little League Baseball(Majors) and Below

In effect for the 2009 season is the requirement that **ALL NON-WOOD BATS** used in Little League Baseball (Majors) Divisions and below **SHALL BE PRINTED WITH A BPF OF 1.15 OR LESS.**

This stipulation has been included in the Official Rules and Regulations for the past few years, leading up to 2009, so that leagues, parents, and bat manufacturers could prepare for it.

Most non-wood bats manufactured over the past several years for the age groups involved in Little League Baseball (Majors) and below have been permanently imprinted with the BPF. In fact, very few bats sold today with a diameter of 2-1/4 (two and one-quarter) inches are not printed with the BPF rating.

So, starting with the 2009 season, bats printed with a *BPF higher than 1.15, or without a BPF printed (or not legible)* on the bat, are **NOT PERMITTED** in these divisions.

Statement Regarding Bats in Junior League Baseball

Beginning with the 2009 season, baseball bats with a diameter of 2-5/8 (two-and-five-eighths) inches are now the standard for all teenage baseball divisions (Junior, Senior and Big League).

Baseball bats with a diameter of 2-3/4 (two-and-three-fourths) inches are no longer permitted for use in the Junior League Division of Baseball. Previously, these bats could be used in Juniors, but not in Senior or Big League.

Again, please make sure you have read the new rules before you purchase a bat for your child for the 2009 Little League season. These rules also apply to practice.

All bats will be checked before each game. If the bat does not comply with the above requirements, it will be removed from the dugout.

Thank you,
Morada Little League Board of Directors
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