

LYB Bat Rules (February, 2018) Please Note: The following rules and regulations regarding PONY approved bats are reviewed annually and are not always within the control of Lafayette Youth Baseball. As a PONY sanctioned league, we will follow their lead to help ensure the safety of all LYB players and coaches, and implement those changes accordingly.

- Acceptable bats include Wooden, Metal, Graphite, or Ceramic manufactured for baseball play, which are round and not longer than 42 inches.
- No two and three quarter inch ($2\frac{3}{4}$ inch) diameter barrel bats are allowed at any level of league play. • Two and five eighths inch ($2\frac{5}{8}$ inch) diameter barrel bats that weigh -3 that have the BBCOR .50 stamp are legal, as long as they are designed for baseball use. All BBCOR approved bats shall be labelled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark. (Note: $2\frac{3}{4}$ inch bats are prohibited)
- Two and five eighths inch ($2\frac{5}{8}$ inch) diameter barrel bats that weigh -4 through -13 are legal as long as they do not exceed 42 inches in length, and are designed for baseball use.
- In conjunction with USA Baseball and its other participating national member organizations, PONY Baseball has adopted the new USA Baseball bat standard (USABat). Effective January 1, 2018, with the exception of -3 (BBCOR certified), all other $2\frac{1}{4}$ " and $2\frac{5}{8}$ " barrel bats with a minus factor of (-5, -7, -9, etc.), must be USABat certified with the USABat licensing stamp on the bat in order to be used for league and tournament play. All $2\frac{1}{4}$ " and $2\frac{5}{8}$ " minus factor bats -5, -7, -9, etc. used in 2017 will be illegal to use in 2018.
 - T-Ball bats are meant for hitting off a tee and are not recommended when a coach or a pitching machine is delivering a pitch.
- Coach Pitch bats are allowed in coach pitch divisions when using a safety ball. These bats are not to be used when a pitching machine delivers the pitch.
- Please note: if considering the purchase of a new bat, and your child is likely to participate in All Star's, we highly recommend purchasing a USABat stamped bat to ensure usage in All Star play.