



## BASEBALL NSW BAT REGULATIONS AS OF 1st SEPTEMBER 2018

	MALE	FEMALE
<p><b>LITTLE LEAGUE &amp; BELOW</b>            (Please note Baseball Australia memorandum for 2018/19 season below)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">As Per LL Rules 1.10</p> <p>The bat must be a baseball bat, which meets Little League specifications, and standards as noted in this rule. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to Little League standards. Little League (Majors) and below: it shall not be more than thirtythree (33) inches in length nor more than two and one- quarter (21/4) inches in diameter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Non-wood bats shall be labeled with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less, OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>USA Baseball marking 2 5/8" barrel maximum</b></p> <p><b>EXCEPTION:</b> Little League (Majors) and below, for regular season play and Tournament, composite barrel bats are prohibited unless approved by Little League International. A list of approved and licensed composite barrel bats can be found on the Little League website at <a href="http://www.LittleLeague.org">www.LittleLeague.org</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">As Per LL Rules 1.10</p> <p>The bat must be a baseball bat, which meets Little League specifications, and standards as noted in this rule. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to Little League standards. Little League (Majors) and below: it shall not be more than thirtythree (33) inches in length nor more than two and one- quarter (21/4) inches in diameter. Non-wood bats shall be labeled with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less, OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>USA Baseball marking 2 5/8" barrel maximum</b></p> <p><b>EXCEPTION:</b> Little League (Majors) and below, for regular season play and Tournament, composite barrel bats are prohibited unless approved by Little League International. A list of approved and licensed composite barrel bats can be found on the Little League website at <a href="http://www.LittleLeague.org">www.LittleLeague.org</a></p>



<p><b>JUNIOR LEAGUE &amp; JL INTERMEDIATE</b> (Please note Baseball Australia memorandum for 2018/19 season below)</p>	<p>As per LL Rules STATE &amp; NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>1.10 It shall not be more than 34 inches in length; nor more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part.</p> <p>All COMPOSITE BARREL BATS shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labelled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour.</p> <p>If a 2¼' barrel bat has NO COMPOSITE MATERIALS, it may be used provided it is labelled with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less. (NOTE: Solid wooded barrel bats do not require a BPF label.)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>USA Baseball marking 2 5/8" barrel maximum</p> <p><b>BNSW CLUB COMPETITIONS:</b> Will allow 2 ¼ "COMPOSITE BARREL BATS" as per the Little League &amp; Below Rules.</p>	<p>As per LL Rules STATE &amp; NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>1.10 It shall not be more than 34 inches in length; nor more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part.</p> <p>All COMPOSITE BARREL BATS shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labelled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour.</p> <p>If a 2¼' barrel bat has NO COMPOSITE MATERIALS, it may be used provided it is labelled with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less. (NOTE: Solid wooded barrel bats do not require a BPF label.)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>USA Baseball marking 2 5/8" barrel maximum</p> <p><b>BNSW CLUB COMPETITIONS:</b> Will allow 2 ¼ "COMPOSITE BARREL BATS" as per the Little League &amp; Below Rules.</p>
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**SENIOR LEAGUE**  
(Please note Baseball Australia memorandum for 2018/19 season below)

As per LL Rules 1.10 It shall not be more than 36 inches in length, nor more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteensixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30”) at its smallest part. The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat ( -3) (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces). All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labelled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a halfinch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour.

Aluminium/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminium/alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour.

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<p><b>SENIOR ELITE COMPETITION (E.G. NSW STATE LEAGUE, SWBL, WOMEN'S LEAGUE)</b></p>	<p>As Per WBSC Rules</p> <p>The players can only use the wood bats, which are included in the current year official list approved by the WBSC, which is distributed to all countries. <a href="http://www.wbsc.org/wp-content/uploads/OfficialWBSC-Approved-Wooden-Bats-List-2016-v-1.pdf">http://www.wbsc.org/wp-content/uploads/OfficialWBSC-Approved-Wooden-Bats-List-2016-v-1.pdf</a></p>	<p>As Per WBSC Rules for Women's World Cup</p> <p>Bats shall be not more than thirty-four (34) inches in length; nor more than two and five-eighths (2 5/8) inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16ths) inches</p>
<p><b>SENIOR MINOR LEAGUE COMPETITIONS (E.G. CRONULLA MINOR LEAGUE, ST GEORGE WINTER, MANLY WINTER LEAGUE ETC.)</b></p>	<p>As per LL Big League Rules</p> <p>It shall not be more than 36 inches in length, nor more than 2 5/8 inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat ( -3) (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces). All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labelled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark.</p> <p>The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour. Aluminium/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminium/alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting colour.</p>	<p>As Per WBSC Rules for Women's World Cup</p> <p>Bats shall be not more than thirty-four (34) inches in length; nor more than two and five-eighths (2 5/8) inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16ths) inches</p>



LITTLE LEAGUE DIVISION	2018/19	2019/20
<b>Minors &amp; Majors</b>	BPF 1.15 marking / 2 1/4" barrel maximum USA Baseball marking 2 5/8" Barrel maximum	USA Baseball marking 2 5/8" barrel maximum
<b>Intermediate (50/70) &amp; Junior</b>	1) 2 1/4" alloy/metal barrel with BPF stamp of 1.15 2) 2 5/8" alloy/metal barrel (no marking required)  3) 2 5/8" composite barrel with BBCOR stamp 4) USA Baseball marking 2 5/8" barrel maximum	USA Baseball marking 2 5/8" barrel maximum 2 5/8" composite barrel with BBCOR stamp
<b>Senior</b>	ALL bats must be BBCOR Wood bats are permitted	ALL bats must be BBCOR Wood bats are permitted



## **PLEASE NOTE:**

All Australia Region Championship teams participating in all Little League World Series will be required to adhere to the Little League International bat regulations from 2018.

## **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Little League International Divisions. As of January 1, 2018, Little League International will be adopting new bat regulations and aligning the USA Baseball bat Standard (USABat). However, Baseball Australia will continue with current bat regulations for all Little League, Intermediate League, Junior League and Senior league domestic competitions until September 1, 2019.

The aforementioned USABat implementation date in Australia reflects both the timing of the domestic season, as well as the availability of stock in Australia following the official USA manufacturing release in late 2017. Please be aware it will be permissible to utilise USABat compliant bats in all Little League, Intermediate League and Junior League domestic competitions as they become available in the Australian market.

Please note that all Australia Region Championship teams (including Little League, Junior League) participating in International Tournaments (World Series and/or Asia Pacific Championships) will be required to adhere to the Little League International bat regulations (USABat) from 2018.

- Wood bats may be used at any level provided they meet the same requirements of aluminium or composite barrel bats specific to that league age and they are listed on the current year official list by the WBSC. <http://www.wbsc.org/wp-content/uploads/Official-WBSC-Approved-Wooden-Bats-List-2016-v-1.pdf>
- Female players competing in Male dominated leagues or competitions are able to use bats which correspond with their league age or competition bat specifications. (E.G. A Senior League age eligible female competing in a Senior Minor League is able to swing an aluminium or composite barrel bat which coincides with Senior League bat regulations and specifications).
- Current BNSW State League or SWBL players participating in 1st Grade competitions who participate in the NSW Masters Competition are allowed to swing Wood only for safety purposes and may only use wood bats listed on the current year official list by the WBSC.

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