

# Kitsap Peninsula Adult Pee Wee Association



USA Baseball FAQ: <https://usabat.com/faq/>

Little League FAQ: <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-information/usa-baseball-bat-standard-faq/>

On March 7<sup>th</sup> 2018, the participating clubs of the Kitsap Peninsula Adult Pee Wee Association voted to adopt the USA Baseball Bat rules along with many other organizations across the nation. The adopted bat rules will go into effect this 2018 season. We have compiled this guide to help all of our participating families understand how the new rules apply to Pee Wees.

***The following rules have been translated for Pee Wees from the approved USA Baseball rules established for Little League play.***

All new bats that bear the USABat licensing mark will be permissible for play in games. This applies to both composite and alloy barrel bats. Solid one piece wood bats will be allowed for play with or without the USA Baseball mark. Multi-piece wood bats must have the USA Baseball mark to be approved for play. This includes two-piece wood bats, composite wood bats, laminated wood bats, bonded wood bats, bamboo bats, and any wood bat that could be defined as an 'experimental' design.

***The use of BBCOR marked bats at the B String levels:*** *The performance of BBCOR and USA Baseball bats are nearly identical (within about 0.005 BBCOR). Since USA Baseball bats can be produced in a -3 drop weight, and would be nearly identical to BBCOR bats, we see no reason why BBCOR and USA Baseball's bats could not be combined in play for leagues choosing this option. — Dr. Lloyd Smith and Dr. Alan Nathan*

Both tee ball bats and standard youth bats featuring the USA Baseball certification mark are recommended for coach pitch and machine pitch leagues. Coach pitch and machine pitch leagues that permit the use of USABat tee ball bats should only use approved low compression baseballs.

## **How does this apply to Pee Wees:**

Composite and alloy barrel bats bearing the USA Baseball and BBCOR mark are approved for play at the **B String** level. *Please see the approved wood bat guidelines as described above for the use of wooded bats at the B String level.*

Composite and alloy barrel bats bearing the USA Baseball mark are approved for play at the **Coach Pitch, D, and C String** levels. ***Note: Due to the use of standard hard balls at the Coach Pitch level we will allow and enforce the use of standard youth size bats with the USA Baseball mark.***

Composite and alloy barrel bats 26" and below, clearly marked for Tee Ball are approved with or without the USA Baseball mark at the **T-Ball and Coach Pitch** levels.

*USA Baseball and BBCOR Marked Bat Barrel Diameters Include:*

*2-1/4", 2-1/2", and 2-5/8"*

### **Sample USA Baseball Marking:**



### **Sample BBCOR Marking:**

