

# **2018 BASEBALL BAT UPDATE**

The 2018 Spring baseball season brings important rule changes. As voted on by the CV/KO league, there are new baseball bat standards. Below please find further details:

## **Baseball Bat Standards**

After much testing it was determined that baseball bats made in 2017 and before had too much "pop", or, had an exit velocity that was deemed unsafe to players. These are the bats you've always used - aluminum, composite, hybrids - and maybe you did not have any issues, but the risk to safety is too great. That's why, as a league, we voted to adopt the baseball bat standard that Little League Baseball implemented for 2018. Baseball bats that have the USA Baseball stamp and made in 2018 have less "pop" and play more safely, replicating the exit velocity of a wooden baseball bat, which is much slower than an aluminum or composite baseball bat.

**The baseball bat you have in your bag right now is illegal and cannot be used in the 2018 season, but do not worry!**

Many of you may be thinking "I cannot afford a new baseball bat!". CSYA is committed to purchasing an ample amount of these new baseball bats in all sizes so that all the kids on every baseball team has a legal bat to use.

***You may want your player to have their own bat, and they do exist in all price points, but it is not a requirement to buy your own as we will have team bats.***

***The new rules to follow:***

- 1. No bat made in 2017 or before will be legal for game play.***
- 2. Only bats with the USA Baseball stamp will be allowed in game play. Here is what the stamp looks like:***



- 3. Previously only 2 1/4 inch barrel diameters were allowed in game play. While that diameter is still allowed, 2 5/8 barrel diameter bats are also now allowed.***

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