

## **TCLL LOCAL RULES - MAJORS DIVISION**

### **OBJECTIVE - COURTESIES**

- ✓ All Little League Rules will be followed.
- ✓ Coaches should have their line-ups and field positions made out prior to start of the game for easier assembly of players inning to inning.
- ✓ Coaches/Managers will have players prepared and ready to take the field quickly between innings.

### **MANDATORY PLAY**

- ✓ IV(i) - Every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time. Manage playing time accordingly in case Mercy rule comes into play.
- ✓ Outs do not have to be consecutive, as rule 4.04 allows player entry and re-entry into the game anytime with continuous batting order.

### **SAFETY**

- ✓ 1.08 - No on deck batter ever.
- ✓ 1.10 - Little League Bat Rule - It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  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. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end. (SEE ALL BAT RULES BELOW)
- ✓ 1.16 – Helmets are mandatory on Batters, Base Runners, and Player Base Coaches.
- ✓ 1.17 – All Players are encouraged to wear athletic supporters; catchers must wear cup, and dangling throat protector.
- ✓ 3.09 - One player with helmet (plus mask with dangling throat protector and cup if in 'catchers' position) can warm up the pitcher **ONLY** – no adults.

### **COACHES/UMPIRES/FIELD**

- ✓ 3.01 - Home Team provides (2) "RS" "Regular Season" balls (1 still in wrapper plus a 1 good used ball), drags and chalks the field, helps clean the field area after the game, puts away the bases, scoreboard numbers and flag (if applicable), and cleans/sweeps their dugout.

✓ 3.01 - Visiting team provides (2) good used "RS" balls, helps clean and drag the field after the game, and cleans/sweeps their dugout.

✓ Umpires need to approve the use of the ball prior to the ball being put into play.

✓ 4.05 – (2) adult Coaches allowed as Base Coaches contingent on (1) adult Coach/Manager is in the dugout.

### **TIME LIMIT/INNINGS/PLAYERS/BATTING ORDER**

VII (h) - No Time Limit.

✓ 3.04 – A Courtesy Runner cannot be used because of Continuous Batting Order.

✓ 4.04 - A Continuous Batting Order shall be used, which includes kids on the bench.

✓ 4.10 - Six (6) innings per regulation game.

✓ 4.10 - Tie game, play continues.

✓ 4.10 – (10) Run (Mercy) Rule is in effect after 4 innings, (after 3 ½ innings if Home Team leads.)

✓ 4.16 – (9) players to start a game; Minimum (8) players to end the game. Game may not continue if each team has less than (9) players.

✓ 7.14 – A Special Pinch Runner cannot be used because of Continuous Batting Order.

### **UNCAUGHT 3rd STRIKE**

✓ 6.05 - A batter is out when (1) a 3rd strike is legally caught by the catcher; (2) a 3rd strike is not caught by the catcher when first base is occupied before two are out.

✓ 6.09 – A Batter becomes a runner when the third strike called by the umpire is not caught, providing (1) first base is unoccupied or (2) first base is occupied with two out

### **SCOREKEEPING AND PITCHCOUNTS**

✓ VI (d,e) - In the absence of an official scorekeeper, the official scorebook for a game will be the Home team scorebook. Pitch Count Data sheets shall be kept with each team's scorebook and must be completed by each team at the end of each game and signed by the umpire. Before the next game, Coaches confer as to which players are not eligible to pitch in that game, and should request to see dated pitch count sheets from previous games. All managers must comply if asked. The pitcher will only be required to observe the days rest threshold obtained during the at-bat.

## **TCLL LOCAL RULES - MINOR 9-11 DIVISION**

### **OBJECTIVE - COURTESIES**

- ✓ All Little League Rules will be followed.
- ✓ Instructional League: Minor 9-11 Division is intended to introduce competitive play while balancing Instruction and fundamentals. Managers and Coaches should keep this in mind as they develop the skills of all players on their team.
- ✓ Coaches should have their line-ups and field positions made out prior to start of the game for easier assembly of players inning to inning.
- ✓ Coaches/Managers will have players prepared and ready to take the field quickly between innings.

### **MANDATORY PLAY**

- ✓ IV (i) - Every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time. There is no Mercy Rule. Outs do not have to be consecutive, as rule 4.04 allows player entry and re-entry into the game anytime with continuous batting order.

### **SAFETY**

- ✓ 1.08 - No on deck batter ever.
- ✓ 1.10 – SEE UPDATED Little League Bat Rules BELOW.
- ✓ 1.16 – Helmets are mandatory on Batters, Base Runners, and Player Base Coaches.
- ✓ 1.17 – All Players are encouraged to wear athletic supporters; catchers must wear cup, and dangling throat protector.
- ✓ 3.09 - One player with helmet (plus mask with dangling throat protector) and cup if in ‘catchers’ position) can warm up the pitcher ONLY – no adults.

### **COACHES/UMPIRES/FIELD**

- ✓ 3.01 - Home Team provides (2) “RS” “Regular Season” balls (1 still in wrapper plus a 1 good used ball), drags and chalks the field, helps clean the field area after the game, puts away the bases, scoreboard numbers and flag (if applicable), and cleans/sweeps their dugout.
- ✓ 3.01 - Visiting team provides (2) good used “RS” balls, helps clean and drag the field after the game, and cleans/sweeps their dugout.
- ✓ Umpires need to approve the use of the ball prior to the ball being put into play.

✓ 4.05 – (2) adult Coaches allowed as Base Coaches contingent on (1) adult Coach/Manager is in the dugout.

#### **TIME LIMIT/INNINGS/PLAYERS/BATTING ORDER/SIDE RETIRED**

✓ VII (h) – Time Limit. No new inning will start after (1hr 30min.)

✓ 3.04 – A Courtesy Runner cannot be used because of Continuous Batting Order.

✓ 4.04 - A Continuous Batting Order shall be used, which includes kids on the bench.

✓ 4.10 - Six (6) innings per regulation game.

✓ 4.10 - Tie game, play continues, if new inning starts under time limit.

✓ 4.10 - No (10) Run (Mercy) Rule because of the (5) run rule per inning limit.

✓ 4.16 – (9) players to start a game; Minimum (8) players to end the game. Game may not continue if each team has less than (9) players.

✓ 5.07 – Side is retired at (3) outs, or all players have batted, or when (5) runs are scored. Play stops when 5th run crosses the plate.

✓ 7.14 – A Special Pinch Runner cannot be used because of Continuous Batting Order.

#### **SCOREKEEPING AND PITCHCOUNTS**

✓ VI (d, e) - In the absence of an official scorekeeper, the official scorebook for a game will be the Home team scorebook. Pitch Count Data sheets shall be kept with each team's scorebook and must be completed by each team at the end of each game and signed by the umpire. Before the next game, Coaches confer as to which players are not eligible to pitch in that game, and should request to see dated pitch count sheets from previous games. All managers must comply if asked. The pitcher will only be required to observe the days rest threshold obtained during the at-bat.

## **TCLL LOCAL RULES - MINOR 7-8 DIVISION COACH PITCH**

### **OBJECTIVE - COURTESIES**

✓ Instructional League: Minor 7-8 Division is intended to be an instructional league. Managers and Coaches should keep this in mind as they develop

the skills of all players on their team. Coach pitch is played with regular baseball rules.

✓ Coaches should have their line-ups and field positions made out prior to start of the game for easier assembly of players inning to inning.

✓ League provided pitching machines are allowed for use in team practices or games.

### **MANDATORY PLAY**

✓ Defensive substitutions will be made every inning in order to keep the attention of the players.

✓ No player shall be out of the game for more than (2) consecutive defensive innings.

✓ Managers are encouraged to develop players at different positions by rotating each game or each inning.

### **SAFETY**

✓ 1.08 - No on deck batter ever. No player, other than the batter, is to handle a bat. EXCEPTION – Unless manager or Coach is providing instruction to player a safe distance away from the other players.

✓ 1.10 – SEE UPDATED LITTLE LEAGUE BAT RULES BELOW

✓ 1.16 – Helmets are mandatory on Batters, Base Runners, and Player Base Coaches. Mask needed on Coach behind plate.

✓ Throwing the bat is not allowed. This is a safety concern, and this rule must be enforced. Any player who throws the bat after receiving a warning is out. One warning will be issued by the coach to the players, once per game, with any subsequent throwing of any bat resulting in an out for either team. Opposing team should assist and remind coaches of this important rule.

✓ Fielders should be coached proper positioning, and proper straddling of bases during a tag play to avoid collisions during a slide.

✓ No head first slides.

✓ All players to be seated on the bench.

### **COACHES/UMPIRES/FIELD**

✓ 3.01 – Coaches are the Umpires. Discuss before the game. The first and third base Coaches shall make the safe/out calls at those bases. A defensive fielding Coach shall make the call at second base. The Coach/Pitcher shall make the call at home plate.

✓ 3.01 - Home team provides good used ball, drags and chalks the field, helps clean the field area after the game. Put away the bases and clean the dugout.

✓ 3.01 - Visiting team provides a good used ball, helps clean and drag the field after the game, and cleans their dugout.

✓ 4.05 – OFFENSE - Two (2) Adult Coaches allowed as Base Coaches contingent on one (1) Adult/Coach/Manager is in the dugout.

DEFENSE – One (1) Coach may be on the field of play behind second base to instruct their players. One (1) Assistant Coach behind catcher may be used to speed up play because of frequent passed balls. However, the player positioned as catcher should throw the ball to the player playing the position of pitcher. Player then hands ball to Coach who is pitching. Coaches should not touch the ball while it is in play other than while pitching or assisting the catcher with a passed ball.

✓ A Coach may call time to instruct his players after the play is over. Normal coaching is allowed while the play is in progress.

✓ First and third Base Coaches are to help “police” the base paths. They should notify the defensive Coach of any impending obstruction of the base paths. Defensive Coaches should be aware that the Base Coaches will be helping to keep infielders out of the base lines and should not be offended by another Coach should he/she point out this type of situation.

#### **TIME LIMIT/INNINGS/PLAYERS/BATTING ORDER/SIDE RETIRED**

✓ VII (h) – Time Limit. No new inning will start after (1hr 15min.) No new pitch after (1hr 30min.)

✓ 3.04 – A Courtesy Runner cannot be used because of Continuous Batting Order.

✓ 4.04 - A Continuous Batting Order shall be used, which includes kids on the bench.

✓ 4.10 - Six (6) innings per regulation game, or less depending on time.

✓ 4.16 – Minimum (9) players to start a game; Minimum (8) players to end the game. Game may not continue if each team has less than (9) players.

(10) Players allowed in the field defensively, LF, LC, RC, RF out in the “grass”. Infielders play infield, outfielders play outfield. Cannot have (5) infielders between bases. The pitcher must stand within a (6’) radius of the pitching plate and not in front of the Coach-pitcher. The pitcher cannot leave the area before the ball is hit.

✓ 5.07 – Side is retired at (3) outs, or all players have batted, or when (5) runs are scored. Play stops when (5th) run crosses the plate.

✓ 5.08 – Runner/Batter is out if Base Coach interferes with thrown/batted ball. Coaches cannot assist players. Coaches cannot participate.

✓ 7.14 – A Special Pinch Runner cannot be used because of Continuous Batting Order.

## **GAME PLAY**

✓ The batter may only take four (4) pitches without swinging and will be limited to three (3) swinging strikes. Seven (7) pitch max per batter. Foul balls will count as swings. Foul ball on seventh pitch gets one more pitch, and then is called “out” if ball is not hit in play.

✓ Bunting is not allowed.

✓ Courtesy: Consider (15) foot arc from home plate for foul ball, no hit, or a so called “swinging bunt”.

✓ Courtesy: If a batted ball hits the Pitching Coach, the ball is ruled dead and the batter is awarded first base. Only those base runners forced to advance due to the batter being awarded first base may advance in this situation.

✓ For balls hit to the outfield, base runners may advance until the ball is in the infield and in possession by one of the infielders. If the base runner is more than half way to the next base when the ball is determined “under control”, the base runner may continue to advance at risk of being put out, to the next base. Under control as used above would be a judgment call, but with the benefit of doubt placed with the defensive player.

✓ On first overthrow, runners do not get to automatically advance. Runner may advance, at Coaches discretion, at their risk to be put out, but no more than (1) base.

✓ Catchers MUST be utilized defensively and at least attempt to catch the pitched ball. Catchers are to catch from the normal location behind home plate.

## **PITCHING**

✓ Coaches will pitch to hitters and will have discretion to pitch from a reasonable distance and height appropriate to the batter’s hitting ability.

✓ No Tee's used for Coach Pitch.

## **TCLL LOCAL RULES – MINOR 5-6 DIVISION T-BALL**

### **OBJECTIVE**

✓ Objective: Minor 5-6 games are an extension of practice--low key and non-competitive. Focus in on fundamental skills and sportsmanship.

✓ Accordingly, game scores and league standings are not maintained.

✓ Coaches should have their line-ups and field positions made out prior to start of the game for easier assembly of players inning to inning.

### **MANDATORY PLAY**

✓ Everyone Plays Defense / Everyone Bats

✓ Defensive positions will be changed each inning in order to keep the attention of the players.

### **SAFETY**

✓ No on deck batter ever.

✓ SEE UPDATED LITTLE LEAGUE BAT RULES BELOW

✓ All catchers, batters and runners must wear a batting helmet.

✓ Catchers need to be in full gear.

✓ The batting player must drag the head of the bat on the ground to and from the home plate area.

✓ Throwing the bat is not allowed. This is a safety concern, and this rule must be enforced. T-Ball is the place to teach good habits. Any player who throws the bat after receiving a warning is out. One warning will be issued per player, per game, with any subsequent throwing of the bat resulting in an out.

### **COACHES/UMPIRES**

✓ 3.01 – Coaches are the Umpires. Discuss before the game. 1st Base Coach is considered an umpire as well as the 3rd Base Coach. Batting Coach is the home plate umpire. Defensive Coach located in outfield will call second base.

✓ 3.01 - Home team provides good used ball, drags and chinks the field, helps clean the field area after the game. Put away the bases and clean the dugout.

✓ 3.01 - Visiting team provides a good used ball and helps clean and drag the field after the game and cleans their dugout.

✓ 4.05 – One (1) Coach/Manager/Adult needs to remain in the dugout for either team.

✓ Three (3) Defensive “Coaches” (who have been approved by the board and submitted a Volunteer Application) may be on the field of play to instruct their players.

✓ You may need to recruit Parent Helpers! They must fill out online volunteer application and have background check done before they can help!

### **TIME LIMIT/INNINGS/BATTING ORDER**

✓ VII (h) – Time Limit. No new inning will start after (1hr 15 min).

✓ 4.10- Max Three (3) innings per game.

✓ A continuous batting order shall be used. Bat-Around Rule shall be used. All Players play the field.

✓ Courtesy: One base per hit.

✓ Highly recommended that each team have a continual rotation of positions and batting order from game to game.

✓ After (3) outs empty the bases and complete your batting until all players have batted, then take the field.

✓ No walks, no strikeouts.

✓ THERE IS NO PITCHING IN TEE BALL

✓ In the event of an out, the batter/runner shall be directed to the dugout/bench (and not be allowed to remain on the base). No more than (2) outs can be made during any one at-bat. No triple plays count, however, if one is made, congratulate the team.

✓ Players should be encouraged to make the right play, i.e.; pitcher throws to first base rather than running it himself/herself or rolling the ball. Play stops when the ball is returned to the infield. The infielder need not to have control of the ball.

✓ The Batting Coach shall notify the defense when the last batter is up. As the ball is hit, the defense shall make ONE play and then allow the runners to clear the bases before leaving the field. The defense shall not block home plate nor tag each runner as they round the bases. The last batter shall, in effect, be considered a home-run hitter. With the exception of ONE defensive play, the batter and all base-runners shall be allowed to run the bases as if a home run were hit.

✓ No player, other than the batter, is to handle a bat. EXCEPTION – Unless manager or Coach is providing instruction to player a safe distance away from the other players.

✓ Place the tee in front of the plate, not on the plate. Coaches are reminded to remove the tee when runners are running home or if there is a play at the plate.

- ✓ Each batter gets (5) swings, with Coach helping on subsequent swings until the batter hits the ball.
- ✓ A batted ball must pass beyond a 15-foot arc from home plate before it is live (Batting Coach will call).
- ✓ Managers should warn defensive team when strong batters are at bat to minimize the possibility of injury.
- ✓ No runners are allowed to advance to the next base on an overthrow.
- ✓ As in all divisions of LL play up until Minor division, "Leading off" and stealing are not allowed.

#### **RULES FOR BATS:**

##### **Rule 1.10 – Baseball**

The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat).

Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball’s Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed 2 $\frac{3}{8}$  inches for these divisions of play. Bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard may also be used in the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League divisions. Additional information is available at [LittleLeague.org/batinfo](http://LittleLeague.org/batinfo).

##### **Tee Ball:**

Under the USABat standard, certified Tee Ball bats (26” and shorter) will feature the USA Baseball mark and text which reads ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS. All Tee Ball bats must feature the USA Baseball mark and accompanying text. Tee Ball bats that were produced and/or purchased prior to the implementation of the new standard can be certified using an Approved Tee Ball Sticker via the USA Baseball Tee Ball Sticker Program ([USABaseballShop.com](http://USABaseballShop.com)) beginning September 1, 2017.

**NOTE:** Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor Divisions only with the use of approved Tee Balls.

##### **Minor/Major Divisions:**

It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{3}{8}$  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. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.

**NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

**NOTE 2:** Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor Divisions only with the use of approved Tee Balls.

##### **Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League:**

It shall not be more than 34" inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  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. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end.

**NOTE 1:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

**NOTE 2:** Also, permitted for the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League Division are bats meeting the BBCOR performance standard, and so labeled 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 color. Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum/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 color.

**Senior League:**

It shall not be more than 36 inches in length, nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  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. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (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 labeled 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 color. Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum/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 color.

**Little League Challenger Division:**

It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  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. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.

**NOTE:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.

**Senior League Challenger Division:**

It shall not be more than 36 inches in length, nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$  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. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (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 either 1) the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark which shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side, and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color, or 2) the USA Bat standard and shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to

their material makeup being aluminum/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 color.

In all divisions, a non-wood bat must have a grip of cork, tape, or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.

**NOTE 1:** Whiffle ball type bats are permissible in all Challenger Divisions.

**NOTE 2:** The traditional batting donut is not permissible.

**NOTE 3:** Tee Ball bats may be used in the Challenger Divisions. Under the USABat standard, certified Tee Ball bats (26" and shorter) will feature the USA Baseball mark and text which reads ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS. All Tee Ball bats must feature the USA Baseball mark and accompanying text. Tee Ball bats that were produced and/or purchased prior to the implementation of the new standard can be certified using an Approved Tee Ball Sticker via the USA Baseball Tee Ball Sticker Program (USABaseballShop.com) beginning September 1, 2017.

**NOTE 4:** Non-wood bats may develop dents from time to time. Bats that have cracks or sharp edges, or that cannot pass through the approved Little League bat ring for the appropriate division must be removed from play. The 2¼-inch bat ring must be used for bats labeled 2¼. The 2⅝-inch bat ring must be used for bats labeled for 2⅝.

**NOTE 5:** An illegal bat must be removed. Any bat that has been altered shall be removed from play.

#### **Rule 1.10 – Softball**

The bat must be a softball 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 a material tested and proved acceptable to Little League standards. The bat shall be no more than 33 inches (34 inches for **Junior/Senior League**) in length, not more than two and one-quarter (2¼) inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenth (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30 inches) at its smallest part. Non-wood bats shall be printed with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.20. Bats may be taped or fitted with a sleeve for a distance not exceeding 16 inches from the small end. Colored bats are acceptable. A non-wood bat must have a grip of cork, tape or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.

**An illegal or altered bat must be removed.**

In all divisions, non-wood bat must have a grip of cork, tape, or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.

**NOTE 1:** The traditional batting donut is not permissible.

**NOTE 2:** The use of pine tar or any other similar adhesive substance is prohibited at all levels of Little League Baseball and Softball. Use of these substances will result in the bat being declared illegal and removed from play.

**NOTE 3:** Non-wood bats may develop dents from time to time. Bats that have cracks or sharp edges, or that cannot pass through the approved Little League bat ring for the appropriate division must be removed from play. The 2¼-inch bat ring must be used for bats labeled 2¼. The 2⅝-inch bat ring must be used for bats labeled for 2⅝.

**NOTE 4:** An illegal bat must be removed. Any bat that has been altered shall be removed from play. **PENALTY** – See Rule – 6.06(d).