



New "USA Baseball" Bat Standard for 2018

Little League International (along with several other youth baseball organizations) is adopting the new **USA Baseball Bat Standard (USABat)** effective **Jan 1, 2018**.

The new bat standard will govern all bats used in the GLL Challengers, T-Ball, Rookies, Minors, Majors and Juniors Baseball divisions. The GLL Softball divisions are not covered under this new standard; the GLL Seniors Baseball division will continue to require BBCOR standard bats.

GLL doesn't want to discourage the purchase of new bats for the 2017 season but we do want you to be fully aware that bats that you currently own, plus any new bats purchased now through Aug 31, 2017 will not be legal beyond Dec 31, 2017.

The new "USA Baseball" standard bats for 2018 will not go on sale until Sep 1, 2017.

Informational Links:

[Link 1](#)

[Link 2](#)

[Link 3](#) (lots of good FAQ's)

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Special Note for Junior BB Players:

Little League International amended these new rules on February 15 to allow for the use of BBCOR certified bats; BBCOR bats were legal prior to 2018 and they now remain an option. For those unfamiliar with bat certifications, all BBCOR bats are "drop 3" or "-3" (*weight minus the length*); drop 3 bats are heavy, smaller players may have trouble getting them around fast enough.