

District 8 Tournament Safety Inspection

Bats – L.L. Baseball – No more than 33” in length, not more than 2 ¼” in diameter.

Handle may be taped (*no electrical tape*) or fitted with a sleeve for a distance not to exceed 16” from the knob. No white bats are permitted. (*Exceptions: Louisville Slugger models TPXLLW, TPXLLMB, TPXLLWV, P200LL - Spaulding model LLB-1 – Easton model LX22W or any model marked with “Little League Approved” by manufacturer.*)

Jr. and Sr. Baseball – No more than 34” in length, not more than 2 ¾” in diameter. Grip must extend to no more than 18” from the knob. White bats are permitted.

L.L. and Sr. Softball – Same dimensions and specifications as L.L. Baseball. Senior League may use up to 34” length. White bats are permitted.

Bats may be made of aluminum, wood, ceramic, graphite or titanium alloy. Ceramic bats with deep chips will be removed. All bats will be checked daily for dents, cracks, flat spots and proper specifications. Engraved bats will be considered altered bats and removed. Faulty bats will be marked and removed from the dugout. *Weighted donuts* are illegal. *Weighted wraps and sleeves* may be used in Jr. and Sr. Baseball and Softball only.

Helmets – Must be N.O.C.S.A.E. approved and approval seal *must be visible*.

- Must **not** be painted.
- Must have *fully readable* exterior warning label.
- Will be inspected *daily* for cracks, proper padding and specifications. Faulty helmets will be removed from the dugout. Anyone under the age of 18 years must wear a helmet.

Catchers – Must wear athletic supporter with protective cup (male players), chest protector with neck collar (long model is required in L.L. Baseball. Short or Long versions in other divisions), shin guards, catchers helmet (*no skullcaps*), mask and throat protector during game.

- Must wear helmet, mask and throat protector during practice, pitcher warm- up and while taking the field.
- Catchers are not permitted to roll up the flap on long model chest protectors. (*Exceptions: Chest protectors manufactured with a fastening device or a removable flap – Jr. and Sr. divisions only*)
- Approved hockey style helmets: All Star models CH510LL, MVP2110, MVP2210. Irwin Sports model CAT2000, Spaulding model TF PRO. Must attach dangle-style throat protector.

Shoes -- No metal spikes or cleats are permitted in any division. Rubber or molded plastic soles are acceptable.
Cleats will be inspected prior to every game.

Players must not wear watches, rings, pins, earrings, bracelets, neck chains or other metallic items. This also includes metal and hard plastic barrettes and hair beads. Rubber bands and soft materials may be worn in the hair.

Medic Alert bracelets and neck chains are permitted, but must be taped down, leaving only the information is exposed. Friendship (string) bracelets must be removed. Earrings may **not** be taped down, but must be removed even if the ears were recently pierced. Casts are prohibited. Be sure to have **notarized** medical release forms for all players at all practices, games and functions the team attends. Ice, chemical ice packs and first aid kits are available at the tournament site. Never apply chemical packs to facial injuries. Ice and chemical packs should never come in direct contact with the skin.

For blood involved injuries, play will be stopped and treatment will be administered immediately. Please have extra uniforms available in case of excessive blood contamination. Players are asked to wear athletic shorts or sliding pants under their uniforms, to alleviate any “privacy” problems, in case of an injury involving blood. Female players should also wear a tank top or T-shirt under their jersey.