

# 2019 GBL BAT STANDARDS



## Ages 4 – 14 (No changes to ages 15-18 Division)

(Updated: October 2018) Last season, a new bat standard (USABat) was introduced and utilized by a number of youth baseball organizations including Dizzy Dean. Other organizations continued to use the USSSA 1.15 bat standard which has been in place for all of youth baseball (including GBL) since 2011. The GBL Board of Directors has decided once again this season (2019 season) that GBL will allow the use of the USSSA bats that fall under our current rules as well as bats that conform to the new USABat standards. This will allow players to determine which bat they prefer.

**What does this mean?** For all leagues from T-ball to the 13/14 Division, bats must be either (i) 2 ¼" (ii) 2 5/8" or (iii) 2 ¾" barrel size carrying the USSSA 1.15bpf certification stamp with a maximum drop of -10 (except as noted below on the banned Demarini) or (iv) the new 2 5/8" barrel carrying the new USABaseball stamp (there are also less abundant 2 1/4" USABats which will also be allowed). For the USABats any drop is allowed (a bat's drop is a comparison between its length and weight.) The new 2 5/8" USABat bats are now in stores and this will likely coincide with the phase out of the sale of USSSA 1.15bpf bats. However, players in these leagues will continue to be able to use either the USSSA 1.15bpf bats or the new USABats.

Here are the stamps found on the bats:



**Special note regarding Dizzy Dean teams:** Those players who wish to play Dizzy Dean ball this summer will not be allowed to use the USSSA 1.15bpf bats during Dizzy Dean sanctioned games. All bats in Dizzy Dean sanctioned Tournaments must have the USABat stamp to be legal.

**Can my child use the same bat he/she used in 2018 in the 2019 season?** Yes, so long as they were swinging a legal bat in 2018. Please see the chart below to help you with the specifications going forward. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at [germantownbaseballleague@gmail.com](mailto:germantownbaseballleague@gmail.com)

## 2018 GBL Bat Standards for ages 4-14

Barrel Size	Bat Certification Standard	Can I use it in GBL?
2 1/4"	USSSA 1.15bpf or USA Bat (New Standard)	Yes, All Leagues
2 5/8"	USA Bat (New Standard)	Yes, All Leagues
2 5/8"	USSSA 1.15bpf	Yes, All Leagues – Drop 10 (-10) Max,
2 3/4"	USSSA 1.15bpf	Yes, All Leagues – Drop 10 (-10) Max,

**The future:** We will continue to monitor both the evolution of the new USABat bats and the standards adopted by the numerous sanctioning youth baseball bodies that are currently split between the two bat standards. We are comfortable with both the USSSA standards as well as the USABat standard and feel at this time either of the bats meets our requirements.