



WYBA



Westmont Youth Baseball Association

Bat Rules

A player's bat must be one which meets **Little League** specifications and standards:

- Non-wood bats must have a **USA Baseball Logo** stamped.
- Big barrel bats have a **USA Baseball Logo** stamped.
- All BBCOR bats are allowed.
- All wood bats are allowed.

WYBA Rules Update

This section outlines a specific 2025 rule change regarding illegal bat usage.

Key Takeaways:

- **Manager-Led Challenges:**
 - Only head managers of the teams playing can challenge the legality of a bat.
 - Umpires are not expected to initiate these challenges due to the complexity of league policies.
- **Illegal Bat Penalty:**
 - If a batter uses an illegal bat while in the batter's box the batter is ruled **out**.
 - If the discovery is made before the next batter enters the box:
 - Play is dead, the batter that used the illegal bat is out, and runners must return to their previous bases.
 - The defending manager has the option to decline the penalty and accept the play.
- **Mandatory Bat Removal:**
 - Once an illegal bat is discovered, it must be removed from the game.



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Rationale

- It clarifies who is responsible for enforcing bat rules.
- It standardizes the penalty for illegal bat usage with the pitching penalties.
- It allows for a degree of leniency in the case where a play has already happened and the defending manager does not want to nullify the play.
- Non-USA bats pose a hazard due to the bats composition and response to a batted ball.
 - Skill level and response time varies at all levels.
 - This is a safety driven initiative by Little League International.

WYBA Penalties

- 1st Offense: manager is given a warning and explanation of the rule. (Little League rule calls for the Player and Manager to be ejected from the game)
- 2nd Occurrence – manager removed from the game.
- 3rd Occurrence - manager removed from the game, suspended for the next game and the manager will be brought before the WYBA Board for review for future participation.

These penalties are not subject to any appeal and the WYBA Board reserves the right to adjust these penalties as they see fit with the guidance of Little League Baseball.