MYAS/Gopher State/USSSA Bat Standards

Over the past few years USSSA, the national governing body for the majority of MYAS/Gopher State baseball programs, has developed baseball bat performance standards. The standards that were implemented prior to the 2012 season encompass the regulation of big barrel (larger than 2½" in diameter) and small barrel (2½" or less) bats. These standards must be used in all MYAS/Gopher State baseball programs. All bats must be manufactured by an approved USSSA bat licensee and have the new USSSA mark on its taper, be a qualified BBCOR bat or a wood bat.

The USSSA finger print of 1.15 BPF is based on fundamental laws of physics that measure the relative performance of bats to be used in USSSA play. A qualified BBCOR bat stands for "Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution" and it focuses on how much of a trampoline effect the barrel of a bat has on a ball. Bat manufacturers will have to in effect "deaden" the trampoline bounce that pitched balls experience when a batter makes contact. Basically, aluminum bats will theoretically be the same as wooden bats.

The following describes the legality of bats for all MYAS/Gopher State/MN USSSA programs:

9-14 year old teams:

Big Barrel Bats (larger than 2½ inches in diameter) - only the following big barrel bats made by approved USSSA licensed manufacturers will be allowed in USSSA play:

- 1) is made with the **NEW** USSSA mark (see image); or
- 2) is a qualified BBCOR bat; or
- 3) is wooden

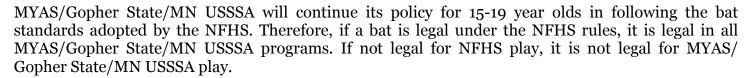


Small Barrel Bats (21/4 inches in diameter) - only the following small barrel bats made by approved USSSA licensed manufacturers will be allowed in USSSA play:

- 1) is made with the **NEW** USSSA mark (see image); or
- 2) is made with the old USSSA mark (valid in 2013); or
- 3) is wooden

15-19 year old teams:





NFHS BASEBALL CHANGES

Rule 1-3-2: Effective January 1, 2012 the bat which may be a wood or non-wood product shall be a smooth implement, from the top of the cap to the top of the knob. All non-wood bats shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient or Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be labeled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark.



MYAS/Gopher State Bat Guidelines

Listed below are bat specifications for 9-19 year old teams participating in any MYAS/Gopher State baseball programs. This specification is in addition to the **NEW** USSSA Bat Performance Standards. All bats must include the NEW USSSA Mark <u>**OR**</u> is a qualified BBCOR bat and also <u>**MUST**</u> follow the size and/or weight differential listed in the chart below.

Age	Maximum diameter @ thickest part	Length	Weight Differential	Example
9's-11's	2½" 2½" 2¾" 25%"	Unlimited	Unlimited	
12's-13's	2½" 2½" 2¾" 25/8"	Unlimited 36" or less 36" or less 36" or less	Unlimited -10 -10 -10	Unlimited 31-inch bat cannot weigh less than 21 ounces
14's 14/15A	23⁄4"	36" or less	-5	32-inch bat cannot weigh less than 27 ounces
15's, 14/15A 16U & 17-19U	25/8"	36" or less	-3	32-inch bat cannot weigh less than 29 ounces





