

New USSSA Baseball Bat Marks & Grandfathering Rules Effective January 1, 2012

Big Barrel Bat Rules (2½" or 2¾") – 14U & Below

Effective January 1, 2012

- Have the new USSSA Mark on its taper OR
- Be a Qualified BBCOR bat¹ OR
- Be a Wood Bat

ALL of the above must be manufactured by an approved USSSA Bat Licensee

This applies to ALL Big Barrel Bats, including Coach Pitch bats.

Big Barrel Bat Rules (2½" or 2¾") – 15U & Above

- Must be NHSF approved with the appropriate BBCOR certification mark OR
- Be a Wood Bat

Both of the above must be manufactured by an approved USSSA Bat Licensee

Small Barrel Baseball Bat Rules (2¼" or less)

For 2012 and 2013

- Have the new USSSA mark on its taper OR
- Have the old USSSA mark OR
- Be a Wood Bat

ALL of the above must be manufactured by an approved USSSA Bat Licensee

This applies to tee ball bats longer than 23".

For 2014:

- Have the new USSSA mark on its taper OR
- Be a Wood Bat
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Both of the above must be manufactured by an approved USSSA Bat Licensee



¹Qualified BBCOR bat – A Big Barrel bat that is made by a USSSA approved bat licensee, has a BBCOR mark permanently attached to the bat that is recognized by NHSF as a legal bat for NHSF sanctioned play and has no more than a minus 3 ounces difference from the length of the bat. Minimum bat length is 29 inches.