

UPDATE ON NFHS BAT RULE –  
(As of April 6, 2011)

Through December 31, 2011 – for the 2011 high school playing season:

The recent action of the NFHS Board of Directors in regards to the moratorium of composite baseball bats has created interest and dialogue from a number of interested parties. This interest is shared with a number of groups: umpires, coaches, schools, players, and parents. It is necessary that all these groups assist in reducing the risk associated with interscholastic baseball.

For the 2010-11 academic school year the following types of bats will be legal.

1. Any aluminum BESR baseball bat
2. Any aluminum barrel BESR baseball bat
3. Any BESR non-hollow (filled core) composite bat
4. Select approved composite BESR baseball bats that can be found on the KHSAA website, <http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/besr/certified.html>.
5. Any solid (one-piece) wood baseball bat
6. Any aluminum or composite BBCOR baseball bat (anticipated delivery date to retail stores or online outlets late fall/early winter)"

We are STRONGLY advising people to hold off purchasing a bat until the new BBCOR bats hit the market in late fall. With the cost of these bats, to buy them for only one competitive season seems like a big expense. But if they insist on buying one, the list of 6 items is current as of today.

The second thing we are telling our schools, and strongly recommend you tell your schools, is that the burden of number (4) above be left to the schools. We do not want the umpires having to carry around lists of bats as many of us remember a year in another sport where that caused a lot of problems. If an umpire questions a bat, then it should be that the school verifies that the bat is legal by having a copy of that list available.

For 2012 (beginning January 1, 2012), only two types of bats will be legal.

1. Bats made of 100% wood that require no markings.
2. All other bats that are marked properly that they are BBCOR certified (which is that they meet the current BESR rule and the additional ABI testing).