



Below is a recap of the PONY Baseball Rule Changes for 2012 regarding Baseball Bat Equipment. Chandler Youth Baseball will be adopting these rules beginning in 2012.

REVISED - Rule 8 C Equipment: Wooden, metal, graphite or ceramic bats manufactured for baseball play, which are round and not more than two and five eighths inches in diameter at the thickest part, not more than 42 inches in length, are acceptable.

NEW! Rule 8 C (1) Equipment: Bats manufactured specifically for use in tee ball play, shall not be used when the ball is pitched by a player, coach or pitching machine. Coach-pitch bats will only be used in coach-pitch using a safety ball.

NEW! Rule 8 C (2) Equipment: Only 2-1/4" barrel non-wood bats which are manufactured to achieve a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.15 or less through the life of the bat are approved for play in PONY Baseball divisions.

Effective January 1, 2012, all newly manufactured non-wood bats must be stamped with "BPF 1.15" or less stamped on them BUT they do not need the have "approved for PONY Baseball" unless they are manufactured after 1/1/12.

NEW! Rule 8 C (3) Equipment: Effective January 1, 2012, all minus (-) 3 bats must be **BBCOR certified**. The bat which may be wood or non-wood product shall be not more than two and five-eighths (2-5/8") in diameter at the barrel and shall be a smooth implement, from the top of the cap to the top of the knob. All non-wood bats shall meet the Ball-Bat Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) testing protocol maintaining the length-to-weight difference of 0.50 limit regardless of length. All BBCOR approved bats shall be labeled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark. (NOTE: 2 3/4" bats are prohibited in all PONY sanctioned leagues).

NEW! Rule 18 E (6): Penalty for use of an illegal bat: (a) If detected before the first pitch of an at-bat, the bat shall be removed from the game. The batter is not out and is required to use a bat that conforms to bat regulations. The manager of the team shall be removed from the game as well as the next scheduled game. (b) If detected after the first pitch (whether the pitch is swung at or not) the batter is declared out and base runners shall not advance. The manager of the team shall be removed from the game as well as the next scheduled game. (c) If detected after a ball is hit, the batter is out and base runners shall return to their original base prior to the hit. The manager of the team shall be removed from the game as well as the next scheduled game.