



Current IESA Baseball Bat Standards

2013-14 CMS Middle School Baseball Bat Standards: **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools will follow the bat standards of the Illinois Elementary School System (IESA) for the 2013-14 school year.**

BATS (NFHS Rule 1-3-2) Any non-wood bat that has a barrel diameter greater than 2 5/8 inches is illegal. All non-wood bats 31 inches and over in length must meet all of the NFHS standards as detailed in NFHS rule 1-3-2 including: a maximum barrel diameter of 2 5/8 inches; maximum length of 36 inches, a Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) silkscreen label on the bat; and in weight, the bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 31-inch-long bat cannot be less than 28 ounces).

Additionally, any bat that has a BBCOR label that meets the NFHS standard is a legal bat.

Non-wood bats 30 inches and under in length which have a greater than three ounce weight vs. length differential may be used provided the barrel diameter does not exceed 2 1/4 inches (e.g., a 29-inch-long bat may weigh 20 ounces and is legal provided the barrel diameter does not exceed 2 1/4 inches). The BBCOR label is not required on this type of bat.

Wood bats that are manufactured in accordance with National Federation rules may be used.

The following are examples of legal and illegal non-wood bats:

Legal and Illegal Non-Wood Bats			
Length	Weight	Barrel Diameter	Status
33	30	2-5/8"	Legal assuming BBCOR labeled #1 ##2
30	20	2-3/4"	Illegal--Max. barrel diameter for a 30" non-wood bat that has a greater than minus 3 differential is 2 1/4"
30	20	2-1/4"	Legal--BBCOR label not required
32	29	2-5/8"	Legal assuming BBCOR labeled ###3
29	22	2-3/4"	Illegal--Maximum barrel diameter for a 30" (or less) non-wood bat that has a greater than minus 3 differential is 2 1/4"
31	25	2-1/4"	Illegal--All 31" and over bats must meet NFHS standards
28	19	2-1/4"	Legal--BBCOR label not required
31	28	2-3/4"	Illegal--Maximum barrel diameter for a non-wood bat is 2 5/8"
31	28	2-5/8"	Legal assuming BBCOR labeled
30	27	2-5/8"	Legal assuming BBCOR labeled
33	22	2-1/4"	Illegal--All 31" and over bats must meet NFHS standards
32	29	2-3/4"	Illegal--Even though there is only a minus 3 drop, the maximum barrel diameter for all non-wood bats is 2 5/8"
30	27	2-1/2"	Legal assuming BBCOR labeled

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2012 no bat with a BESR label is legal.

#1 Effective immediately (Feb 21, 2012) and until further notice, the **Marucci CAT5 33" length bat** should be considered a **non-compliant bat** and subject to NFHS Baseball Rules 4-1-3b and 7-4-1a.

##2 Effective immediately (March 26, 2012) and until further notice, the **Reebok Vector TLS 33" length bat** should be considered a **non-compliant bat** and subject to NFHS Baseball Rules 4-1-3b and 7-4-1a.

###3 Decertification of 32-inch Reebok Vector TLS non-wood baseball bat Please be advised that the BBCOR decertification process has been implemented for the **Reebok Vector TLS 32-inch model**. Effective immediately and until further notice, this bat (Reebok Vector TLS 32" length) should be considered a **non-compliant bat** and subject to NFHS Baseball Rules 4-1-3b and 7-4-1a