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Note: Bat Rules for 2023 remain the same as the 2022 season.

Effective Date: January 1, 2022

TO: League Officials, DBB Baseball Officials

FROM: J. Sandy Jones, DBB, Inc. Commissioner/CEO *J. Sandy Jones*

RE: RULE REGARDING BATS FOR THE 2022 SEASON – REWORDED FOR CLARIFICATION

In an effort to assist our leagues as well as our DBB officials, the following statements are added regarding approved bats for the 2022 season. Please note that the rules differ by age divisions!

DB/15U (age 13-14-15)-

Rule 1:10 DB/15U—Bats used in DB/15U regular season and/or tournament play must be 2 5/8” and shall be certified USABat with the designation legible on the bat. A list of approved bats can be obtained at:

[2022 USABat Bat Guide](#)

Note: Additional bats approved for play are BBCOR .50 and a wood bat that meets the standards found in 1:11 (D).

Point of Emphasis: *All bats must have either the USABat logo, be a BBCOR .50 certified bat or a wood bat.*

Pre-Majors & Majors (age 15-19)- Bat rule for the 2022-2023 season.

Rule 1:10 DM—BBCOR .50 and a wood bat that meets the standard found in 1:11 (D) are the only approved bats for Pre-Majors & Majors Baseball. Note: The length to weight “difference” (i.e. -3) will be maintained through BBCOR standards.

2022 Official Rules of DBBI, Inc. (Point of Emphasis)

Rule 1:10 (E) Any player found to have used a bat that has been altered (shaved, rolled, etc.) will be immediately disqualified from further play and is subject to permanent dismissal from the program.

USE OF A NON-COMPLIANT BAT (Clarification Remains for 2022-2023)

Rule 1:10 (F) — Any player found to have used a non-compliant bat will be called out once he assumes a position in the batter’s box. The coach is also subject to ejection for the infraction.



Re: 2022 Updated Ruling of Commissioner (Created December 1, 2018)

Board of Directors:

State UIC Group:

The 2022 bat rules in regard to an approved Dixie Boys bat (**USABat**) and a DBB Boys/Majors Baseball -BBCOR ([Bat-Ball Coefficient of Restitution](#)) standard remain the same. We are requesting that umpires conduct a pre-game check of bats in the dugout and that it would then be mentioned at the pre-game discussion at home-plate. Managers should be requested to confirm that their team is properly equipped for play. Hopefully this would have and will continue to be sufficient.

As a matter of interpretation and rule enforcement, managers and players have a responsibility to adhere to the rules as written in the book. Failure to understand & follow our rules is a matter of choice and as such the use of a non-compliant bat must have a penalty attached. Therefore the following rule will apply regarding the use of a non-conforming/illegal bat.

Non- Compliant Bat Penalties

Before the batter steps into the box..... Under our rules, if detected, the umpire can direct the player to switch to a legal bat. There is no penalty.

The batter is in the box but has not seen a pitch..... Under our rules, the batter is considered to have used the non -compliant bat as soon as he steps into the box. The coach is also subject to ejection for the infraction.

Penalty: The batter is out and the ball is dead as in accordance with the NFHS rules. All runners return to the base occupied at time of discovery. The coach is also subject to ejection for the infraction. The non-compliant bat must be discovered before the first pitch to the next batter.

The penalty for the use of an altered bat is adequately defined by rule. We will have zero tolerance for anyone found to have knowingly used an altered bat.

In conclusion, everyone associated with DBB has an obligation of insuring that all play is conducted within the official rules. It should be our intent as program leaders to work together and prevent situations that would lead to the enforcement of non-compliant bat penalties.

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