



**Baseball Bats:** Last year we informed you of the new bat standard for 2012 that requires all bats to meet the BBCORE standard. That rule change is still in effect. In early July the National Federation Board of Directors approved a change which **forbids the use of composite bats for the 2011 season.** These bats (already “outlawed” by the NCAA) have been found to become “hotter” with use, and thus more dangerous, as bats exceed the current Bat Exit Speed Ratio standards.

On July 16, the NFHS issues a news release stating that if certain types or models of composite bats can, through testing, be found to stay within the standard, they may receive a waiver that would allow their use in 2011.

My recommendation is that if you have bats that have a composite barrel, you should plan on not being able to use them next spring. Keep them on hand, and if it is found that some of these bats may be used we will provide you with that information. Also, do not purchase any new composite bats (you may find some great prices on these bats at this time!). When purchasing new bats, my recommendation would be to wait until bats which meet the BBCORE standard are on the market – that should happen early this fall.

For more complete information go to: [www.nfhs.org/baseball.aspx](http://www.nfhs.org/baseball.aspx)