

# Official Ruling

## 18-02

### 2 5/8” -3 BBCOR Certified Bats

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Effective immediately, in addition to the new USA Bat Standard bats, 2 5/8” barrel bats that are -3 BBCOR certified bats which do not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot be less than 30 ounces) may be used in all playing divisions in regular season and tournament play.

The BBCOR certification must be stamped on a 2 5/8” -3 barrel bat, and meet other DYB bat requirements shown below:

- (1) All 2 5/8” BBCOR bats shall not exceed 33” in length.
- (2) The handle of any bat may have a gripping material not to exceed 16” from the knob.
- (3) A composite bat must be a safe unit of multi-material construction.

**NOTE: All 2 3/4” barrel bats are prohibited from play in all divisions of Dixie Youth Baseball.**

The revised bat rule with the new wording highlighted below shall read as follows:

#### **Bats**

1.10–(a) The barrel of all aluminum, metal alloy, composite, multi-piece wood bats or single-piece wood bats shall not exceed 2 5/8” inches in diameter nor exceed 33” inches in length.

1.10–(b) **Approved Bats** (1) All non-wood bats and multi-piece wood bats must be stamped with the USA Baseball mark signifying that the bat meets the bat performance standard established by USA Baseball. USA Baseball is the national governing body of amateur baseball in the United States.

(2) Solid wood bats made from a single piece of wood do not require the USA Baseball mark but must meet the specifications in Rule 1.10(a).

(3) 2 5/8” bats that are -3 BBCOR certified bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard which do not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot be less than 30 ounces) may be used in regular season or tournament play.

(4) All bats stamped “BPF 1.15” will be not be legal for play in all age divisions beginning January 1, 2018.

1.10–(c) **Tee Ball Bats** – Tee Ball bats will be stamped with the USA Baseball Mark and the language “Only for use with approved tee balls”.

Note: Any bat stamped for T-Ball cannot be used in games played in the AA, AAA, Majors or “O”Zone divisions due to the manufacturing standards for such bats.

*Wes Skelton, Commissioner*