



# LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL 2018 Equipment Guidelines

Before purchasing equipment for your son or daughter to use in playing Little League Baseball, please review the following guidelines taken from the rules cited in the Little League rulebook.

## Bats (Rule 1.10)



**Juniors and Below and below** – All non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball’s Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed 2½ inches for these divisions of play. Additional information is available at [LittleLeague.org/batinfo](http://LittleLeague.org/batinfo).



## Glove or Mitt (Rule 1.12 - 1.15)



The first baseman may wear a glove or mitt not more than 12” long from top to bottom and not more than 8” wide across the palm.

The pitcher’s glove shall be of one solid uniform color other than white or gray, or if multi-colored, white and light gray shall not be included in the colors. No pitcher shall wear sweat bands on their wrist or arm. Elbow Sleeves are not permitted.

## Helmets (Rule 1.16)



All helmets must bear the NOCSAE stamp. Helmets may not be repainted and may not contain tape or re-applied or new decals. Label your child’s helmet by using a Sharpie type pen.

## Catcher’s Equipment (Rule 1.12 and 1.17)



The catcher must wear a catcher’s mitt. Male catchers must wear a cup with an athletic supporter. All catchers must wear: chest protector (long or short model) with a neck collar, throat guard, shin guards, and catcher’s helmet with mask. The catcher’s helmet must bear the NOCSAE stamp (skull caps are not permitted). All catchers must wear a “dangling” type throat guard during infield / outfield practice, pitcher warm-up, and games. Dangling means the throat guard will still hang down and protect the throat when the catcher is looking straight up.

## Miscellaneous (Rule 1.11)



Shoes with molded cleats are permitted at all levels. Junior League may wear metal cleats. Players must not wear watches, bracelets, rings, pins, and jewelry (metallic or non-metallic). Jewelry that alerts medical personnel to a specific condition is permitted.

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