

2015 Holiday Gift Guide

Guidance on buying a helmet, bat, bat bag, glove and training aid

Bat Bags – A HUGE hit last season!!!!

Baseball – We have partnered with Thompson's Sporting Goods to offer Summit logo bat bags with personalization. Please copy and past the link below for more information.

<http://www.thompsonsportinggoods.net/team-store/summit-jr-baseball/>

Softball – We have partnered with Thompson's Sporting Goods to offer Summit logo bat bags with personalization. Please copy and paste the link below for more information.

www.thompsonsportinggoods.net/team-store/summit-fast-pitch-softball

Helmets

All Softball players must wear helmets with cages and chin straps

All Baseball players at grade 4 and below must wear a NOCSAE approved helmet with a mounted faceguard. Above 5th grade can wear a NOCSAE approved helmet without mounted faceguard. However, a faceguard is recommended.



A Great Training Device!!

A pitchback is a great tool for a younger player to use for countless hours. It can be used alone or with friends. There are several on the market so make sure to go with one that is durable, like the one pictured below....

Easton Playback Elite

Easton's Playback Trainer Elite features a patented improved adjustable hinge for multiple training options: ground balls, line drives, and pop flies.

- Heavy-duty weatherized netting for ultimate playback response



- Durable rubberized net attachment bands
- Speedy assembly - no tools required

Size: 48" W x 72" H

Buying a Glove

At the younger levels smaller gloves tend to be better as they will encourage your player to learn how to catch with two hands. The table below from Rawlingsgear.com is a general guide for determining which glove size might fit your child. Players eight and under should consider a glove at the shorter end of the range.

Glove Sizing

Determining Your Glove Size

Baseball

Level	Age	Position	Glove Size
T-Ball	3 to 6 years old	All Positions	8.5"-10"
Youth	7 to 12 years old	1st Base	11.5"-12"
Youth	7 to 12 years old	Infield	10.25"-11.5"
Youth	7 to 12 years old	Outfield	11.5"-12.25"

Adult	12+ years old	1st Base	12"-13"
Adult	12+ years old	Infield	11.25"-12"
Adult	12+ years old	Outfield	12"-12.75"

Softball

Level	Type	Position	Glove Size
Youth	Fastpitch	Infield	10.5"-11"
Youth	Fastpitch	Outfield	11"-11.5"
Adult	Fastpitch	Infield	11.5"-12"
Adult	Fastpitch	Outfield/1st Base	12"-13"
Adult	Slowpitch	Infield	12"-13"
Adult	Slowpitch	Outfield	12.5"-14"

Choosing the Right Youth Baseball Bat

*****in 2012 SJBB adopted new baseball bat specifications. Please click on the link to make sure the bat you want to buy meets the requirements.**

<http://leagueathletics.com/Page.asp?n=45227&snid=dJJG%5E6J%3E%5E&org=summitnjsports.com>

When searching for the perfect [youth bat](#), size totally matters. In fact, it's probably the most important factor because it allows players to work on their hitting mechanics, batting stance, and swing speed. So, let's begin by checking out this awesome bat sizing chart. As you can see, it's very handy and easy to use. All you have to do is match your height and weight to figure out what length is recommended for you. If you're still not sure which length is best for you, no need to worry -- just call our experts. They're available 24/7 for your convenience. In terms of weight, most youth bats feature a length to weight ratio, or drop, between minus 10 and minus 13.5. So what does that mean exactly? Good question. Length to weight ratio represents how many ounces a bat weighs compared to its length. The higher the number, the lighter it is. So a minus 13 bat is going to be easier to swing than a minus 8 length to weight ratio bat. So which drop is right for you? Another good question - it's hard to know when you're first

starting out, but I'll let you in on a little secret - it really comes down to your size and strength, so I recommend trying several out. Once you do, pick the one that's easiest to control and swing. But remember, the greater mass a bat has, the easier it is to drive the ball with some power behind it.

Alright viewers, that's all I have for you today - if you're ready to browse through some youth bats, check out JustBats.com. We have a ginormous selection to choose from, plus we offer free shipping both ways. So remember, from click to hit at JustBats.com. See below...

Bat Sizing Chart

		Height (in inches)								
		36-40	41-44	45-48	49-52	53-56	57-60	61-64	65-68	69-72
Weight (in pounds)	<60	26"	27"	28"	29"	29"	29"	29"	30"	31"
	61-70	27"	27"	28"	29"	30"	30"	30"	31"	31"
	71-80	27"	28"	28"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	31"
	81-90	27"	28"	29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	32"	32"
	91-100	27"	28"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"	32"
	101-110	28"	29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"	32"
	111-120	28"	29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"	32"
	121-130	28"	29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	32"	33"	33"
	131-140	28"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"	33"	33"
	141-150	28"	29"	30"	31"	31"	31"	32"	33"	33"
	151-160	29"	29"	30"	31"	31"	32"	32"	33"	33"
	161-170	29"	29"	30"	31"	31"	32"	32"	33"	33"
	171-180	29"	29"	30"	31"	31"	32"	33"	33"	34"
180+	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"	32"	33"	33"	34"	