

New USSSA Baseball Bat Marks & Grandfathering Rules Effective January 1, 2012

Big Barrel Bat Rules (2½" or 2¾") – 14U & Below

Effective January 1, 2012

- Have the new permanent³ USSSA Mark on its taper OR
- Be a Qualified BBCOR bat¹ OR
- Be a Wood Bat

ALL of the above must be manufactured by an approved [USSSA Bat Licensee](#)

This applies to ALL Big Barrel Bats, including Coach Pitch bats.

Big Barrel Bat Rules (2½" or 2¾") – 15U & Above

- Must be NHSF approved with the appropriate BBCOR certification mark OR
- Be a Wood Bat

Both of the above must be manufactured by an approved [USSSA Bat Licensee](#)

Small Barrel Baseball Bat Rules (2¼" or less)

For 2012 and 2013

- Have the new permanent³ USSSA mark on its taper OR
- Have the old permanent³ USSSA mark ("USSSA 1.15 BPF"²) OR
- Be a Wood Bat

ALL of the above must be manufactured by an approved [USSSA Bat Licensee](#)

This applies to tee ball bats longer than 23".

For 2014:

- Have the new permanent³ USSSA mark on its taper OR
- Be a Wood Bat

Both of the above must be manufactured by an approved USSSA Bat Licensee

¹ Qualified BBCOR bat – A Big Barrel bat that is made by a USSSA approved bat licensee, has a BBCOR mark permanently attached to the bat that is recognized by NHSF as a legal bat for NHSF sanctioned play and has no more than a minus 3 ounces difference from the length of the bat. Minimum bat length is 29 inches.

² The old mark is simply the words "USSSA BPF 1.15", all together in one spot on the bat.

³ USSSA marks and other graphics of the bat must be applied permanently and must be applied by the USSSA licensed manufacturer. No stickers or decals are allowed and no one may add graphics to a bat once manufactured. Use of a bat with graphics not applied by the manufacturer will be use of an altered bat and subject to suspension under the USSSA Altered Bat rules. In addition to being violation of the USSSA Altered Bat rules, any use, creation or application of a USSSA mark without written permission of USSSA is a violation of Federal Trademark law and may result in prosecution by USSSA. If you have any concern about the person selling or providing you a bat, do not accept the bat, because you will be held responsible for any bat you bring into or use in a USSSA facility.

New Mark

