



## **KYB Bat Information**

Overview: There are typically 3 different classifications of bats that will be mentioned below-USA, USSSA, and BBCOR. These certifications can be found stamped on the bats. For ages where USSSA and USA certified bats come into play, USA bats can be used instead of USSSA bats; however, you'll find that there is an advantage to swinging a USSSA bat over a USA bat.

A "drop" is the length of the bat minus the weight of the bat-for example, a 30 inch, 20 ounce bat would be known as a "drop 10" bat.

*Please note-tournament bat rules may vary significantly-coaches will communicate any tournament-specific bat rules to you as necessary.*

### **Age: 5/6 Year Old League**

- USA bats only

### **Age: 7/8 Year Old**

- League
  - USA bats only
- Travel
  - Typically, tournaments played at this age will allow for USSSA bats, however, there may be some that only allow USA bats

### **Age: 9-12 Year Old**

- League
  - USA bats are required
- Travel
  - Typically, tournaments played at these ages will allow for USSSA bats, however, there may be some that only allow USA bats
  - 11/12 may be the ages, depending on your child's physical stature, to start to introduce heavier bats and explore bats that have a drop of -8.

### **Age: 13-14 Year Old**

- AA/A League Teams
  - May use any USA bat with a drop of -10, -9, -8, or -5
  - Any BBCOR bat with a drop of -3
  - Any wood bat
  - USSSA bats are not allowed
  - These bat rules are controlled by Fox Valley Youth Baseball (FVYBL)
- Travel
  - 13U: USSSA bats, drop -8 typically
  - 14U: USSA bats, drop -5 typically. Could also be some BBCOR tournaments that are played, depending on tournament rules