



Clifton Park Baseball League



New Bat Rules for 2012

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To all CPBL Families:

The national Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken organizations have adopted new rules for bats for 2012. These rules will be enforced in all recreation games played at Clifton Commons. In addition, it is likely that these rules will be enforced in travel games (both at home and away).

5u-12u CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL DIVISION

The bat may not exceed 33" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 ¼" in diameter. Only 2 ¼" barrel non-wood bats marked BPF 1.15 will be allowed. Wood 2 ¼" barrel bats are allowed. (Note: It is CPBL's understanding that most youth bats have complied with this standard for several years. Families should double check their bats, however, to ensure they are compliant with this rule.)

13u-15u BASEBALL DIVISION

The bat may not exceed 34" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter. All aluminum/alloy barrel bats and all composite handle (only) aluminum/alloy barrels are allowed. Only composite barrel bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 will be allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed. (Note: It is CPBL's understanding that the only change from existing rules for the 2011 rules is that bats must be BBCOR certified).

16u-18u BASEBALL DIVISION

The bat may not exceed 34" in length and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter or be greater than a -3 length to weight ratio. Only composite bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 are allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed. (Note: It is CPBL's understanding that the only change from existing rules for the 2011 rules is that bats must be BBCOR certified).

Please note that the rules regarding bat use in any baseball game at Clifton Commons may change at any time if required for player safety or mandated by any rule imposed by Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken or any other sanctioning body. We will update you if we become aware of other rule changes.