

## NFHS Bat Standards for 2011 Baseball Season

### RULE 1-3-2 KEY POINTS

#### ALUMINUM BATS

1. Aluminum bats that are **BESR** certified and labeled as such are legal for play in the 2011 season.
2. Any aluminum bat that meets the 2012 BBCOR standard and is appropriately labeled is legal for play in the 2011 season.
3. Any BESR or BBCOR certified bat is LEGAL that has NON-CYLINDRICAL parts such as the handle and taper.
  - a. This would include bats with holes in the taper, the taper has flat surfaces, and the handle is “V” shaped.
4. Bats which have an ALUMINUM BARREL and composite handle and are BESR certified are legal for play in the 2011 season. (Most of these are labeled as “half and half”)
  - a. The concern is with the BARREL of the bat, NOT the handle and/or taper.

#### COMPOSITE BATS

1. Any composite bat that meets the 2012 **BBCOR** standard and appropriately labeled, is legal for play in the 2011 season.
2. Solid core (not hollow) composite bats that are **BESR** certified and labeled are LEGAL for play in the 2011 season
3. There are certain **BESR** hollow composite bats that have passed the ABI testing and have been granted approval for play in 2011.
  - a. The majority of hollow composite BESR bats are NOT legal.
4. It is the responsibility of the Head Coaches to have at each game a copy of Approved Bat List.
  - a. If no list is available and there is a question as to a bat’s legality, it is by rule and the Umpire’s judgment as to whether the bat is legal for play.
  - b. It is NOT the officials’ role to carry the approved list with them.
  - c. The Approved list can be found at:  
<http://www.mme.wsu.edu/~ssl/certified/besr/certified.htm>

#### WOOD BATS

1. Wood bats shall be made out of one piece of wood
2. Wood bats shall be no more that 2-3/4 inch in diameter (it can be less, but not more)
3. Wood bats shall be no longer than 36 inches in length
4. There is NO weight standard for wooden bats