

COMPOSITE BARREL BATS ALLOWED IN NJBL SPONSORED LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT PLAY (revised 12/11/11)

Composite barrel 2 1/4 diameter bats allowed for use on 60' and 75' fields:

Mattingly Balistk	BTKYB
Combat 2011 B3 Gear	GEARB2
Combat B4	B4YB1
DeMarini CF4	CFL10
DeMarini CF4	CFL11
DeMarini CF5	CFL12
Easton Omen XL	LNC1XL
Easton Omen XL	LNC2XL
Easton S1	YB11S1
Easton Stealth Speed -12	LSS6XL
Easton Stealth Speed -11	LSS1
Easton Stealth Speed -9	LSS2
Easton Stealth Speed -13	LSS3
Easton Stealth -11	LCN4
Easton Stealth -11	LCN6
Easton Stealth IMX - 11	LCN9
Easton Stealth IMX -13	LCN11
Easton Synergy IMX -12	LZN1
Easton XL1	YB11X1
Louisville Slugger Catalyst -12	YB12C
Louisville Slugger TPX Dynasty -12	YBDH
Louisville Slugger TPX Maverick	AYB11M
Louisville Slugger Triton -12	YB12T
Nike Aero Cx2	BT0573
Nike Aero Cx2	BT0598
Nike Aero Cx2	BT0636

Any BBCOR rated 2 5/8 minus 3 bat is permitted to be used on 75' fields. The following composite barrel 2 5/8 minus 3 diameter bats are also allowed for use on 75' fields:

DeMarini CF4 (-3)	CFB10
DeMarini CF4 (-3)	CFB11
DeMarini Vendetta C6 (-3)	VCB10
DeMarini Vendetta C6 (-3)	VCB11
Combat	BACK AB1
Combat	B2AB1
Combat	B1AB2
Combat	B1AB2-R
Louisville Slugger TPX Dynasty 7C (-3)	CBXD
Louisville Slugger TPX Triton (-3)	CBXT
Louisville Slugger Catalyst	CB81C
Louisville Slugger Omaha	CB83
Louisville Slugger Triton	CB91T

Effective 2012: The only bats allowed for 13 and older teams are 2 5/8, minus 3, with a BBCOR rating.

NJBL POLICY REGARDING COMPOSITE BARREL BATS, COMPOSITE HANDLE BATS WITH METAL ALLOY BARREL (HYBRIDS)

The NJBL has investigated COMPOSITE BARREL bats (composite handle and barrel) as well as COMPOSITE HANDLE bats with metal alloy barrels, (also known as HYBRIDS) and METAL ALLOY BARREL bats.

NOTE- METAL ALLOY BARREL bats, which are used now in the NJBL, are legal as long as they meet our division requirements for bats allowed. The composite bat issue does not affect our present rules for this type of bat. You may access our bats allowed by viewing our RULES located in our menu at www.nationaljunior.com

COMPOSITE HANDLE bats with metal alloy barrels, also known as HYBRIDS, are legal in ALL divisions that play on 60, 75 and 90 foot bases as long as they meet the requirements of the bat dimensions that are presently allowed for each division. (Examples- on 75 foot bases we allow a 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ bat minus 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ or less; 13 year old teams that play on 90 foot bases must use 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ minus 3 bats, etc.) If a COMPOSITE HANDLE bat, HYBRID, meets that requirement it's a legal bat for that division.

COMPOSITE BARREL bats- We will allow listed bats to be used in NJBL league and tournament play. The bats allowed are listed on our web site at www.nationaljunior.com. Just click on COMPOSITE BATS in the menu on the left. If we decide to allow a particular bat it will be listed on that site. If the COMPOSITE BARREL bat is not listed, it is not allowed to be used. The Commissioner reserves the right to determine if a bat is legal or not.

The central issue regarding COMPOSITE BARREL bats is safety. Since a pitcher is only about 55, 46 or 41 feet from a batted ball (based on the field dimensions and AFTER the pitch is released), the defensive player's safety becomes the central issue. Testing has been completed on certain bats to determine if they are safe under certain conditions. Qualified testers determined how fast a ball was travelling off of a bat after the batter swung at and made contact with the ball. Our decision to ban certain bats is based primarily on facts supplied by the University of Massachusetts-Lowell Baseball Research Center, (UMLBRC). Their testing determined that some COMPOSITE BARREL bats have a tendency to increase the BESR (Ball Exit Speed Ratio) after the bat has been in use for a while, (ABI Accelerated Break in protocol.) This means a baseball will travel away from specific COMPOSITE BARREL bats faster under certain conditions- usually after the bat has been used.

Another factor we considered, as of right now, there is no reputable objective company that tests bats used by younger players competing on 75 foot base fields using BESR or BBCOR standards.

If we determine, after investigation, that a reputable company exists that will test and declare certain bats safe we will allow their use.

Frank Sullivan
Commissioner