



Spring 2021

Town & Country Baseball Bat Guidelines

In an effort to maintain a competitive balance for games and to remain in line with bat performance specifications used by Centex Tournament Series play, Town & Country Baseball is adjusting bat compliance requirements for all age groups.

For questions on details contained in this document, please reach out to the coach or league commissioner for clarification.

Note: The terminology “bat drop” refers to the length/weight ratio of the bat. For example, a 30” bat that weighs 20 oz, is a “drop 10”. A 30” bat that weighs 22 oz is a “drop 8”.

Rules for ALL Leagues (see below for league specific rules):

- A bat labeled with either of the following stamps: BBCOR, 1.15BPF or USA Baseball (USABat) can be **ANY** length/weight ratio
 - A bat that is drop -11, -10, -9, etc. is acceptable
 - The bat must still comply with the applicable league specific rules listed below
- A bat 2 ¼ in diameter is allowable, does not need the aforementioned stamp and can be any drop
- Any bat without the aforementioned stamp/label and larger than 2 ¼ inches in diameter (e.g. 2 5/8, 2 ¾), drop must be equal to or heavier than -10. For example:
 - If length is 30 inches, weight must be 20 oz
 - -10, -9, -8, -7, -6, -5 would be acceptable drops whereas -11, -12, -13 would not.
 - Exception for 14u league, which must be drop 8 or heavier (noted below)
- The official bat shall be round in cross section for the entire length of the barrel and smooth surfaced in the hitting area.
 - Axe branded baseball bats are allowable if have stamp or meet length/weight requirement
- The maximum length shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches.
- The bat shall be constructed of wood, aluminum, or any other material or combination of materials as defined for baseball bats by ASTM standards.
- Any material may be added to the grip, but not to exceed eighteen (18) inches from the handle end.
- All bats must be commercially manufactured for baseball play.
- Softball bats or bats altered after manufacture to reduce or add weight will not be allowed.

4u, 6u:

- The maximum diameter shall NOT exceed two and five eights (2 5/8) inches.
 - A bat with 2 ¾ inch diameter barrel is NOT acceptable in these leagues.

8u, 10u, 12u leagues:

- The maximum diameter shall NOT exceed two and three fourths (2 ¾) inches.

14u leagues:

- All bats must be equal to or heavier than minus 8 in length to weight ratio.
 - For example: -8, -5, -3 are acceptable length to weight ratios and -10 is not

Town & Country Bat Rule Matrix

	4U, 6U	8U	10U, 12U	14U
BBCOR, 1.15BPF stamp or the official USA Baseball Stamp (USABat)	Can be any length/weight ratio (drop) The specific barrel sizes below still apply			Must be -8, -7, -6 or heavier (lower drop number) -9, -10 and higher drop number not permitted
2 ¼ inch diameter	Does not need stamp Can be any drop			
No stamp, 2^{5/8}	Must be -10, -9, -8, -7, -6 or -5			
Diameter above 2^{5/8}	Not permitted	Permitted up to 2 ^¾ If no stamp, must be -10, -9, -8, -7, -6 or -5.		
No stamp, 2^¾	Not permitted	Must be -10, -9, -8, -7, -6 or -5.		
Diameter of 2^¾	Not permitted	Permitted If no stamp, must be -10, -9, -8, -7, -6 or -5.		
Diameter above 2^¾	Not permitted			