

# 2015 PONY BASEBALL BAT RULES

It is important to read and interpret each rule unto itself!

PONY Rule 8-C: Defines material and maximum dimensions.

Wooden, metal, graphite, or ceramic bats...route not more than 2 <sup>5/8</sup>" in diameter, and not more than 42" in length.

PONY Rule 8-C(1): Tee ball bats shall not be used when the ball is pitched by a player, coach, or pitching machine. Coach-pitch bats will only be used while using a safety ball.

PONY Rule 8-C(2): Defines 2 <sup>1/4</sup>" barrel bats.

2 <sup>1/4</sup>" bats are legal in all divisions of PONY Baseball. They must have a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.15 stamped on the bat. In addition, the bat must be stamped "approved for play in PONY Baseball." There will be other youth organizations stamped on the bat, including, AABC, Babe Ruth, Dixie Youth, Little League, etc.

PONY Rule 8-C(3): Defines 2 <sup>5/8</sup>" barrel bats.

2 <sup>5/8</sup>" barrel bats are legal in all divisions of PONY Baseball. If a 2 <sup>5/8</sup>" bat is -3, it must be BBCOR certified (stamped on the bat). Currently, there is no testing protocol for -5, -7, -9, etc. They are LEGAL.

PONY Rule 8-C(4): 2 <sup>3/4</sup>" barrel bats are PROHIBITED in all divisions of PONY Baseball.

PONY Rule 8-C(5): Effective January 1, 2015, Colt and Palomino will only be allowed to use 2 <sup>5/8</sup>" -3 BBCOR certified bats.

Tri-T Rule 2015 (1): **All bats in baseball must meet the new specification of -3 BBCor.**

## BAT NOTICE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

*and until further notice*

The Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) decertification process has been implemented on the following bats:

1. Reebok Vector TLS 32-inch model
2. Reebok Vector TLS 33-inch model
3. Marucci Cat5 33-inch model
4. Marucci Cat5 34-inch model
5. Marucci Black 33-inch model
6. Marucci Black 34-inch model



The Bat Performance Factor (BPF) decertification process has been implemented on the following bats:

1. Mattingly Balistk (Model BTKYB) Blue
2. Louisville Slugger (Hillerich & Bradsby) TPX Dynasty-12 Model YB12D (black/red/grey)
3. Nike Model CX2-BTO573 (light grey)
4. Nike Model CX2-BTO573 (dark grey)
5. Nike Model CX2-BTO598 (blue)

These bats should be considered **non-compliant** in accordance with PONY rule 8-C (3) and subject to PONY rule 18-E (6). **These bats are illegal.**