

# Memo



Date: August 3, 2022  
To: Baseball Coaches, Athletic Directors, NMOA Baseball Umpires  
From: Dusty Young - NMAA Associate Director, Director of Baseball  
Re: NMAA Baseball Bat Regulations

---

As you are probably already aware, the NMAA membership voted to make changes to our state's Baseball Bat Regulations for 2022-2023 and beyond. Beginning with the **2023 high school baseball season**, ALL legal bats as per NFHS Rules may be used. This includes BBCOR certified aluminum and composite metal bats.

NMAA Bylaws now state the following in Section 7.12.1.E:

*Bat Regulations: All legal bats as per NFHS Rules can be used.*

Exact BBCOR bat regulations as listed in the NFHS Rules Book are as follows:

*NFHS Rule 1-3 Article 2d. Bats that are not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Co-efficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. No BBCOR label, sticker, or decal will be accepted on any non-wood bat. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of one inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color to read: "BBCOR .50".*

Although the new regulations no longer require the use of wood bats, these are still allowed if they meet NFHS standards for a single piece wood or composite wood bat.

Please note that the NFHS has decertified several bats in recent years. A list of illegal and legal bats can be viewed at <https://ssl.wsu.edu/approved-bats/>.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact NMAA Director of Baseball Dusty Young at (505) 923-3268 or [dusty@nmact.org](mailto:dusty@nmact.org).