



Please review the following information regarding the new USA Baseball bat standard (USABat) as it relates to informing the public of the new standards for tee ball bats and USA Baseball's Tee Ball Sticker Program.

The USA Baseball Tee Ball Sticker Program is an initiative designed to allow for the continued use of uncertified tee ball bats (26" and shorter) leading up to and following the implementation of the USABat standard on January 1, 2018.

USABat Overview

- Beginning January 1, 2018, participating National Member Organizations, which include the American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC), Babe Ruth Baseball/Cal Ripken Baseball, Dixie Youth Baseball, Little League Baseball and PONY Baseball, will adopt the USABat standard for youth baseball and tee ball bats.
- Following the implementation of the new standard, only bats certified under USABat featuring USA Baseball's mark will be authorized for play in youth leagues within the participating National Member Organizations (see your league rule book for detailed bat rules)
- For youth baseball bats (lengths 27" and longer), the USA Baseball mark signifies that the bat has undergone lab testing to confirm that it performs at a wood-like standard and has been certified under USABat.
- Retailers and licensed bat manufacturers may begin selling certified baseball and tee ball bats featuring the USA Baseball mark on September 1st, 2017.
- More information on USABat can be found here: [USABat Standard](#)

Tee Ball Bats Under USABat

- Approved tee ball bats (lengths 26" and shorter) under USABat will feature the USA Baseball mark and permanent text which reads: **ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS.**
- Unlike standard youth baseball bats (lengths 27" and longer), tee ball bats are not required to undergo lab testing to receive approval under USABat. However, tee ball bats must feature the USA Baseball mark and accompanying permanent text to be approved for play within the participating National Member Organizations.
- A list of approved tee balls (low compression baseballs) will be available on USABaseball.com

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USA Baseball's Tee Ball Sticker Program

- The USA Baseball Tee Ball Sticker Program is an initiative designed to allow for the continued use of tee ball bats that were manufactured prior to the implementation of the new USABat standard.
- This program will allow individuals and families to purchase approved stickers marked with the USA Baseball logo and language which reads: **ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS.**

Product Information

- The USABat Tee Ball Sticker is a 1.25" X 2" vinyl sticker featuring the USA Baseball logo and permanent text which reads: **ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS.**
- **Stickers will be available for purchase online via USABaseballShop.com beginning September 1, 2017.**
- Each sticker order will be accompanied with an instruction card indicating how to properly apply stickers to tee ball bats.
- Please review the attached Sticker Placement Guide to see how stickers should be applied to unmarked tee ball bats.

About USA Baseball

USA Baseball is the national governing body for the sport of baseball in the United States and is a member of the United States Olympic Committee and the World Baseball Softball Confederation. The organization selects and trains the World Baseball Classic, Olympic, Premier12 and Pan Am teams (and all other USA Baseball Professional Teams); the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team; the USA Baseball 18U, 15U and 12U National Teams; and the USA Baseball Women's National Team, all of which participate in various international competitions each year. The organization is responsible for the continued proliferation and health of the sport, and leads a number of amateur initiatives including PLAYBALL and Pitch Smart. USA Baseball also presents the Golden Spikes Award annually to the top amateur baseball player in the country. For more information, please visit the organization's official websites: USABaseball.com, USABaseball.Education, PLAYBALL.org, PitchSmart.org, GoldenSpikesAward.com and USABaseballShop.com.

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