

Memorandum

To: Department Baseball Chairmen
From: Larry Price, Chairman of the National Baseball Subcommittee
Date: June 1, 2011

Subject: Bat Clarification

The National Baseball Subcommittee has discussed, at length, the current issues with non-wood bats. If you recall, following the College World Series, the NCAA banned BESR composite bats and adopted new bat standards referred to as BBCOR. The NCAA mandated all college teams to use BBCOR bats in 2011.

In July 2010, the National High School Federation also banned composite barrel bats. The National HS Federation will, however, permit most BESR bats (but not all) for 2011. The National HS Federation has adopted the new BBCOR standards for the 2012 season. Therefore, BESR bats are good for one year, and only year only.

The Subcommittee is aware that the HS Federation issued a ban on composite bats July 2010 and in January began to grant waivers for certain composite bats that passed an ABI test. The subcommittee does not feel comfortable granting waivers on BESR composite bats since these bats will be illegal in 2012. In 2012 both the HS Federation and NCAA will drop the BESR bat standard and adopt BBCOR only bats. The American Legion will also adopt the BBCOR standards in 2012.

Wood bats have always been permitted in American Legion Baseball.

The American Legion will permit any (emphasis on **any**) BBCOR bat for the 2011 season.

The American Legion will **NOT** permit BESR bats with any composite material in the barrel or in the handle..

Again, any bat with BESR stamp that has any composite material in the handle or in the barrel is not permitted in the 2011 American Legion Baseball season.