

## **2012 Bat Rules -Boys**

### **Definition**

**BPF - "Bat Performance Factor"**. A measure of a non-wood bat's performance relative to wood bats. A BPF of 1.15 means that bat will perform at a rate of 115% to a similar-sized wood bat

### **8's / 9's and 10's Boys**

- No bats shall be more than two and five-eighths in diameter at the barrel.
- Non-wood bats which are manufactured to achieve a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.15 or less through the life of the bat are approved for play in Chicagoland Sunday Baseball. A BPF stamp of 1.15 or less should be on the bat. This is the same rules as PONY, Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken and Little League Baseball.

### **11's and 12's Boys**

- Same rules as 8's/ 9's and 10s.
- If a game is played on a Little League field (60 foot bases), then only bats with a 2 1/4 barrel dimension can be used.

### **13 year old level**

- Same rules as 8's / 9's and 10's above, except a drop cannot be greater than a (-10) length to weight drop differential.

### **14 year old boys**

- Only (-3) bats may be used and the bat must be BBCOR certified. The bat which may be a wood or non-wood product shall be not more than two and five-eighths (2-5/8") in diameter at the barrel and is to be stamped with a BPF .50. These are the rules for high school.

## 2012 Bat Rules –Girls

Any of the following bats can be used in the league:

1. ASA Bat- must bear **either** the ASA approved 2000 certification mark **or the ASA 2004 certification mark** as shown below, and must not be listed on an ASA non approved list



2. The bat is stamped with a USSSA (United States Specialty Sports Association) stamp.

3. The bat is stamped with NSA approved. The National Softball Association creates an annually updated list of the accepted bats that are allowed in league play