

Memorandum to: High School Umpires  
From: Greg McEvoy, NFHS Rules Interpreter  
Subject: Umpire Guidance for Administering the 2011 Bat Rule for Non-Wood Bats

Umpires:

I am reporting that there will be two different rules and jurisdictions governing the legality of the material allowed to be used in the bat BARREL for 2011. Virginia Public Schools, only, are governed by one rule. ALL OTHER schools, including Maryland Public Schools, and Virginia, Maryland and DC private schools are governed by the National Federation Rule. So what is the difference? This is mostly determined by the markings on the bat itself.

**LOOK AT THE LABEL - ALL BATS MUST HAVE A BBCOR OR BESR MARKING TO BE LEGAL.**

**BBCOR:** If a bat has the BBCOR marking it is legal in any jurisdiction. The BBCOR marking is the highest standard. Some **composite** bats will NOT have the BBCOR certification. Some will have BESR.

**BESR:** **Aluminum** or **Alloy** bats with the BESR designation are legal in all jurisdictions. Some Alloy bats have "Composite" written on the barrel. BUT if it is actually an Alloy Barrel and composite taper it is legal. **COMPOSITE BARREL bats with BESR designation are NOT legal in Virginia Public High Schools.**

**WHAT IS LEFT?** Some **COMPOSITE** bats may have a **BESR** certification and are legal by NFHS rules. The Federation has provided a list of COMPOSITE BATS that do not have the BBCOR marking that are legal. **NONE of these bats are legal in Virginia PUBLIC high schools.** BUT, they ARE legal everywhere else. This list is also available on the NFHS web site (<http://www.nfhs.org/content.aspx?id=4155>)

**HOW DO YOU HANDLE THESE DIFFERENT RULES?** Simple. Let each team use the bats that are legal for them. DO NOT APPLY the more restrictive bat rule Virginia Public Schools have adopted to private schools or to Maryland or WV public schools. Let each **team** use the bat that is approved for them even if they are playing a Virginia Public School.

**PENALTY: In Virginia Public Schools ONLY: "Student/athletes who participate using illegal equipment shall be ejected from that game and suspended for the next two games."**

**For all OTHER teams the National Federation rules apply: The batter is out with NO SUSPENSION.**

Contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thanks!

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NFHS Approved **Composite Barrel BSER** Bats  
(From the NFHS WEB site, as of 14 March 2011)

<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Model Number</b>	<b>Length</b>
DeMarini CF4 (-3)	CFB10, CFB11	33"
DeMarini CF4 (-3)	CFB10, CFB11	31"
DeMarini CF4 (-3)	CFB10, CFB11	32"
DeMarini CF4 (-3)	CFB10, CFB11	34"
Vendetta C6 (-3)	VCB10, VCB11	31"
Vendetta C6 (-3)	VCB10, VCB11	32"
Vendetta C6 (-3)	VCB10, VCB11	33"
Vendetta C6 (-3)	VCB10, VCB11	34"
Combat	B1AB2	34"
Combat	B1AB2	33"
Combat	B1AB2	32"
Combat	B1AB2	31"
Combat	B1AB2-R	34"
Combat	B1AB2-R	33"
Combat	B1AB2-R	32"
Combat	B1AB2-R	31"
Combat	B2AB1	34"
Combat	B2AB1	33"
Combat	B2AB1	32"
Combat	B2AB1	31"
Louisville Slugger	CBXD	34"
Louisville Slugger	CBXD	33"
Louisville Slugger	CBXD	32"
Louisville Slugger	CBXD	31"
Louisville Slugger	CBXT	34"
Louisville Slugger	CBXT	33"
Louisville Slugger	CBXT	32"
Louisville Slugger	CBXT	31"
Louisville Slugger	CB81C	33"
Louisville Slugger	CB83	33"
Louisville Slugger	CB83	32"
Louisville Slugger	CB91T	31"
Louisville Slugger	CB91T	32"
Louisville Slugger	CB91T	33"
Louisville Slugger	CB91T	34"