



IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM IMPOSED ON COMPOSITE BATS IN ALL BASEBALL DIVISIONS



Little League (Majors) and younger divisions of baseball now included; research shows composite bats can exceed Bat Performance Factor limit after break-in period.

Little League International has placed a moratorium on the use of composite bats in the Little League (Majors) Division and all other baseball divisions of Little League, effective immediately.

"Today's decision of the Little League International Board of Directors Executive Committee is based on scientific research data from the University of Massachusetts (Lowell), which was contracted by Little League Baseball," Stephen D. Keener, President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League Baseball and Softball, said. "The maximum performance standard for non-wood bats in the divisions for 12-year-olds and below is a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.15. The research found that composite bats, while they may meet the standard when new, can exceed that standard after a break-in process."

Local Little Leagues were first informed of the research last September.

"From the beginning, and throughout this process, we wanted to keep everyone informed," Patrick W. Wilson, Vice President of Operations at Little League International, said. "Our intent was to provide local league constituents clear direction regarding composite bats. There is a process through which manufacturers can submit individual models for a possible waiver if they wish to seek it. Going forward, we will let our leagues know which ones meet the standards for the Little League Baseball (Majors) 12-and-under divisions, if any."

On Sept. 1, Little League International placed a moratorium on composite bats in the Junior, Senior, and Big League Baseball Divisions of Little League. Subsequent to that moratorium, some composite bat models have received a waiver and may be used in those

Approved Composite Bats List Junior, Senior, and Big League BB Divisions

Composite bats that meet the Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) and the Accelerated Break In (ABI) procedure are listed below. These bats are approved for Junior, Senior, and Big League Baseball play 2011.

Product Name	Model Number	Length(s)
DeMarini CF4 (-3)	CFB10	31", 32", 33", 34"
DeMarini CF4 (-3)	CFB11	31", 32", 33", 34"
DeMarini Vendetta C6 (-3)	VCB10	31", 32", 33", 34"
DeMarini Vendetta C6 (-3)	VCB11	31", 32", 33", 34"
Combat	BACK AB1	31", 32", 33", 34"
Combat	B2AB1	31", 32", 33", 34"
Combat	B1AB2	31", 32", 33", 34"
Combat	B1AB2-R	31", 32", 33", 34"
Louisville Slugger TPX Dynasty 7C (-3)	CBXD	31", 32", 33", 34"
Louisville Slugger TPX Triton (-3)	CBXT	31", 32", 33", 34"

There is a moratorium on the use of all composite bats in the Little League (Major) Baseball Division and younger divisions. If any composite bats receive a waiver to be used in the Little League (Major) Baseball Division and below, those models will be posted online at: www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/approvedcompbats.htm

divisions. Information on the composite bats that have received waivers for the Junior, Senior, and Big League Baseball Divisions of Little League may be found here: www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/approvedcompbats.htm

At present, no composite bats for the Little League (Majors) Division and below have received a waiver. If and when any models do receive a waiver, Little League International will inform its leagues of that decision.

The moratorium on composite bats, which now applies to all baseball divisions of Little League, *does not* apply to any softball divisions of Little League.