



NEW KENT YOUTH ASSOCIATION BASEBALL



2018 USA Bat Rules Clarifications

As most of you are aware, USA Baseball has implemented a new bat rule that has been adopted by Babe Ruth Baseball and will go into effect on January 1, 2018. NKYA has elected to use the following provisions for the 2018 season.

Regular Season

NKYA is not mandating that any player registered to play baseball with New Kent buy a new USA Baseball stamped bat but that is certainly your option. In an effort to reduce the financial burden on its members, NKYA will be allowing its membership to use any bat that was previously approved for Babe Ruth play for the 2018 season.

If a bat has not been approved for Babe Ruth play or has been considered previously “banned”, it will not be legal for the 2018 season.

Any previously stamped TBall bats will be considered legal for the 2018 season. NKYA will not require any TBall bats to have the USA Baseball TBall Sticker to be considered legal.

All Stars

Any player in the New Kent organization that continues into the All Star season will be required to use a USA Baseball stamped bat for participation in the Babe Ruth Tournament Trail. The Babe Ruth Tournament Trail covers the District, State, South East Regional and World Series tournaments at every age group beginning with the 8 Year-Old District Tournament. USA Baseball stamped bats will also be required in any other Babe Ruth Sanctioned event.

Invitational Tournaments are not subject to the USA Baseball bat stamp standard. Any All Star Tournament prior to the 8 Year-Old District Tournament would be considered an invitational. You will need to consult the specific bat rules and regulations for each invitational you participate in.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding your child’s bat or if a bat you are purchasing is legal, please reach out to any of our Board Members. Division Commissioners are listed below for your convenience:

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