

In an effort to maintain a competitive balance for games Town & Country Baseball will be implementing a new bat rule. This rule will take effect and be strictly enforced for the **Spring 2012 season**.

New Bat Rule:

The official bat shall be round in cross section for its entire length, straight from end to end for its entire length and smooth surfaced in the hitting area.

The maximum diameter shall not exceed two and five eighths ($2 \frac{5}{8}$) inches.

All bats larger in diameter than two and one quarter ($2 \frac{1}{4}$) inches must be equal to or heavier than minus 10 (-10) for U5 thru U14. For example -10, -9, -8, -7, -6 or -5 would be acceptable length to weight ratio's whereas -11, -12 and -13 would not.

The maximum length shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches.

The bat shall be constructed of wood, aluminum, or any other material or combination of materials but cannot exceed the 1.15BPF (Bat Performance Factor) as defined for baseball bats by ASTM standards.

Any material to improve the grip may be used for a distance not to exceed eighteen (18) inches from the handle end.

All bats must be commercially manufactured for baseball play.

Softball bats or bats altered after manufacture to reduce or add weight will not be allowed.