

To: Plymouth Little League Families

From: Plymouth Little League Board of Directors

Subject: New Baseball Bat Standards for 2018 and Beyond

Starting with the upcoming 2018 season, Little League Baseball has adopted new USA Baseball Bat Standards for all Baseball Players in the Tee Ball, Rookie, Minors, Majors and Juniors Divisions. This standard applies to Baseball only and represents a significant step toward improving safety. Please see below on how this USA Bat Standard will impact your child's division

Tee Ball - Bats produced and/or purchased prior to the implementation of the new standard can be certified using an Approved Tee Ball Sticker via the USA Baseball Tee Ball Sticker Program. Stickers can be purchased for \$2.00 by clicking [here](#); stickers are available through March 31, 2018 or while supplies last.

Rookies, Minors, Majors & Juniors – All bats must be USA Bat compliant.

In short, any 27 inch + aluminum or composite bat used prior to 2018 **will not** be eligible for use in practices, regular season, playoff and tournament games. The image below has been included so that you can see what the USA Bat logo looks like.



The price of the new bats varies significantly. They start around \$25 and can reach \$350. The league is exploring the possibility of acquiring bats for the divisions most impacted by the new bat standards. Please click [here](#) for a list of frequently asked questions from the Little League Website.