

# Composite Bat Policy

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2011 Policy	<p>OYO will <u>not</u> institute any bat restrictions related to composite-barrel or composite-handle bats for any baseball team or baseball player participating in a game at OYO during 2011. Therefore, all such bats are legal so long as they are in accordance with other bat-specific rules for each league (e.g. barrel diameter or drop limits). This rule is in effect, unless otherwise noted, for both the 2011 Spring and 2011 Fall seasons.</p> <p>The only exception to this rule is any Babe Ruth player representing OYO on one of its travel teams must adhere to Babe Ruth's policy on composite bats and use only eligible bats as listed on Babe Ruth's website.</p> <p>This does not apply to our softball leagues. However, as always, an approved softball bat must have an ASA or NSA 2004 approval sticker to be used.</p>																							
2012 Policy	<p>OYO will strictly follow all Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken policies on composite bat usage for all our baseball leagues. The league will adhere to the organization's published policies for both its 2012 Spring and 2012 Fall seasons.</p> <p>Again, at this time, this does not apply to our softball leagues. However, as always, an approved softball bat must have an ASA or NSA 2004 approval sticker to be used.</p>																							
Important Considerations	<p>As the usage of composite bats continues to be reviewed and refined, OYO offers the following considerations for players and families purchasing new baseball bats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spend your money wisely as it is possible the composite bat could be banned by Babe Ruth and/or Cal Ripken prior to the 2012 season.</li> <li>• All Central Indiana baseball leagues are continuing to evaluate and set policies related to composite bats.</li> <li>• Colleges are banning composite bats effective 2011 season (this year).</li> <li>• Indiana high schools are banning composite bats beginning the 2011-12 academic year.</li> <li>• Some travel tournaments may not allow composite bats. Coaches should check rules prior to registering for tournaments and players should check with coaches on which bats are acceptable.</li> </ul>																							