

the taper or barrel of the bat. All key graphics, including USSSA and BPF markings, must be permanent and cannot be applied as decals or by any other method that would allow the key graphics to be easily removed or added to the bat.

**A. Material.** THE BAT may be made of hard wood of one piece, or laminated from sections of hard wood bonded together with adhesive in such a way that the grain directions of all the pieces are essentially parallel to the length of the bat. THE BAT may also be made of aluminum or other metals, fiberglass, graphite or composite materials.

**B. Construction.** The bat may be made in pieces from different materials but must have a closed barrel end, a handle and a taper. The bat may be modular with interchangeable parts, subject to additional safety and tampering requirements as set forth in the standard USSSA Bat Licensing Agreement. The knob portion must be welded or mechanically attached to the bat. Only USSSA approved bats, USSSA approved weighted bats or USSSA approved bat weigh attachments, may be used by the on deck batter while loosening up on the field.

**C. Other Criteria for Legal USSSA Bats.**

1. Bats will be legal for USSSA sanctioned play only if the bat is manufactured by an approved USSSA bat manufacturer on the USSSA approved bat manufacturer list (kept by USSSA and published and made available by means including, but not limited to, the USSSA website) and has the new 2020 USSSA Certification Mark. The previous 2014 USSSA Certification Mark as of January 1, 2023, is ineligible for USSSA Sanctioned events, but is eligible for use in USSSA league play (pictured below) on the taper of the bat. Wood bats made on the approved USSSA bat manufacturer list shall be legal without regard to this section E.2.



2014 USSSA  
Certification Mark



2020 USSSA  
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2. Any addition to the handle or knob area of a bat is altering the bat if and only if it adds any length to the bat or adds more than half an ounce of weight to the bat. Tournament Directors at the request of USSSA National Office may, however, allow for up to an inch increase in length and up to an ounce increase in weight for an addition to the knob area that is placed on bats in a tournament for the purpose of gathering swing/batted ball data (such as bat speed) for USSSA National Office, provided that the Tournament Director insures that the addition is securely added to the knob and will not create any significant safety concern.

**D. Altered Bat Director Inspection and Suspension.** A USSSA Director may at any time ask to inspect a bat that has been brought into the location of a USSSA sanctioned event or any other USSSA facility. The owner and/or user may either: