

**TO:** League Presidents and District, State & Regional Commissioners  
**FROM:** Steven M. Tellefsen, President/CEO  
**DATE:** January 14, 2011  
**RE:** Composite Bats

The International Board of Directors of Babe Ruth League Inc. has issued a moratorium on the use of composite bats in the Cal Ripken Division (4-12) of Babe Ruth Baseball effective immediately. This moratorium shall be in effect until further notice by Babe Ruth Headquarters.

This decision is based on scientific data from the University of Massachusetts (Lowell). The maximum performance standard for non-wood bats in the divisions for 12-year-olds and below is a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.15. The research found that composite bats can exceed the standard after a break-in process.

“While we are certainly aware of the timing of this announcement, Babe Ruth League must act in the best interest of the young people we serve,” Steven M. Tellefsen, President/CEO Babe Ruth League said. “The decision is based on the fact that scientific research shows that composite-barreled bats may exceed the performance standard after being broken in.”

On October 26, 2010, Babe Ruth League Inc. placed a moratorium on composite bats in our 13-15 and 16-18 divisions with all approved models listed at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).

Please [click here](#) for a listing of licensed baseball bats approved for use in the Cal Ripken (Majors) Division and below.

The moratorium on composite bats, which now applies to all baseball division of Babe Ruth League Inc. does not apply to any softball divisions of Babe Ruth.

NOTE: The moratorium on composite bats only applies to composite barreled bats. Bats that have only a metal/alloy in the barrel (and no other material, unless it is in the end cap of the bat) are not subject to the moratorium, regardless of the composition of the handle.

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## **UPDATE**

**DATE:** February 4, 2011

**RE:** Composite Bats- Cal Ripken Division

Babe Ruth League, Inc. is lifting the moratorium on composite bats for the Cal Ripken Division effective immediately. This applies only to the 2 ¼” barrel bats.

All bats must be stamped “Approved For Play in Babe Ruth Baseball” and meet the requirement of Rule 1.10 in the Babe Ruth League, Inc. 2011 Baseball Rules and Regulations for 2 ¼” baseball bats.

Note: The Babe Ruth 13-15 and 16-18 Baseball age divisions will continue to have the moratorium in force as explained in the memo dated October 26, 2010. As was stated in this memo, all approved composite bat models for the Babe Ruth 13-15 and 16-18 Baseball Divisions are listed at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).

Please contact your National Commissioner with any questions.