

## 2012 Bat Standard Rule

**NFHS Rule (Applies to high school leagues that follow the NFHS standards, which includes Wisconsin).**

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Beginning January 1, 2012, all bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum and composite bats shall be labeled as approved tamper evident, and be marked as to being aluminum or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

“Bat tampering is illegal and a major problem in high schools,” stated the NFHS committee.

No artificial or intentional means shall be used to control the temperature of the bat. This is based on scientific research that determined that altering the bat damages the bat and poses an unnecessary risk of injury. Bat warmers are illegal, as is intentionally warming the bat.