


Madison Parks & Rec Youth Baseball

Equipment/Gear Needed

Your registration fee includes:

- Jersey, Socks, and Mesh Hat

Participant must provide their own:

- Baseball pants (grey or white)
- Cleats
- Batting Helmet*
- Bat*(w/ USA Baseball Stamp) 
- Athletic Cup (*required for catchers*)

* Madison Youth Baseball provides each team with the following equipment that participants may borrow, but that stay in the coach's possession: **batting helmet, practice balls, catcher's gear.** *To help with the transition to the new bat standard 1 bat of "average size" for each game field will also be provided.*

URGENT NOTICE to ALL Madison Youth Baseball /T-Ball Families!!

As you may know, the **bat standard is CHANGING January 1st!** This very important bat standard change will affect every athlete in a big way. Please keep this change in mind when doing your holiday shopping so your child will be ready for the upcoming Spring season!!

WHAT IS IT? USA Baseball is mandating a new bat performance standard as well as allowing the use of 2 5/8" **BIG BARRELS** for all age levels.

- This includes all divisions of Cal Ripken: T-Ball, Rookies, Minors, and Major Leagues
- The USA Baseball bat performance standard does not apply BBCOR certified bats for Junior Babe Ruth and Senior Babe Ruth. However, if your child does not use a BBCOR bat for these leagues the bat WILL need to have the USA Baseball stamp.

WHEN DOES IT GO INTO EFFECT? January 1st, 2018.

WHAT DOES MEAN FOR ME? To ensure your athlete will be in compliance with this requirement the bat must have the new USA Baseball stamp on it.

CAN I USE THE SAME BAT AS I DID LAST YEAR? The simple answer for all Cal Ripken divisions is no.

WHY THE CHANGE? Several national member organizations (Cal Ripken Baseball, Little League Baseball, etc.) asked USA Baseball, as the national governing body, to take the lead and establish a new standard. USA Baseball established a Bat Study Committee of leading scientist and conducted theoretical modeling, field testing, and lab testing.

WHAT DOES THE NEW USA BASEBALL STAMP LOOK LIKE?



compliance with the new standard that bear one of the above stamps are available wherever bats are sold, including at Wal-Mart starting as low as \$40.

If you have questions about the new bat standard please email youth baseball Commissioner Becky Hurt at rexnbecky4@yahoo.com.