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Effective January 1, 2018, USA Baseball has adopted a new bat standard for youth baseball. Similar to the BBCOR standard introduced in the high school and college game, the new bat standard will require bats to perform similar to that of a wood bat with the intent on preserving the integrity of the game. The new standard will replace the BPF standard currently in place.

Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. has adopted the new bat standard for the 2019 and has grandfathered the BPF standard for the 2018 season. The Tar Heel bat rule will be as follows.

For the 2018 season, Tarheel leagues will continue to allow bats with a BPF of 1.15 or less. Bats with the meeting the new USABAT Standard will also be allowed. **Coach Pitch (8u), Machine Pitch (8U) and Midget League (10U) bats will still be required to have a maximum barrel diameter 2 1/4" regardless of the standard for the 2018 season only.** Once the USA Bat Standard takes full effect in 2019, 2 5/8" barrel bats will be allowed in these divisions.