The KBA Board was made aware of the following bat restriction posted on the Dizzy Dean (see below) website this week. This rule is being implemented throughout baseball from College down to Youth Recreation play. It is strictly a safety and liability move on all governing bodies of Baseball. This is and will have to be implemented at all Parks not just KBA or with Dizzy Dean.

## Tee Ball (4-5 Year olds):

Metal alloy bats for age appropriate play. Most new bat purchased will have the BPF stamp.

## Farm to Bronco (5 raising 6's-12 year olds):

"MUST" possess a "clearly identifiable" manufacture's certification stamp (confirms meets BPF 1.15), which is nonexistent on "OLDER BATS" (Manufactured prior to March 2011).



## Pony & Colt (13-18 year old):

All bats must possess the BBCOR .50 certification label.



Dizzy Dean Bat rule:

2:07 The bat shall be an unaltered baseball bat (not softball), with the following age specific requirements:

<u>For ages 5-12</u>: all non-wood bats "MUST" meet 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) for the life of the bat and "MUST" possess a "clearly identifiable" manufacture's certification stamp. This will include 2 1/4, 2 5/8, and 2 3/4 barrel bats.

BBCOR bats are legal for use in ages 5-12.

<u>For ages 13-19</u>: all non-wood bats "MUST" meet BBCOR (Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution) and "MUST" possess a "clearly identifiable" manufacture's certification stamp.

- A bat shall not weigh numerically more than three ounces less than the length of the bat.
- The diameter of the bat shall be no larger than 2 5/8 barrel.
- Bats that are broken, cracked, dented or deface the ball are illegal.
- There shall be no devices, attachments or wrappings that cause the handle to become flush with the knob.
- Molded grips and Choke up knobs are illegal.