



## **JUNIOR SALTDOGS LEAGUE BANS USE OF COMPOSITE BATS (effective with 2011 season)**

Composite-barrelled bats were banned from the Junior Saltdogs League effective with the 2011 season. **All player bats must be inspected and stickered by JSL representatives prior to the bats use in a JSL game.**

The JSL bat ban will parallel that of Little League International (LLI). For up to date information, please go to the LLI website at <http://www.littleleague.org>. **There are a select few composite-barrelled bats that LLI has tested and approved for use (JSL will also allow these bats). If your bat is on this list, you will need to print the page from the LLI website and bring it with you when your bat is inspected by JSL reps.**

Please note that while LLI also has a restriction on barrel diameter(ie, 2 ¼" etc), the JSL does not have any limitations on the size of the bat's barrel. Bats of any size may be used for JSL games.

Here's a few things that might be helpful for you to know:

1. Any aluminum-barreled bat is approved to use. Other words for aluminum are "alloy" and "alcalyte". If you see any of these words on your bat, it is an aluminum bat.
2. Some bats have a composite handle and an aluminum barrel. As long as the barrel is aluminum, it is approved to use.
3. If #1 and #2 above don't help and you can't find your bat on the approved lists within the website link above, tap the bat's barrel with a ring. It will "ping" if it's aluminum vs. a "crack" noise if it's composite.

If none of the above are helpful and you recently purchased the bat, we encourage you to contact the store you bought it at if you have questions about whether it is aluminum or composite.

JSL bat inspections are done at all in-person registration dates in February as well as during select dates in late April/early May before games begin (dates and times will be posted on the home page of the website when they are finalized). Inspections can also be done on game nights (only at 4-plex fields when a JSL site supervisor is present).

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