

2025 Little League Rule Changes



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Prohibited Alterations or Modifications made to the Bat

Rule 1.10 - A.R.2: No bat in any level of Little League Baseball/Softball is permitted to be altered. Products such as, but not limited to choke-knobs, choke up assists or thumb protectors are considered alterations or modifications to the bat and are not permitted.

NOTE: This ban is extended to ANYTIME! Which includes, pregame warm ups, practices, etc. Rule of thumb, if it is a Little League event, players are not permitted to use choke-knobs, bat chokes, and/or thumb protectors



Thumb Protectors



Use of Illegal Bat

ITS MUCH STRICTER

First violation: Manager of team **AND** player are automatically ejected (batter is called out)

- A player is considered to have used an illegal bat either by using the illegal bat and/or simply stepping inside the box with the bat

Last Slide changes the Definition of an illegal bat.

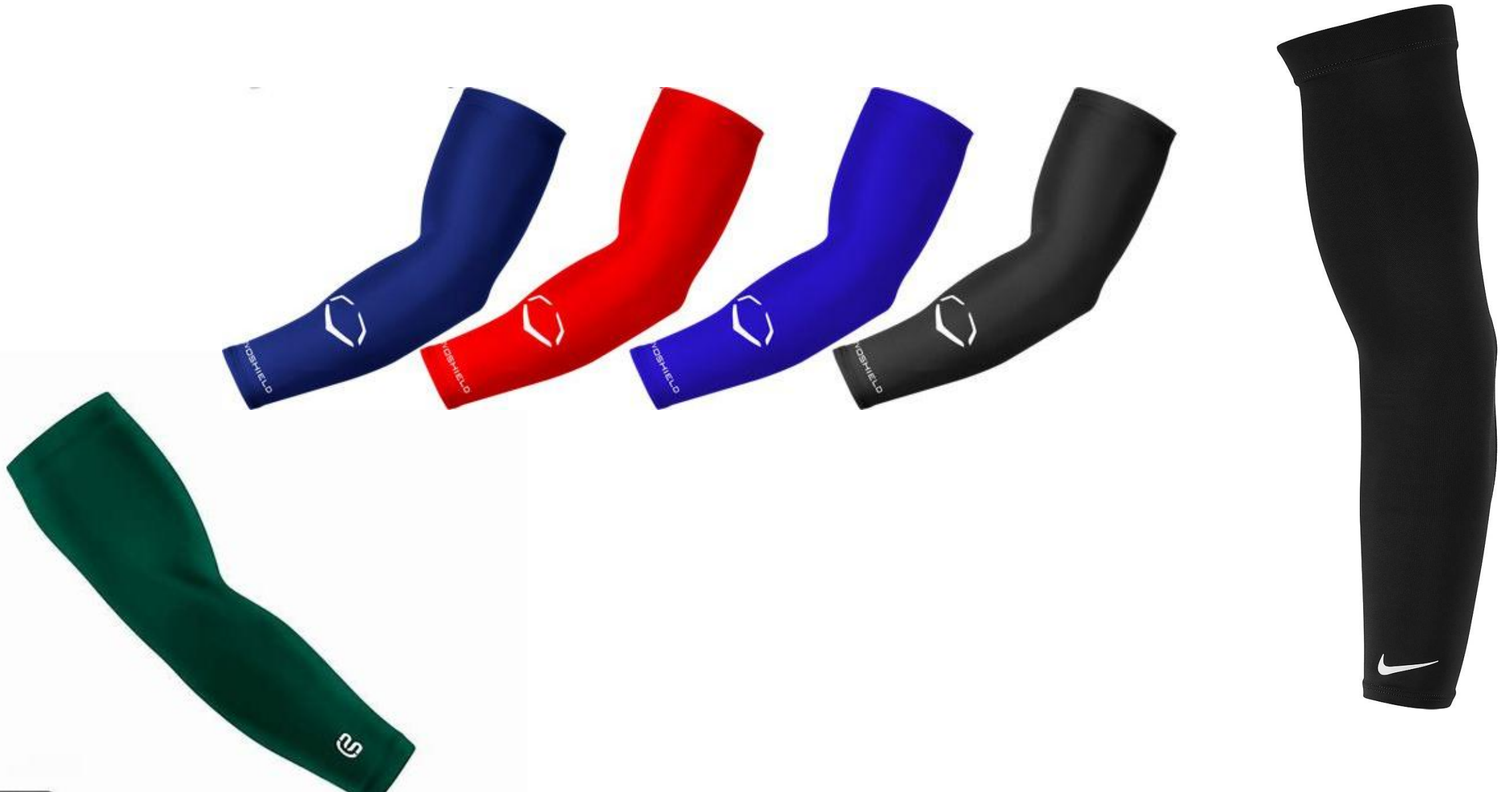
If player uses now illegal items such as bat chokes or knobs, this new illegal bat penalty is enforced.

Neoprene Sleeves

Rule 1.11(a) (3): Neoprene Sleeves may be worn by the pitcher and do not need to be covered by an undershirt.

Exception: The neoprene sleeve must be one solid color and NOT white or grey!

Permitted Neoprene Sleeves



Neoprene Sleeves **Not** Permitted



Neoprene Take Away

- One Color
- No pattern (solid color)
- Any color allowed **EXCEPT**
white or gray

Jewelry

Rule 1.11(j): Any jewelry worn by a player that poses harm to injury will be subject to removal.

Exception: Medical alerts permitted

Jewelry

Umpire's judgement and a little common sense...



Helmet Stickers



Per Little League: **WARNING!** Altering the helmet in any form, including painting or adding decals (by anyone other than the manufacture or authorized dealer) may void the helmet warranty and/or NOCSAE certification.

Helmets may not be re-painted and may not contain tape.

Little League recommends no alterations be made

That said...

Follow Local League Policies!!!

Helmet stickers are permitted provided that such usage is not **Excessive**, is not offensive, and does not make inappropriate references, such as that to drugs or alcohol.

At - Bat

Definition Change:

When using **continuous batting order** the runner does not need to complete their first "at-bat" by being retired as a batter, retired as a batter-runner, reaches base and scores, or inning ends when on base

WHAT THAT MEANS:

Continuous batting order: An at-bat is completed in the "box". Runner does not need to complete running the bases.

Courtesy Runner

- You **CAN** use it in either traditional or continuous batting order
- When using continuous, you may courtesy run for **BOTH** Pitcher and Catcher at the same time
- Same rules still apply: Must have 2 outs
- Must use last batted out (or first batted out if both pitcher and catcher at same time)

Electronic Devices

NEW RULE: 3.17 Exception

Manager or Coach is permitted to use one-way electronic devices from the dugout to the catcher while the team is on defense for the purposes of calling pitches

Electronic Devices

EMPHASIS

- Must be **Manager or Coach ONLY**
- Must be **ONE WAY**
 - No walkie-talkies, airpods, phones etc.
- Only to the catcher (no other player allowed)
- Must be inside dugout

Violation of any of these is automatic ejection

Questions?