



MVYBA Parent Guide: Required Equipment

Helping you choose the right glove, bat, and helmet for your player.

Choosing the Right Glove

Finding the right glove size makes a big difference in your player's comfort and confidence. Use this general age guide when shopping:

- **Ages 4–5:** 10" to 10.5" glove
- **Ages 5–6:** 10.5" to 11" glove
- **Ages 6–8:** 11" to 11.5" glove
- **Ages 8+:** Typically, 11" and up (depends on hand size and position)

✓ *Tip:* A glove should not be too big. Players should be able to open and close the glove comfortably.

Bat Requirements by Division

Little League has strict standards for what bats are allowed in each division. Please use the correct bat standard to ensure your player is eligible to play.

Tee Ball (Ages 4–6)

- Bats **26" and shorter** must have the **USA Baseball** stamp.
- Must include wording: **"ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS."**
- Tee Ball bats may be used in Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch *only if* approved Tee Balls are used.

Minor & Major Divisions (Coach Pitch, Minors, Majors)

Baseball Bat Specs:

- Maximum **33" length**
- Maximum **2⁵/₈" barrel diameter**

Junior League Baseball

Bat Specs:

- Maximum **34" length**
- Maximum **2⁵/₈" barrel diameter**



Softball Divisions

Softball Bat Requirements:

- Must be a Little League–approved **softball bat**
- Max **33" length** (34" for Junior/Senior)
- Max **2¼" barrel diameter**
- Non-wood bats must show **BPF 1.20** marking
- Grip must be cork, tape, or composite material covering at least **10"**
- No slippery/tacky illegal tape
- Colored bats are allowed

Note: Any illegal or altered bat must be immediately removed.

Batting Helmet Requirements

All batters and baserunners must wear a certified helmet.

Helmet Requirements:

- Must have the **NOCSAE** safety stamp
- Helmet must fit snug and **not wobble** while running or swinging
- Jaw guards or face masks **are allowed** but not required
- Helmets may not be cracked, damaged, or altered with unauthorized accessories

✓ *Tip:* If your child wears glasses, consider a helmet with a face mask to protect frames from impact.

Need Help?

If you're unsure whether a bat or helmet is legal, feel free to message MVYBA anytime—we're happy to check equipment before the season begins.