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Re: Junior Bat Rule Amendment

As per the discussion and subsequent approval by the MWBL senior delegates and DVJBA junior delegates at the MWBL delegates meeting held on Tuesday May 29th 2012 at Greensborough Baseball Club, the following amendment to 'MWBL Rule 3 – Baseball Bats Juniors' is to be adopted for the remainder of MWBL season 2012.

BASEBALL BATS - Juniors:

For **players over 16 year old (playing under permit)** – as per the senior rules:

The maximum allowable weight differential for no wood bats is – 3 (difference between length and weight of a bat) (e.g.) a 32" long 28oz bat would be – 4 differential and is not to be used.

For **players 15 & 16 years old**: Maximum length of bat – 34" (86.35cm) and to have a – 5 maximum differential (difference between length and weight of bat)

For **players 13 & 14 years old**: Maximum length of bat – 34" (86.35cm) and to have a – 8 maximum differential (difference between length and weight of bat)

For **players 12 years old and under**: Maximum 2.25" barrel diameter and to have a – 12 maximum differential (difference between length and weight of bat)

Players playing out of age group are restricted to the bat restrictions as listed – i.e. a 12 year old playing in an Under 15 grade is permitted to use a bat as per players under 12 years old and under. A player who is 13 years old playing in an Under 13 grade (age dispensation) is only permitted to use a bat as per 13 & 14 year old players.

PENALTY: If a batter is found to be using an illegal bat, then the batter will be asked to change the bat to an approved bat. If the player refuses to change the bat the then player will be declared out.

This amendment will be applicable for the remainder of the 2012 winter baseball season (including finals series).

The MWBL Executive and Pennant committees will review this rule at the conclusion of the MWBL 2012 season and will make recommendations for the MWBL 2012 season and beyond in respect to the amended MWBL Rule 3 - Baseball Bats – Juniors.

We would ask that all coaches, players and parents participating in 2012 are advised of the above amendment and that all baseball bats used for remainder of the MWBL 2012 season are legal as per the age of the player.

Yours in Baseball

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