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To: League Presidents

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2009 5:25 PM

Subject: IMPORTANT MEMO

Dear League Presidents,

Attached is a memo from Little League concerning some confusion over Baseball Bats. Please cover this memo with all Baseball Managers and have them inspect all bats that will be used in games and practices, this would include any bats that are the personal property of players. If they find that they have bats that are listed on the exception list, then they must carry this memo with them. **IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TEAM TO PROVE THAT THE BATS ARE LEGAL AND ON THE LIST. IF THEY DO NOT THEN THEY RUN THE RISK OF THE BATS BEING REMOVED FROM THE GAME AND OR PRACTICE.**

Wishing you all a successful season

Mike Ray D.A.

Washington 4



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NOTICE TO PARENTS, PLAYERS AND LEAGUES: IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COMPOSITE METAL BAT FOR USE IN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL (Major Division and below), BE SURE THAT THE BAT YOU ARE PURCHASING HAS THIS MARKING: BPF 1.15 ON THE BARREL OR HANDLE OF THE BAT. IF NOT, IT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FOR PLAY IN LITTLE LEAGUE GAMES.

Little League officials are aware that there are bats for sale in stores, online or that may have already been purchased that are Little League approved, but do not have the required bat performance standard (BPF) markings. In fact, some of the bats on the Little League approved bat list may not carry the required BPF 1.15 marking on the bat, depending on when they were manufactured and licensed. Currently manufacturers are conducting an inventory and re-testing of all approved bats. The results of this study / retesting is to be finished by March 31, 2009. We are building a list of certain bats that are approved, but do not have the BPF marking due to special circumstances. For these bats, we are extending eligibility for play until December 31, 2009. As we are made aware of bats that meet our criteria for this extension, we will add them to the list. Please check this list regularly for updates. **HOWEVER, ONLY BATS WITH THE BPF 1.15 MARKING AND THE BATS ON THIS LIST WILL BE ALLOWED FOR PLAY IN 2009.**

Bats with the special exception include the following:

Adidas Vanquish Blue design (There is a newer model of this bat, also named the Vanquish and it has copper and black markings. It contains the proper labeling and therefore is not subject to the one-year rule).

DeMarini - Black Coyote, Rogue, Distance, Rumble, Tengu, Mach 10, Patriot

Easton - LZ-810, LZ-800, Stealth Optiflex LST 1,

Louisville Slugger - YB31

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Sincerely,

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