



NFHS Decertified Baseball Bats

Umpire training reference prepared for Central Florida Umpires, Inc.
Current through October 3, 2026.

Key point for equipment checks A bat can still display a BBCOR certification mark and nevertheless be illegal if the exact model/length has been decertified. Match the manufacturer, model, and affected length - not just the certification logo.

Official NFHS Decertifications - Baseball

Manufacturer / Model	Affected Size	Identifying Details	NFHS Status
Marucci CAT5	33-inch	CAT5 non-wood/BBCOR model; notice applies to 33-inch length.	Non-compliant / Decertified
Reebok Vector TLS	32-inch and 33-inch	Both 32-inch and 33-inch Vector TLS models were decertified.	Non-compliant / Decertified
Louisville Slugger 2020 Meta	33 in. / 30 oz. (-3)	2020 blue composite Meta; NFHS action applies to 33-inch model.	Non-compliant / Decertified
Stinger Bat Co. Missile II	33-inch	Model MISL2233; matte military green with black/gold highlights.	Non-compliant / Decertified

Do not over-expand the ban. Only the specific lengths/models listed above are decertified. A different length of the same product line is not automatically illegal.

Pregame Bat Check - Practical Umpire Workflow

1

Confirm certification

Verify the required permanent certification mark and all other current NFHS bat requirements.

2

Check exact length/model

If a bat matches one of these product lines, verify the affected length and any model/SKU information.

3

Remove known decertified bats

A bat matching an NFHS decertification is non-compliant even if a BBCOR mark remains visible.

4

Handle other defects separately

Cracks, alterations, excessive substances, missing certification, or other defects are separate equipment-rule issues.

5

Use current rule materials

Apply the current NFHS rules and applicable FHSA guidance for penalties and game administration.



Bat Identification Cards

Use the photos as recognition aids, then verify the exact model and affected length.
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Marucci CAT5



Visual reference only - verify exact model and length.

AFFECTED VERSION

33-inch model

IDENTIFYING DETAILS

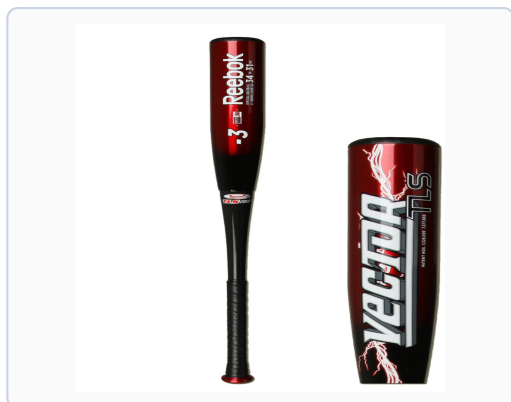
White/silver barrel with large red MARUCCI branding and CAT 5 graphics. The NFHS decertification applies specifically to the 33-inch CAT5 model.

NFHS STATUS

Decertified / non-compliant for NFHS high-school competition.

Primary authority: NFHS decertification notice for the Marucci CAT5 33-inch model.

Reebok Vector TLS



Visual reference only - verify exact model and length.

AFFECTED VERSION

32-inch and 33-inch models

IDENTIFYING DETAILS

Red-and-black Vector TLS barrel with large Reebok and VECTOR TLS graphics. NFHS records identify both the 32-inch and 33-inch Vector TLS as decertified.

NFHS STATUS

Decertified / non-compliant for NFHS high-school competition.

Authority: NFHS notice for 32-inch Vector TLS; NFHS memorandum dated March 26, 2012 for the 33-inch model.



Bat Identification Cards - Continued

Two later BBCOR decertifications that remain important for equipment checks.
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Louisville Slugger 2020 Meta



Visual reference only - verify exact model and length.

AFFECTED VERSION

33-inch / 30-ounce (-3) model

IDENTIFYING DETAILS

Blue composite META with black/gold accents and Louisville branding. NFHS announced the 2020 blue 33-inch Meta composite bat as decertified.

NFHS STATUS

Decertified / non-compliant for NFHS high-school competition.

Primary authority: NFHS, March 3, 2020 - 2020 Blue 33-inch Louisville Slugger Meta composite bat.

Stinger Bat Co. Missile II



Visual reference only - verify exact model and length.

AFFECTED VERSION

33-inch model MISL2233

IDENTIFYING DETAILS

Matte military green aluminum Missile II with black and gold highlights. The specific model number identified by NFHS is MISL2233.

NFHS STATUS

Decertified / non-compliant for NFHS high-school competition.

Primary authority: NFHS, August 25, 2022 - 33-inch Stinger Missile II, model MISL2233.



Rules Context and Source Notes

Field aid for CFU training - not a substitute for the current NFHS Baseball Rules Book.
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Rules Context

Current bat rule context

For current high-school play, qualifying non-wood bats must meet the applicable NFHS performance and certification requirements. NFHS has announced an additional bat-standard change effective January 1, 2028, including USA Baseball BBCOR and specified USA Baseball -4, -5, and -6 categories.

Decertification principle

A bat can carry an originally valid certification mark but become non-compliant after the certification/decertification process. Equipment checks therefore require more than simply locating a BBCOR logo.

Training reminder

Use the photos for rapid recognition, then verify manufacturer, model, length, and any model number/SKU. When in doubt, consult current NFHS and FHSAA materials before making a final equipment determination.

Primary Source References

- NFHS - Decertified non-wood baseball bat: Marucci CAT5 33-inch.
- NFHS - Decertification of 32-inch Reebok Vector TLS non-wood baseball bat.
- NFHS memorandum - Decertification of 33-inch Reebok Vector TLS bat, March 26, 2012.
- NFHS - NFHS De-certifies Louisville Slugger Meta Bat, March 3, 2020.
- NFHS - Decertification of 33-inch Stinger Bat Missile II, August 25, 2022.
- NFHS - Baseball Comments on the Rules - 2027 (future bat-standard change effective January 1, 2028).

Training use note

This reference is designed as a field aid. Because certifications, interpretations, and state-adoption guidance can change, officials should periodically re-check official NFHS and FHSAA sources. Photos are provided as visual identification aids and should not replace model/length verification.