# Mt. Airy Baseball Equipment Cheat Sheet

The only equipment players must bring to practices and games is a glove as Mt. Airy Baseball provides balls, catcher's gear, bats, and helmets to every team. However, some families prefer to buy their own equipment. For gloves, talk with your player's coach if you have questions about proper fit/size.

If you plan to bring your own bat and/or helmet, please note the requirements below:

## T-ball Division (ages 5-6):

- Any T-ball bat is acceptable.
- No helmets are required.

## AA Division (ages 7-8):

- Bat does not have to be USA Baseball Approved, but it is recommended in case you plan to move up to AAA. (USA Baseball is *not* the same as USSSA. USSSA is not approved for play in MAB.)
- Helmet w/o face cage is acceptable.

# AAA and Majors Divisions (ages 9-12):

- Bats must be USA Baseball approved and can be any length or weight. Bats must not be more than 2-5/8" in diameter. (USA Baseball is *not* the same as USSSA. USSSA is not approved for play in MAB.)
- Helmets must have a face cage. (Jaw flap is not acceptable).

## Seniors Division (ages 13-15):

- Bats must be USA Baseball or BBCOR approved and a maximum of 2-5/8" in diameter. (USA Baseball is *not* the same as USSSA. USSSA is not approved for play in MAB.)
- Helmets are not required to have a face cage. Jaw flap is acceptable.

### **Bats -- General Notes:**

- Wood bats are approved for all divisions.
- Softball bats are not approved for any division.

# **Need Help?**

• If you purchase a new bat and are not sure it is approved for play, we suggest you leave the wrapping on the bat and do not use it until you have a coach, commissioner, or umpire confirm it is approved for play.

## **Game Situations:**

- Umpires will typically check the bats prior to each game.
- If a player in AAA, Majors, or Seniors is found to be batting with an unapproved bat, it could result in an automatic out.

### **Cleats:**

- Baseball cleats are recommended for players starting with AA. Families are responsible for getting their players' cleats.
- Metal cleats are not permitted at any level except Seniors.