



2026 Spring Season Equipment Cheat Sheet

Mt. Airy Baseball provides each team with gear (balls, catcher's gear, bats, and helmets) to use during the spring season. The only equipment players must bring to practices and games is a glove. However, some families prefer to buy their own equipment. Please be aware of requirements for bats, cleats, and helmets.

Gloves

Talk with your player's coach if you have questions about proper fit/size.

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.

Bats and Helmets

If you plan to bring your own bat and/or helmet, please make sure they meet the requirements below:

T-ball (ages 5-6):

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

AA - Machine Pitch (ages 7-8):

- **NEW 2026** -- 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 without a face cage are acceptable.

AAA and Majors - Kid Pitch (ages 9-12):

- **NEW 2026** -- 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 (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.

General Bat 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 any wrapping/packaging on the bat.
- 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 AA, AAA, Majors, or Seniors is found to be batting with an unapproved bat, it could result in an automatic out.