



Subject: Composite Bats

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To: CIF State Office/Section Commissioners

Gentlemen:

You, no doubt, will be receiving questions regarding the use of composite bats in high school baseball. The issue is that a number of players are getting the bats "rolled" to provide greater ball exit speed off the bat.

I received this response from Elliot Hopkins of the rules committee which states its current position. If there is any change, I will let you know.

From: Elliot Hopkins, NFHS Rules Committee

We are not convinced with the limited sample of bats that the NCAA used to develop their ban of every composite bat, it was enough for the NFHS to follow suit. However, we are currently monitoring the performance issue of composite bats and reserve the right to revisit a ban at a later date. Currently, we are not banning composite bats. We also feel that we have appropriate rules in place to deal with bat alteration. We will be monitoring that as well, and if necessary, direct manufacturers that they have to make a bat that can alert an umpire that it has been tampered or altered. We hope that does not occur but it is a distinct possibility.