



# California Interscholastic Federation

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To: All Section Commissioners and Baseball Officials Associations

From: Roger Blake, Assistant Executive Director  
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RE: Clarification on the Titanium Baseball Bat

The following is from a memo that this office has received regarding titanium baseball bats. This memo shall supercede any previous memos and the NFHS Baseball Casebook on this issue.

**From the National Federation:**

*“Baseball bat composition and certification continue to be a major issue for the NFHS and some of our state associations. Our most recent controversy revolves around baseball bats containing titanium. For several years, the NFHS has stated by casebook example that bats containing titanium are not legal. This prohibition was not based on any real scientific data and certainly predated our new BESR standard.*

*We have discovered that there are bats containing titanium manufactured by Easton and advertised as titanium bats that do meet the BESR standard. By our present rule, those bats will be legal on January 1, 2003. It only makes sense that we interpret our rules, that effective immediately any bat meeting the BESR standard is legal immediately. As previously determined by the NFHS Board and the Baseball Rules Committee, ALL bats must meet the BESR standard by January 1, 2003. If you have any questions, please contact Elliot Hopkins at the National Federation.”*

The California Interscholastic Federation interprets this directive to mean that any bat (titanium included) that meets the BESR standard and have the BESR markings on the bat that signify that the standard has been met, shall be ruled as legal.

Also, as a reminder, ALL baseball bats must have the BESR marking beginning on January 1, 2003.