



"Be The Referee" is a series of one-minute messages designed to help educate people on the rules of different sports, to help them better understand the art of officiating, and to recruit officials. "Be The Referee" features MHSAA Assistant Director Mark Uyl's insights on officiating.

You Make The Call – Wooden Bats

You're out at your next local high school baseball or softball game, and you see one of the hitters step up to home plate, and they wish to use a wood bat. Is this legal?

The answer is yes. Wood bats in both baseball and softball are legal. Now they're most commonly seen in professional baseball, but wood bats can also be used at the amateur level.

When players in either sport wish to use an aluminum or non-wood bat, each of those metal bats must have the proper certification mark. With the proper certification mark, those non-wood baseball and softball bats as also legal. These must be checked by umpires during every game.

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