

Policy Statement

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PAINTING OF BATTING HELMETS

The following information has been provided by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pa.

Painting of batting helmets by the local league or anyone other than the manufacturer is not authorized, and should never be done without the expressed written consent of the manufacturer.

The testing of batting helmets (and many other types of safety related baseball gear) is conducted on equipment that is unaltered. Because we have no way of knowing what type of paints might have been used on helmets, without the authority of the manufacturer, we cannot be sure if the structural integrity of such helmets has been compromised.

If a league has already painted its helmets, its only recourse would be to contact the manufacturer. Perhaps the manufacturer would be willing to inspect the helmets (or a sample) to determine if the structural integrity has been compromised, or if there are any alternatives, such as removing the paint, that would make the helmets useable. The league should receive confirmation of this in writing from the manufacturer before allowing such helmets to be used.