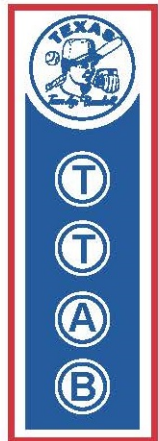


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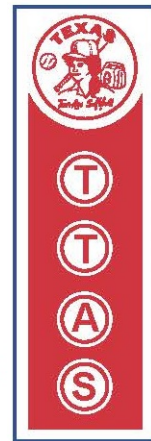
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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

Texas Teenage Baseball and Softball reserves the right to refuse any application or suspend or revoke any current rights granted when determined by the State Board of Directors that it is not in the best interest of the State Association.

It is the intent of TTAB-TTAS to provide participants with appropriate leadership and role models. As such, it is recommended that the local affiliates and league boards use their best judgment in allowing individuals to participate in the program. Specific areas of concern include, but may not be limited to, the individual's criminal history, the use of profane language, alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco in the presence of the children. Any affiliate not willing to accept the above responsibility or review should not participate in TTAB-TTAS and should not submit an Application of Affiliation.

Any manager, coach, league official, or tournament director while participating in TTAB-TTAS sponsored programs:

1. drinks or allows the drinking of alcoholic beverages;
2. uses or allows the use of illegal drugs, controlled substances, or is under the influence thereof;
3. uses abusive or profane language;
4. or makes any attempt to commit or does bodily harm to any player, manager, coach, director, representative or umpire of TTAB-TTAS, shall be suspended immediately from further participation in any TTAB-TTAS sponsored activity for any number of years up to a lifetime ban to be determined by the State Board of Directors

Any fan or parent of a player participating in TTAB-TTAS guilty of any of the above infractions will be reported to their local league president for disciplinary action. Any affiliate failing to take action will be subject to suspension from further participation in TTAB-TTAS.

The State Board of Directors will review all reported infractions. Its ruling shall be considered final and shall not be subject to appeal and/or legal action. Any affiliate not willing to accept the above as a part of its local responsibility to participate in the TTAB-TTAS organization should not submit an Application for Affiliation.

The State Board reserves the right to suspend any manager, coach, league official or tournament director immediately from any TTAB-TTAS activity for any length of time. This disciplinary action shall be at the discretion of the Board and its Directors. Their decision shall be final and not subject to any appeal or legal action. TTA strongly urges all affiliates to know their volunteers and their backgrounds well. Ultimately, the safety and well being of the children is the responsibility of the local Affiliates.

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DUTIES OF STATE DIRECTORS

State Directors shall enforce the rules and regulations, as well as those policies issued by Texas Teenage Baseball-Softball. Such enforcement shall be by virtue of, and through the authority given each Director by the State President. It shall be the State Director's duty to preside over all Association matters within the area for which he/she is duly appointed and elected, and said Director's decisions shall take precedence over any other person, affiliate, manager, coach, league official, tournament director (whether it be in a district or state tournament), or member of the Association, so long as said decisions are related to the rules, regulations and/or policies of the Association.

State Directors shall be the highest ruling authority in their respective areas, subject only to the President and/or Vice-President of the Association. At any time a State Director sees or knows of a violation of the rules, regulations, or policies of the Association, he shall immediately take the necessary steps to correct same, with all the power and authority given him/her herein.

All actions, decisions, and rulings of State Directors shall be in the best interest of TTAB-TTAS.

State Directors are expected to be impartial toward any affiliate or team and, therefore, may not be directly involved with any team, including coaching or managing. State Directors may not participate in any TTA game or act as a tournament director.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

State Directors may appoint Associate Directors who can oversee a specific region of a Director's district. The Associate Director can be of general service to local affiliates, but shall take no official action regarding TTA rules and policies.

OFFICIAL REGULATIONS

DEFINITIONS:

For clarity, TTA defines the following terms:

- Association: A term to mean the entire TTA organization.
- Affiliate: Meaning a town or group of towns that make up the local affiliation
- Divisions: Means the age categories: such as Girls 10U, Boys 14U, etc.
- Leagues: Refers to sub-parts of Divisions: such as Girls American, National, East, West, etc.
- Manager: Head Coach

A. ORGANIZATION

1. TTA recommends all Affiliates to provide a background check on all coaches/volunteers that will be on the field.
2. All affiliate rules and bylaws should be in writing and issued to all managers and coaches.
3. The local affiliates shall be the smallest unit of the organization and shall be affiliated with the TTA State Office each year.
4. The affiliate shall be governed by a Board of Directors, Committee, or Association with elected officers serving as voluntary operating personnel, including a President who is the highest ruling authority of the affiliate.
5. The Board of Directors, Committee, or Association may organize and operate one or more leagues in any and all divisions of TTAB and TTAS. Each league, so organized, shall be considered a separate and independent organization within itself.
6. A League must consist of at least four (4) teams and no more than seven (7) teams, except by special permission of the State Director serving the affiliate requesting the waiver. Each league shall participate in assigned TTA District and State Tournaments. For exception, refer to Tournament Rule 200-6c.
7. Any affiliate registering a fictitious team for the purpose of forming a league can be subject to a penalty of up to a one-year suspension from TTA participation.
8. An affiliate may organize a town, city, community or county. In locations where it is warranted, a larger territory may be organized, subject to approval of the local State Director.
9. Affiliate League sign up dates must be approved by Area State Director.

10. TTA will require that each affiliate establish boundary lines in harmony with adjoining affiliates. Affiliates that have more than one participant, each participant must have an established boundary. These boundary lines will be required to be in writing and distributed to all affected areas in your district and a copy sent to your Area State Director. TTA feels the defined boundary line should be the local affiliate's responsibility and agreed upon prior to drafting or forming teams. Give top priority to avoid any attempt to "stack teams". The Independent School District boundary line concept is a common choice, but may not apply to every affiliate.
11. Any boundary line controversy that cannot be resolved locally should be submitted to the State Director and provide complete details.
12. All boundary line protests must be settled before TTA District or State Tournaments. No TTA tournament will allow protests over boundary line issues.
13. A player must play in the designated boundary line area of which he/she lives or attends school as long as a team or league is offered in the player's age division. If a team or league is not offered, the player must play in the next closest TTA town within their affiliate that offers the age division. This applies to any league of which the player could play according to his/her age division, **includes High School Eligible**. If a player is required to play in the nearest TTA town and has met all the requirements necessary to play in his local boundary, he or she may return to the original affiliate.
14. If a player registers with an affiliate in the boundary line where he/she lives or attends school before the deadline for registration ends and that affiliate is full and does not have a place on any team in his/her age division within the affiliate, then that player may play in the town or adjacent boundary area that is nearest to where he/she lives. If the player registers after the deadline in the boundary area of residency, the player is ineligible to play elsewhere. At the discretion of local leagues, players may be released to other teams or towns once a roster reaches thirteen (13) players. Roster limits will remain at 15 players. A legal roster must consist of a minimum of nine players.

15. In the event that a new affiliation to TTA contains players who are a part of a team in a nearby affiliate, such players are allowed to remain on the current team through the duration of the TTA division the player is so registered.
16. A player choosing to play in a boundary line area where he/she attends school or where he/she lives, must remain in the chosen area as long as they play in the current TTA age division.

B. LEAGUE SCHEDULE

1. Playing a minimum of ten (10) official league games per team shall constitute a completed league schedule. Exception to rule: Any TTA team that is required to travel in excess of 75 miles one-way to participate with another team in their league will be required to play only an eight (8) game schedule.
2. The beginning of league play is at the discretion of local affiliates.
3. All TTAB (Baseball) league play will terminate as follows:
The 2022 Season on June 17.
The 2023 Season on June 16.
All TTAS (Softball) league play will terminate as follows:
The 2022 Season on June 10.
The 2023 Season on June 9.
4. The official league schedule shall be prepared no later than one (1) week before the start of the regular season play.
5. The schedule shall be arranged so that no team will be required to play on successive days except for a makeup or rainout game.
6. A Calendar Week is defined as Sunday through Saturday.
7. Any league that has not finished its season by the official end of the TTA season and determined its champions shall not be eligible to participate in tournament play.

C. POSTPONED, RAIN-OUT, AND SUSPENDED GAMES

1. No regular scheduled games may be postponed without the approval of the Local Affiliate President.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the Local Affiliate President to see that all postponed games, rain-out or makeup games, and suspended games are re-scheduled and played at the earliest possible date. All such games must be played during the regular season of play and before the end of the Official League Season.
 - (a) A postponed and/or makeup game is defined as one that is re-scheduled to be played in its entirety at a later date.
 - (b) A rainout game (if less than the required complete innings have been played) is defined as a suspended game.

- (c) A suspended game is defined as one that is re-scheduled to be continued in play from the exact point of suspension of the original game. A game called by the umpire that is not a regulation game, will be resumed at the exact spot where it was stopped.

D. LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

- 1. Local league champions shall be determined by the method adopted by the local affiliate officials and the eligible teams will advance to tournament play.
- 2. The method used may vary according to local situations. The method used should be determined before the local league season begins.
- 3. Each League with 4 to 7 teams must send first and second place teams (or replacement or alternate teams). Each League with 3 teams (**must have area State Director approval**) must send the first place team (or replacement or alternate team). These teams are required to participate in its assigned tournament. Penalty for non-participation can be up to a one-year suspension from TTA for that particular league and/or manager. The affiliate will also receive a non-participation fine.

E. SELECTION OF PLAYERS

- 1. The selection of players for teams will be accomplished in compliance with a Player Selections System as adopted by local affiliate officials.
- 2. No team will be allowed to protect more than a maximum of 3 players. Players are protected as long as they remain on a roster in that age division unless the player returns to the draft. Then the player will lose their protected status. Returning players, that were not protected, are not considered protected players. Protected players must be named each year on a team's official Team Roster. No player can be considered a returning player when moving from one age division to another.
- 3. If the head coach has a son/s or daughter/s playing on the team, it is mandatory that such players must be included as protected players. The head coaches must be determined prior to player draft.
- 4. It is the responsibility of each affiliate to govern their leagues to prevent the stacking of teams. Any and all teams that are stacked, will not be allowed to participate in tournament play.

5. Any coach who violates the player selection system in any way, shall be suspended from participation in TTAB/TTAS for any period of time, not to exceed three (3) years. Likewise, the affiliate/league with whom the coach is associated with, shall be subject to the same penalty.

F. PLAYER AGREEMENTS

1. All players and their parents (or guardians) shall be required to sign a player agreement prior to participating in any TTA activity, agreeing to abide by all TTA rules and regulations and, in addition, all local affiliate rules and regulations. The player agreement must include a statement releasing the local league affiliate and its officers, all sponsors, and the TTA State Organization from any and all liability associated with any injuries sustained as a result of any TTA activity.
2. Each player (parent or guardian) must provide the local league organization an official (copy thereof) "vital statistics" birth certificate, passport or official military dependent I.D. as documented proof of the correct date of birth. State issued identification cards, foreign birth certificates and/or government resident alien documentation is acceptable so long as proof of the correct date of birth is validated on such documentation.
3. Players thus signed will be considered the property of the team who signed them for the age eligible division.
4. Players participating in TTA will be eligible to play on only one TTA team in one league in one season. This excludes players on High School Eligible Boys and Girls Teams.
5. Players must participate in at least one half of the regular season games (unless for medical reasons), to be eligible for tournament play.
6. Players not registered on an Official Team Roster submitted to the State Office prior to the First Scheduled Team Game will be ineligible to participate in TTA tournaments. Proof of delivery of rosters will be considered in cases of failure of receipt at the State Office. It is highly recommended that each team ensure proper delivery by either printing a copy of the on-line rosters or by sending certified mail or emailing the State Office.
7. NO PLAYER TRADES WILL BE PERMITTED.

8. No additions to a team will be permitted after the first league game is played. Once a team roster is submitted to the State Office, if there are any additions to a team prior to the first league game, the player may be allowed with the State Director's authorization. There will be no exceptions to this regulation under any circumstance, including local league rules.

G. ILLEGAL PLAYERS AND PENALTY

1. Players may be declared illegal for the following reasons:
 - (a) Moved or traded.
 - (b) Misrepresentation of playing age.
 - (c) Participation on more than one TTAB/TTAS team during league play. (Exception: High School Boys and Girls Eligible Divisions, where approved).
 - (d) A maximum age player who is signed to a TTA team after eight other maximum age players are already signed.
 - (e) Not officially registered with a league to be a player.
 - (f) Players who reside or attend school in a defined affiliate boundary area and play outside that defined area when a TTA program is offered in his/her age division.
PENALTY: All games in which an illegal player participated will be forfeited.
2. It will be the responsibility of the Manager of each team to make sure that he/she does not sign or play an illegal player during the season or in tournament play. Penalty for this violation can be up to a two-year suspension of the Manager from participating in TTAB/TTAS activity.
3. In the event a Manager or Assistant Manager believes or knows of an opposing team playing an illegal player, he/she may make a protest. If the protest is allowed, the game will be declared forfeited to the offended team. Any game played in which both Managers have lodged an official protest, and both protests have been allowed, the game in question will be thrown out. The game will not be replayed, but will be recorded as a loss of one game for each of the teams in the final standings.
4. In the event local affiliate officials or State Directors discover an illegal player, manager, or team (according to TTAB/TTAS rules and regulations) all games in which player, manager or team participated, will be forfeited.

5. Any coach playing a player under an assumed name or with illegal documentation: player and coach will be removed from the game at the time the illegal player is identified.
PENALTY: Player will be removed from play. Coach will receive a five (5) year suspension from TTA and player will be suspended for two (2) years. All games in which an illegal player participated will be forfeited.
6. **IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MANAGER TO ENSURE THAT THE TEAM ROSTER IS SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OFFICE CORRECTLY AND PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED TEAM GAME.** If a data entry mistake is discovered on a team roster (examples: omission of a player, spelling errors or typing entry mistakes) the player may be eligible to play with approval of the State Director. **PENALTY:** The manager will be suspended for the first two tournament games.

H. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

1. All protests and disputes arising during the regular season of league play shall be settled on a local level. The President of each affiliate shall name a Protest Committee for that purpose and the Committee's ruling shall be considered final.
2. A protest which may arise from interpretation of playing rules, will be made by notifying the Umpire-In-Chief and the manager of the opposing team, at the time of occurrence and before the next legal pitch, that the game is being played under protest; then submitting the protest in writing to the local affiliate President within twenty-four (24) hours after the game in question.
3. An Affiliate President who manages and/or coaches a team in TTAB/TTAS cannot serve or rule on a protest committee in his/her age division.

I. UMPIRES FOR LEAGUE PLAY

1. An official umpire is one that is approved and appointed by the Local Affiliate.
2. Local TTA organizations should select the most qualified umpires possible with at least one umpire for each league game and at least two for TTA tournament games. TTA encourages the use of Certified TTA Umpires for league play.
3. A State Director will not umpire or manage in any game.
4. Umpires will check all bats and required equipment prior to each game.

J. SCOREKEEPERS/STATISTICIAN

The Affiliate will furnish a competent scorekeeper/statistician for each game to record and keep an accurate record of: at bats, errors, extra base hits, strikeouts, walks, pitch count, bases on balls, and stolen bases. **The pitch count statistician is required to stop play immediately and notify the umpire when the Pitcher has reached his pitch count maximum.**

K. QUALIFYING LEAGUES FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY

1. In order for a team to be eligible to participate in Texas Teen-Age Tournament play, it is mandatory that the following qualifying steps be taken:
 - (a) Register and become a member of the State Association.
 - (b) Make payment in full of the annual registration fees of twenty five dollars (\$25) per team.
 - (c) Complete and submit Official Team Rosters to State Office prior to the first scheduled team game.
 - (d) Strictly abide by tournament rules as set forth in "Tournament Rules" section of this rulebook.
 - (e) Follow the general pattern of TTAB/TTAS and comply fully with the entire standard playing rules and regulations as established by TTAB/TTAS.
2. It will be the duty and responsibility of the State Association President to rule on the qualifications and eligibility of all active member leagues for tournament play. Any ruling or decision made by the State Association President will be considered final.

L. SCORING RULES

To achieve uniformity in keeping the records of league and championship games, the scorekeepers must conform to the Official Scoring Rules as carried in the NFHS rulebook and the USA Softball Official Guide.

M. MEDICAL INSURANCE

It is the obligation of each affiliate participating in TTAB/TTAS to maintain medical insurance on its players prior to the affiliate's first league game. Coverage should extend through tournament play for those qualifying. TTAB/TTAS is not responsible for any damages resulting from an injury occurring when insurance coverage is not in effect. Affiliates should present proof of insurance prior to their first league game by providing a copy of the declaration page to their area State Director. **PENALTY:** Forfeiture of every league or tournament game played without proper insurance coverage provided by the affiliate on the players.

N. TTA COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARKS

All affiliates are required to obtain permission to use any TTA copyrighted trademarks: TTAB, TTAS, TTAB-TTAS, Texas Teen-Age Baseball, Texas Teen-Age Softball, Texas Teen-Age Baseball/Softball or either logo as shown below:



Permission is required for the use of these copyrighted trademarks for caps, visor, t-shirts, programs or any other materials.

O. GUIDELINES FOR LIGHTNING

1. All Associations are required to have a working lightning detector at District and State Tournaments.
2. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
3. 30 minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
4. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.

5. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

OFFICIAL RULES

LEAGUE PLAY IN ALL DIVISIONS SHALL BE COVERED BY NFHS (NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL) AND/OR USA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

10. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL DIVISIONS

10-1. LOCAL AFFILIATE RULES

- (a) Ground Rules shall be furnished to team managers and umpires. Ground rules shall apply to playing field conditions only.
- (b) Special Rules are applicable to local league play only.

10-2. HIDDEN BALL TRICK

The hidden ball trick will not be permitted in any division.

10-3. INTENTIONAL WALK

An intentional walk may be issued by merely notifying the umpire of the intention. Intentional walks will not affect pitch count. Not applicable to Boys and Girls 6U T-Ball, Boys and Girls 8U Machine Pitch and Boys and Girls 8U Coach Pitch Divisions.

10-4. BENCH AND FIELD CONDUCT

A coach, player, substitute, attendant, fan or other bench personnel shall not:

- (a) Deliberately throw a bat or helmet. Throwing of bat: to be considered throwing a bat it must be deliberate and leave the batter's hand. If a batter throws his bat, he is not out if a fair ball was hit, but he may be removed from the game. Hitting the catcher on a back swing is not considered throwing a bat.
- (b) By calling "time" or use any command or commit any act for the purpose of trying to cause the opposing pitcher to balk.
- (c) Use word, act or noisemakers to incite or try to incite spectators to demonstration, or use profanity or remarks which reflect upon opposing player, umpire, or spectator.
- (d) Drink, use or appear to be under the influence of any intoxicants while participating in a TTAB or TTAS game.

- (e) Enter the area behind the catcher while the opposing pitcher and catcher are in their positions.
- (f) Fake a tag without the ball.
- (g) Maliciously run into a fielder who has the ball. When a defensive player has the ball in his possession waiting to make a tag on a base runner, and runner deliberately runs into defensive player. EFFECT: Runner is out. Ball is dead. All other runners must return to base last touched at the time of the collision. If act is flagrant the offender will be ejected.
- (h) Use noisemaker at any TTAB/TTAS game.
PENALTY: In (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), umpire shall banish the offender from the field. Failure to comply shall result in game being forfeited. However, in (e), if the offense is judged to be of a minor nature, the umpire may warn the offender and then disqualify him if he repeats the offense.
- (i) A one game suspension, for any player and or coach that is ejected from a game due to unsportsmanlike behavior and/or malicious contact.

10-5. CHARGED CONFERENCES

- (a) A charged conference is defined as when a coach, player, or team representative calls timeout from the dugout and stops play to confer with one or more of the defensive players.
 - 1) If a coach walks across the diamond between innings and talks to a player as he returns to his dugout and does not delay the game in any manner, it is not a charged conference.
 - 2) Time granted for an obviously incapacitated player will not constitute a charged conference. Nor will a conference be charged whenever the pitcher is removed.
- (b) Baseball - Three (3) charged conferences per game; only one (1) charged conference is allowed per inning without penalty.
- (c) Softball - Refer to USA Softball rules.
- (d) **PENALTY:** for (b) and (c), Removal of pitcher from the mound for the duration of the game.

(e) In any extra inning game, each team will be permitted one charged conference each inning while on defense without penalty. The number of charged conferences permitted is not cumulative.

A coach, player, substitute, or attendant may make a request for time. Time granted for an obviously incapacitated player will not constitute a charged conference nor will a conference be charged whenever the pitcher is removed as pitcher.

(f) Each team, when on offense, may be granted not more than one charged conference per inning to permit the manager or any of that team's personnel to confer with base runners and/or the batter. The umpire shall deny any subsequent request for charged conferences. Violation may result in removal of the manager from the field of play.

(g) Each manager should be notified when he is charged with a charged conference.

10-6. EQUIPMENT

(a) ANY person under the age of 18 years, warming up a pitcher in any position, whether sitting or standing, will wear a facemask. NO LEAGUE OR TOWN CAN WAIVE THIS RULE. First offense – removal of coach from the game, second offense – forfeit the game.

(b) ALTERED OR ILLEGAL BATS: When a batter enters the batter's box with, or is discovered using an altered or illegal bat, the batter is declared out and the batter and manager are ejected from the game. The ball is dead and each runner must return to the last base touched at time of pitch.

(c) Umpires will check all bats and required equipment prior to each game in tournament.

10-7. JEWELRY

No player may wear jewelry during a game (Boys or Girls). For persons wearing a medical alert bracelet/necklace, or a non-removable ring, these should be taped prior to game time.

10-8. BLOOD RULE

A player, coach, or umpire who is bleeding or who has blood on his uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical care or treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is left to the umpire's judgment. Uniform rule violations will not be enforced if a uniform change is required. The umpire shall:

- (a) Stop the game and allow treatment if the injured player would affect the continuation of the game.
- (b) Immediately call a coach, trainer or other authorized person to the injured player.
- (c) Apply the rules of the game regarding substitutions, short-handed player, and re-entry if necessary.

10-9. INFIELD FLY RULE

The Infield Fly Rule will apply to all TTA divisions except where noted. (Boys and Girls 6U T-Ball, Boys and Girls 8U Machine Pitch and Boys and Girls 8U Coach Pitch Leagues are excluded)

10-10. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME

10-11. BATTER (TTAB/TTAS 12U THROUGH 15U DIVISIONS)

To avoid delay of the game, the batter must keep at least one foot in the batter's box during their time at bat, unless:

- They swing at a pitch.
- They are forced or pulled out by the pitch.
- They attempt a drag bunt.
- The defense attempts or feints a play at a base.
- The Pitcher is more than five feet from the pitching rubber.
- Time is granted for either team.
- Catcher leaves the Catcher's box for signals or equipment.
- A wild pitch occurs.

PENALTY: A strike is called and the ball remains live.

NOTE: Umpire shall point outside the box with the left hand, call strike, and signal with the right hand.

10-12. TIME LIMITS

There is a time limit of one hour and 30 minutes in TTAB (Baseball) Boys 6U, Boys 8U and Boys 9U. In Boys 10U, Boys 12U, Boys 14U and Boys 15U a time limit of two hours in tournament play. (See 200-12b) Time limits for TTAS (Softball) are 1 hour 30 minutes.

10-13. COURTESY RUNNER RULE

A courtesy runner for the pitcher is allowed in all games (baseball and softball), except Boys and Girls 6U T-Ball, Boys and Girls 8U Machine Pitch and Boys and Girls 8U Coach Pitch. A courtesy runner for the catcher will be allowed in all games (baseball and softball) except Boys and Girls 6U T-Ball. A courtesy runner must be an eligible player who is not in the current batting lineup or currently entered in the game. The same runner may not be a courtesy runner more than once per inning, except in the case where the same person, for whom he ran for, returns to the plate more than once per inning. The player must be eligible to re-enter the game under the TTA substitution rules, Example: A player who has been substituted for and re-entered the game, then taken out of the lineup is not eligible to courtesy run or re-enter the game.

PENALTY: Pitcher removed from game.

10-14. SHORT HANDED RULE

Now applies to all TTA teams in both TTAB and TTAS.

- (a) If a team begins play with the required number of players, that team may continue a game with one less player than it started with, whenever a player leaves the game for any reason other than ejection. Under no circumstances will a team be permitted to bat less than eight.
- (b) If a player leaves the game as a runner, player will be declared out.
- (c) When the player who has left the game is scheduled to bat, an out will be declared for each turn at bat. The player who has left the game cannot return to the lineup. Exception: the Short Handed Rule. A player who has left the game under the blood rule, may return even after missing a turn at bat.

PENALTY: The game is forfeited for any violation.

10-15. RE-ENTRY RULES

- (a) Any player may be substituted for or replaced and re-entered once provided the players occupy their same batting positions in the batting order. The starting player and the substitute may not be in the line-up at the same time. **PENALTY:** Player and Manager removed from game.
- (b) Violation of re-entry rule is handled as a protest when brought to the attention of the umpire by the offended team and may be made at any time during the game. (The protest need not be made prior to the next pitch).
- (c) **FOR TTAB ONLY**, once a pitcher is removed from the mound or line-up during a game as a pitcher they cannot return to the mound as a pitcher during that game. Re-entry does not apply to the courtesy runner provision in 10-13.
- (d) **PENALTY:** If an illegal pitcher returns to the pitching position and has thrown one pitch, it is a forfeit. This is not considered a re-entry violation so the manager is not ejected.

10-16. TEAM ROSTER

An Official Team will consist of a minimum of nine (9) players. You must have nine players to start a game and nine players to finish a game. (Exception: The Short Handed Rule – 10-14) **PENALTY:** Forfeit of the game. Applicable to District and State Tournaments only.

- (a) **Teams will have no more than eight (8) players who are the maximum league age.**
- (b) All team rosters may have no more than fifteen (15) players and Official Rosters must be sent to the State Office prior to the first scheduled team game. Only those players listed on Official Team Rosters registered with the State Office will be eligible for league and tournament play. Any player's name left off or changes made to Team Rosters after the first league game may disqualify players and teams from league or tournament play.
- (c) The line-up shall contain the first and last name, defensive position and uniform number of each player. All available substitutes should be listed in the designated place by their last name, first name and uniform number.

10-17. TEAM MANAGEMENT

- (a) Each team shall have a head coach, not more than two assistant coaches, and a bat girl or boy.
- (b) All coaches must be 18 years of age or older.
- (c) All Offensive team coaches must be stationed near first and third bases.
- (d) One person is the “Official Manager” and only this person may call time out, discuss umpire calls, and make changes in lineup.
- (e) Each team may have two assistant coaches, but only one in a coaching box and the other in the dugout keeping score. The manager in the dugout is responsible for the batting order.

**10B. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO TTAB
(BOYS BASEBALL ONLY)**

LEAGUE PLAY IN BOYS BASEBALL DIVISIONS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE NFHS (NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL) RULES WITH THE EXCEPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE TTAB SECTIONS.

10B-1. TTAB PLAYING AGE DATE:

All Boys Divisions will play under the age as of August 31st of the current year.

10B-2. TTAB LEAGUE SCHEDULE:

The schedule shall be arranged so that no team will be required to play more than two (2) games per calendar week, except for playing of one (1) postponed, makeup, or suspended game.

10B-3. PITCHING RULES:

- (a) All TTA rules shall apply relating to pitching rules and no pitcher will exceed the total number of pitches allowed for their age division. See appropriate age division.
- (b) Pitcher is not considered a pitcher until throwing the first pitch.

10B-4. EH (Extra Hitter), DH (Designated Hitter) IN TTAB

(Exception: HSE Boys may only use DH)

The EH (Extra Hitter) and (NFHS) Designated Hitter or DH player is optional for any game. Both the EH and DH can be used together in any game, or the Manager may choose to just use one or neither option. If used in any combination, it must be made known prior to the start of the game and be listed on the lineup card and in the official game batting order.

The EH may enter the game on defense at any time, but the batting order must remain the same, only the EH tag will move to another player when this happens. The EH position can be substituted for and re-entered like any other position.

For clarification on the NFHS Designated Hitter rule, see the current NFHS rulebook, Section 3-1, Substituting, Art. 3 and Art. 4.

10B-5. EQUIPMENT RULES IN TTAB:

- (a) **METAL SPIKES OR METAL CLEATS ARE PERMISSIBLE IN BOYS 14U, BOYS 15U AND HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE DIVISION ONLY.** The penalty will be ejection from the game. All male catchers are required to wear protective cups (Except Boys 6U T-Ball). All catchers must wear helmets with protective ear flaps and throat guards (Except Boys 6U T-Ball). Penalty is removal from the game until violation is corrected.
- (b) Approved standard baseball equipment, including bats, baseballs, uniforms, gloves, bases, pitcher and home plates will be used. BB-COR Bats are allowed in all age divisions. All other non-wood bats must be stamped USA Baseball or BPF 1.15 or less. BB-COR bats are required in Boys HSE division. Any equipment being used contrary to these requirements will be removed from the game by the umpire.
- (c) T-shirts and shorts or jeans may be worn in lieu of uniforms, provided the entire team is dressed alike.
- (d) Numbers on uniforms will be optional in league play but will be required in all TTA Tournament play.
- (e) Offensive players (including the on deck batter) must wear batting helmets with double ear flaps.

10B-6 BASEBALL FIELD DIAGRAM

TTAB Outfield Fence

180' or more Boys 6U T-Ball through Boys 12U

225' or more Boys 14U

250' or more Boys 15U and HSE

TTAB Baselines

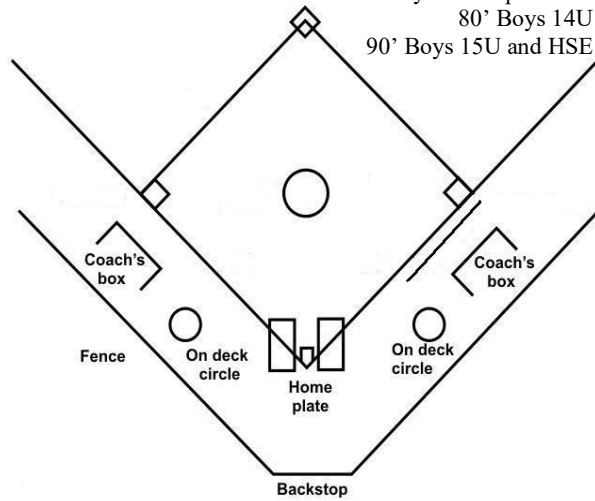
60' All Tight Base divisions

65' Boys 10U Open Base

70' Boys 12U Open Base

80' Boys 14U

90' Boys 15U and HSE



TTAB

Pitching Distance

Boys 6U T-Ball - 42'

Boys 8U Coach Pitch - 42'

Boys 8U Machine Pitch - 46'

From front legs to home plate

Boys 9U - 38'

Boys 10U Tight Base - 42'

Boys 10U Open Base - 46'

Boys 12U Tight Base - 46'

Boys 12U Open Base - 47' 6"

Boys 14U - 53' 9 1/3"

Boys 15U and HSE - 60' 6"

10B-7. PLAYING FIELD – TTAB TIGHT BASE DIVISIONS

- (a) The infield will be a sixty (60) feet square.
- (b) The distance between all bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
- (c) In Boys 8U Machine Pitch Division, the front legs of the pitching machine to home plate will be forty six (46) feet. Boys 9U Division, the distance between the point of home plate and the front side of pitcher's rubber will be thirty-eight (38) feet. In Boys 8U Coach Pitch and Boys 10U Divisions, the distance will be forty-two (42) feet. In the Boys 12U Tight Base, the distance between the point of home plate and the front side of the pitcher's rubber will be forty-six (46) feet.
- (d) The distance from home plate to second base and from first base to third base will be eighty-four feet and 10 inches (84' 10").
- (e) The distance from home plate to the nearest fence or other obstruction on fair ground shall be one hundred eighty (180) feet or more.
- (f) The pitcher's mound shall be raised by a gradual slope to a height of six (6) inches to ten (10) inches above the home plate and base line level.
- (g) The pitcher's rubber, home plate, and bases shall be of standard dimensions in accordance with NFHS rules.

10B-8. PLAYING FIELD – BOYS 10U (OPEN BASE) DIVISION

- (a) The infield will be a sixty five (65) feet square.
- (b) The distance between all bases will be sixty five (65) feet.
- (c) The distance between the point of home plate and the front side of the pitcher's rubber will be forty-six feet (46).
- (d) The distance from home plate to second base and from first base to third base will be ninety-one feet and 11 inches (91' 11").
- (e) This distance from home plate to the nearest fence or other obstruction in fair ground shall be 180 feet or more.
- (f) The pitcher's mound shall be raised by a gradual slope to a height of six (6) inches to ten (10) inches above the home plate and base line level.
- (g) The pitcher's rubber, home plate, and bases shall be of standard dimensions in accordance with NFHS

10B-9. PLAYING FIELD – BOYS 12U (OPEN BASE)

DIVISION

- (a) The infield will be a seventy (70) feet square.
- (b) The distance between all bases will be seventy (70) feet.
- (c) The distance between the point of home plate and the front side of the pitcher's rubber will be forty-seven feet, six inches (47' 6").
- (d) The distance from home plate to second base and from first base to third base will be ninety-nine (99) feet.
- (e) This distance from home plate to the nearest fence or other obstruction on fair ground shall be 180 feet or more.
- (f) The pitcher's mound shall be raised by a gradual slope to a height of six (6) inches to ten (10) inches above the home plate and base line level.
- (g) The pitcher's rubber, home plate, and bases shall be of standard dimensions in accordance with NFHS rules.

10B-10. PLAYING FIELD – BOYS 14U DIVISION

- (a) The playing field shall be eight-ninths (8/9) the size of a regulation playing field.
- (b) The distance between all bases will be eighty (80) feet.
- (c) The distance between the point of home plate and the front side of the pitcher's rubber will be fifty-three feet, nine and one-third inches (53' 9-1/3").
- (d) The distance from home plate to second base and from first to third base will be one hundred thirteen feet, one and one-half inches (113' 1-1/2").
- (e) The distance from home plate to the nearest fence or other obstruction of fair ground shall be two hundred twenty-five feet (225') or more.
- (f) The pitcher's mound shall be raised by a gradual slope to a height of six (6) inches to ten (10) inches above the home plate and base line level.
- (g) The pitcher's rubber, home plate, and bases shall be of standard dimensions in accordance with NFHS rules.

10B-11. PLAYING FIELD –BOYS 15U DIVISION

- (a) The playing field shall be of standard dimensions in accordance with NFHS Rules.
- (b) The distance between all bases will be ninety (90') feet.
- (c) This distance from the point of home plate to the front side of the pitcher's rubber will be sixty feet, six inches (60' 6").
- (d) The distance from home plate to the nearest fence or other obstruction in fair ground shall be two hundred fifty-feet (250') or more.
- (e) The pitcher's mound shall be raised by a gradual slope to a height of six (6) inches to ten (10) inches above the home plate and base line level.
- (f) The pitcher's rubber, home plate, and bases shall be of standard dimensions in accordance with NFHS rules.

Just a Little Boy

*He stands at the plate with heart pounding fast,
The bases are loaded, The die has been cast.
Mom and Dad can not help him, He stands all alone
A hit at this moment would send the team home.
The ball meets the plate, He swings and misses.
There's a groan from the crowd,
With some boos and some hisses.
A thoughtless voice cries, "Strike out the bum"
Tears fill his eyes; the game is no longer FUN.*

*So open your heart and give him a break,
For it's in moments like this, a man you can make.
Keep this in mind when you hear someone forget:*

*HE'S JUST A LITTLE BOY,
HE IS NOT A MAN YET*

OFFICIAL RULES FOR TTAB DIVISIONS

20. BOYS 6U T-BALL BASEBALL DIVISION

20-1. PLAYING FIELD

- (a) An arc measuring ten (10) feet from the point at the back of home plate, from base line to base line, in front of the plate will be marked. This arc will be used to determine a legal fair ball when hit from the batting tee.
- (b) A pitcher's rubber will be placed at 42' from the point at the back of home plate to the front of the rubber and pitcher must be stationary with one foot in contact with pitcher's rubber after ball is placed on tee. **PENALTY:** Continued violation shall be removal of pitcher from the pitching position.
- (c) The batting tee will be positioned by the umpire near center point of home plate.
- (d) Base lines shall have marks at halfway points between first and second bases, between second and third bases, and between third and home plate.

20-2. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

- (a) Boys 6U T-Ball will be age six (6) years and under.
- (b) Players whose age is seven (7) on or before **August 31st** will not be permitted to participate in Boys 6U T-Ball Baseball.

20-3. TEAM EQUIPMENT

- (a) The batting tee will be of the adjustable type for normal strike zone.
- (b) Umpire's decision will be final in determining proper adjustment within the strike zone.
- (c) Catchers must wear a protective helmet with a protective mask. Chest protectors and shin guards are optional.
- (d) TTA approved baseball or any T-Ball bats may be used.

20-4. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of the game will be five innings or the required time limit.
- (b) When a team scores a maximum of seven runs or makes three outs in one inning, the team then shall go on defense.

- (c) Three (3) innings shall be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness, or other causes, which make further play impossible.
- (d) A 15-run lead shall be considered a complete game, after three complete innings of play or an 8-run lead after four complete innings of play.
- (e) In case of a “runaway” ball game before the three innings are completed, the manager of the team that is being subjected to the loss may choose to call the game by advising the chief umpire. Once the game is terminated, the decision cannot be revoked; the final score will be the score when the game was terminated.

20-5. BATTER STRIKE-OUTS

- (a) Batter is out when he has three strikes. The ball is dead and base runners may not advance.
- (b) If the batter swings the bat past the hitting tee, it will be considered a strike.
- (c) If batter strikes the tee only, it will be considered a strike.
- (d) It will be called a strike if the ball is hit but does not go out of the ten foot arc. If the ball is fouled out of the ten-foot arc, it is a foul ball and not an out.
- (e) Number of practice swings allowable for batter shall not exceed three. The fourth practice swing shall be called a strike.
- (f) If the ball stops inside the ten foot arc and is not moving, the catcher may pick up the ball and hand it to the umpire without the batter being awarded first base.

20-6. BASE RUNNERS

- (a) When the umpire has the ball on the tee and the catcher is in the catcher’s box, base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been hit. If a base runner leaves base before the batter hits the ball foul, the base runner must be returned to the base occupied. The ball is dead and no runner may score, nor runners advance. If the batter hits the ball fairly, the base runner leaving base before the batter hits the ball will be declared out. The ball is live and in play.

- (b) Runners may not advance if ball is not hit outside of the ten foot arc. (Exception: Runners may advance when forced to advance because of batter being awarded first base due to ball being fielded inside the 10 foot arc by opposing player. If the ball stops inside the 10 foot arc and is not moving, the catcher or batter may pick up the ball and hand it to the umpire without batter being awarded first base or being called out.

20-7. CONTROL OF PLAYING ACTION

- (a) To start play the umpire will place the ball on hitting tee and call "Batter Up".
- (b) Umpires will call "time" after every play and declare a ball dead. Time shall be called as soon as the lead runner is stopped from advancing by a defensive player. In TTA tournament play, "half-way" marks will be used. If trail runner/s have advanced past the halfway mark in the base line, they may continue to the next base; otherwise, runner must return to the previous base.
- (c) There is no intentional walk.
- (d) All defensive players must remain behind the thirty (30) foot halfway line until the ball is hit.

**20-8. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO BOYS 6U
T-BALL BASEBALL**

- (a) The ball must be hit from the batting tee by the batter to be a fair ball.
- (b) Pitcher and catcher must be in their proper position at the time the ball is hit.
- (c) All outfield player positions must be behind the base line until the ball is hit. If the ball is not put in play, move the players back, tell them not to move forward before the ball is hit. Give the defensive coach a warning. If violation continues after warning coach, coach is ejected. If the ball is put in play, let the play continue and once the play has stopped, let the umpire put the runners in the positions, in his opinion, they would have reached if the interference had not happened. If there was no interference, then there would be no penalty.
- (d) The ball must be hit out of the ten-foot arc to be fielded and for runners to advance.
- (e) If an opposing player fields a ball that is rolling from within the ten-foot arc, the batter will be awarded first base.

- (f) If the ball is thrown out of the playing field, each runner is allowed one base.
- (g) As long as the ball remains inside the playing field, the base runner may continue to run until the lead runner is stopped.
- (h) Bunting is not permitted. Full swing must be taken, or shall be called out and ball is dead.
- (i) If the batter slings the bat, the player will receive one warning. Second offense, the batter is out, dead ball.
- (j) Infield fly rule is not in effect in Boys T-Ball.
- (k) Pitcher may return to the mound unless removed for excessive conferences or failure to stay in contact with the pitching rubber until ball is hit.
- (l) If the pitcher is not in contact with the pitching rubber at the time the ball is contacted, let the play continue and once the play has stopped, the umpire will place the runners in the position in his opinion they would have reached. If there is no effect on the play, then there is no penalty.
- (m) If a fly ball is caught by any fielder, all runners must tag up. Any runner that did not tag up must return to the base. If runners have tagged up properly, they may advance. If the lead runner did not tag up, and trailing runners did tag up, the lead runner determines if runners return to their bases.
- (n) Refer to Section 10 for additional applicable General rules.

OFFICIAL RULES

30. BOYS 8U MACHINE PITCH, BOYS 8U COACH PITCH DIVISION

30-1. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

(BOYS 8U MACHINE PITCH AND BOYS 8U COACH PITCH)

- (a) Boys 8U Machine Pitch and Boys 8U Coach Pitch Division ages will be eight (8) years of age and under.
- (b) Players whose age is nine (9) on or before **August 31st** will not be permitted to participate in Boys 8U Baseball.

30-2. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of the game will be six (6) innings or the required time limit.
- (b) Three and one-half (3½) or four (4) innings shall be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness, or other cause.
- (c) A game is a complete game after three and one-half (3½) or four (4) innings with a 15 run lead or after 5 innings with an 8 run lead.

30-3. BASE RUNNERS

- (a) If a base runner leaves base before the pitched ball reaches the batter and the batter does not hit the ball, the base runner must be returned to the base occupied before the pitch was made, the ball is dead and no runner may score nor runners advance. All pitches will be counted as either a ball or strike, even though ball is called dead.
- (b) If the batter hits the ball fairly, the base runner leaving base before the pitched ball reaches the batter, shall be declared out. The ball is live and in play.

30-4. SPECIAL RULES THAT APPLY TO BOYS 8U MACHINE PITCH

- (a) A maximum of 7 runs per inning or 3 outs in all innings.

- (b) Umpires will call “time” after every play and declare a ball dead. Time shall be called as soon as the lead runner is stopped from advancing by a defensive player. In TTA tournament play, “half-way” marks will be used. If trail runner/s have advanced past the halfway mark in the base line, they may continue to the next base; otherwise, runner must return to the previous base.
- (c) There are no walks or “base on balls”, intentional or otherwise.
- (d) The Infield Fly Rule does not apply in Boys 8U Machine Pitch.
- (e) The front legs of the pitching machine will be placed at 46 feet.
- (f) Pitching speed is 37 MPH at the plate for Boys 8U Machine Pitch. Umpires shall make necessary adjustments when needed during all TTA tournament play.
- (g) If the batted ball hits the Pitching Machine Coach, the umpire will judge if the Pitching Machine Coach made a legitimate attempt to get out of the way, the ball becomes dead. All runners advance one base. Batter is awarded first base. If the umpire rules that the Pitching Machine Coach did not make the attempt to get out of the way, then the batter is declared out. No runner shall advance. Any batted ball hitting the pitching machine is dead and the hitter is awarded first base. All runners advance one base.
- (h) If a thrown ball hits the pitching machine, the ball is live.
- (i) A batter will receive a maximum of five pitches or three swinging strikes, whichever occurs first. If the fifth pitch or subsequent pitch is hit foul, the batter will remain at bat as long as they continue to foul the pitch.
- (j) No stealing.
- (k) The defensive player listed as pitcher must be within four feet beside or behind the front legs of the pitching machine until the ball leaves the machine.
- (l) Pitching machine will be fed by a coach of the team which is batting.

- (m) The Pitching Machine Coach may verbally position the batter. This is the only verbal communication allowed by the Pitching Machine Coach. The Pitching Machine Coach will not coach while in the pitching position, either verbally or physically. The Pitching Machine Coach cannot coach while his team is on offense. **(PENALTY: Removal of the Pitching Machine Coach)** Once the ball has been hit, the Pitching Machine Coach must position himself/herself as not to be an obstruction to the defensive team on any play at all.
- (n) The catcher must be in the squat position in the catcher box and ready to receive the pitch.
- (o) No bunting is allowed. Full swing must be taken. **PENALTY:** Batter attempting to bunt, ball is dead, batter is out, no runner/s may advance.
- (p) No dropped third strike.

**30-5. SPECIAL RULES THAT APPLY TO BOYS 8U
COACH PITCH**

- (a) A maximum of 7 runs per inning or 3 outs in all innings.
- (b) Umpires will call “time” after every play and declare a ball dead. Time shall be called as soon as the lead runner is stopped from advancing by a defensive player. In TTA tournament play, “half-way” marks will be used. If trail runner/s have advanced past the halfway mark in the base line, they may continue to the next base; otherwise, runner must return to the previous base.
- (c) There are no walks or “base on balls”, intentional or otherwise.
- (d) No bunting is allowed. Full swing must be taken. **PENALTY:** Batter attempting to bunt, ball is dead, batter is out, no runner/s may advance.
- (e) The Infield Fly Rule does not apply in Boys 8U Coach Pitch.
- (f) A batter will receive a maximum of five pitches or three swinging strikes, whichever occurs first. If the fifth pitch or subsequent pitch is hit foul, the batter will remain at bat as long as they continue to foul the pitch.
- (g) No stealing.
- (h) The distance of the pitching rubber is 42’ from the point of home plate to the front edge of the pitcher’s rubber.

- (i) Pitching must be an overhand motion.
- (j) The Pitching Coach must keep one foot on or straddle the pitching rubber.
- (k) The Pitching Coach may verbally position the batter. This is only verbal communication allowed by Pitching Coach. The Pitching Coach will not coach while in the pitching position, either verbally or physically. The Pitching Coach cannot coach while his team is on offense. **(PENALTY:** Removal of the Pitching Coach) Once the ball has been hit, the Pitching Coach must position himself/herself as not to be an obstruction to the defensive team on any play at all.
- (l) If the batted ball hits the Pitching Coach, the umpire will judge if the Pitching Coach made a legitimate attempt to get out of the way, the ball becomes dead. All runners advance one base. Batter is awarded first base. If the umpire rules the Pitching Coach did not make the attempt to get out of the way, then the batter is declared out. No runner shall advance.
- (m) The defensive player listed as pitcher must be no further than four (4) feet behind or beside the pitching rubber until the ball has been hit.
- (n) The catcher must be in the squat position in the catcher box and ready to receive the pitch.
- (o) No dropped third strike.

OFFICIAL RULES

40. BOYS 9U DIVISION, BOYS 10U DIVISION

40-1. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES (BOYS 9U)

- (a) Boys 9U Division will be nine (9) years of age and under.
- (b) Players whose age is ten (10) on or before **August 31st** of the current season will not be permitted to participate in the Boys 9U Division.

40-2. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES (BOYS 10U)

- (a) Boys 10U Division ages will be ten (10) and under.
- (b) Players whose age is eleven (11) on or before **August 31st** of the current season will not be permitted to participate in the Boys 10U Division.

40-3. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of the game will be six (6) innings or the required time limit.
- (b) Three and one-half or four innings will be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness or other causes which make further play impossible.
- (c) A ten run lead shall be considered a complete game after three and one half (3 ½) or four (4) innings of play, or 15 runs after two and one half (2 ½) or three (3) innings of play.

40-4. PITCHING RULES

- (a) At league age 9 and Under and Age 10 and Under pitcher shall not throw more than 75 pitches in the same game or on the same calendar day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.
 - 1) If a pitcher throws 1 – 35 pitches he is not required any rest.
 - 2) If a pitcher throws 36 – 50 pitches he is required one day of rest
 - 3) If a pitcher throws 51 – 65 pitches he is required two days of rest
 - 4) If a pitcher throws 66+ pitches he is required three days of rest

- (b) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same day provided he does not throw more than 75 pitches total in that calendar day.
- (c) Violation of any of these pitching rules will result in the removal of the player from the mound and ejection of the head coach for the remainder of that game plus head coach from the next scheduled game. Second violation is removal of the head coach for the remainder of the tournament.
- (d) The pitch count will be kept by the official statistician. The coach will get the pitch count from the statistician at the end of each half inning. Statistician will not be bothered during the inning.
- (e) If a game is suspended by darkness, weather or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to the extent of his eligibility, provided he has thrown 35 pitches or less.
- (f) Days of rest shall be calendar days.
- (g) If the pitcher is removed from the mound, or lineup, during a game, he may not return to the mound as a pitcher during that game.
- (h) TTAB pitching rules will not be superseded nor altered in any manner by local affiliate rules.
- (i) There will be no balks called in the Tight Base divisions. Balks will be called in Open Base games. (Tournament play will also be governed by this rule.)

40-5. BATTER STRIKE-OUTS

- (a) In Tight Base Divisions, a batter is out when he has three strikes, either called or swinging. The batter is out, but the ball is in play and base runners may advance at their own risk.
- (b) For Boys 10U Open Base, a batter may advance to first if a third strike is not caught by the catcher, providing first base is unoccupied or first base is occupied with two outs.

40-6. BASE RUNNERS (Tight Base Only)

All base runners must remain in contact with the base, while the pitcher is in contact with the pitching rubber and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive deliver of the pitch, until the ball reaches the batter.

- 1) If runner/s leave the base before the ball reaches the batter and ball is not hit fair, the runner/s will be returned to the base occupied before the pitch was made, unless the runner is put out by the defensive team. The ball becomes dead. No runners may score nor runners advance.
- 2) If runner/s leave the base before the ball reaches the batter and the ball is hit fair, draws a base on balls or hit by pitch, the runner/s will be called out. The ball is live and in play.

40-7. BASE RUNNERS (OPEN BASE ONLY)

Base runners may leave a base prior to a pitch subject to the Rules under NFHS.

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50. BOYS 12U DIVISION (TIGHT BASE AND OPEN BASE)

50-1. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

- (a) Boys 12U Division ages will be age twelve (12) and under.
- (b) Players whose age is thirteen (13) on or before August 31st of the current season will not be permitted to participate in the Boys 12U Division.

50-2. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of game will be six (6) innings or the required time limit.
- (b) Three and one half or four innings will be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness or other causes which make further play impossible.
- (c) A ten run lead shall be considered a complete game after three and one half or four innings, or 15 runs after two and one half (2 ½) or three (3) innings.

50-3. PITCHING RULES

- (a) At League Age 12 and Under pitcher shall not throw more than 85 pitches in the same game or on the same calendar day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.
 - 1) If a pitcher throws 1 – 35 pitches he is not required any rest.
 - 2) If a pitcher throws 36 – 50 pitches he is required one day of rest
 - 3) If a pitcher throws 51 – 65 pitches he is required two days of rest
 - 4) If a pitcher throws 66+ pitches he is required three days of rest.
- (b) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same calendar day provided he does not throw more than 85 pitches total.
- (c) Violation of any of these pitching rules will result in the removal of the player from the mound and ejection of the head coach for the remainder of that game plus head coach from the next scheduled game. Second violation is removal of the head coach for the remainder of the tournament.

- (d) The pitch count will be kept by the official statistician. The coach will get the pitch count from the statistician at the end of each half inning. Statistician will not be bothered during the inning.
- (e) If a game is suspended by darkness, weather or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to the extent of his eligibility, provided he has thrown 35 pitches or less.
- (f) Days of rest shall be calendar days.
- (g) If the pitcher is removed from the mound, or lineup, during a game, he may not return to the mound as a pitcher during that game.
- (h) TTAB pitching rules will not be superseded nor altered in any manner by local affiliate rules.
- (i) There will be no balks called in the Tight Base divisions. Balks will be called in Open Base games. (Tournament play will also be governed by this rule.)

50-4. BATTER STRIKE OUTS

- (a) In Boys 12U Tight Base, a batter is out when he has three strikes, either called or swinging. The batter is out, but the ball is in play and base runners may advance at their own risk.
- (b) For Boys 12U Open Base, a batter may advance to first if a third strike is not caught by the catcher, providing first base is unoccupied or first base is occupied with two outs.

50-5. BASE RUNNERS (Tight Base Only)

All base runners must remain in contact with the base, while the pitcher is in contact with the pitching rubber and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive deliver of the pitch, until the ball reaches the batter.

- 1) If runner/s leave the base before the ball reaches the batter and ball is not hit fair, the runner/s will be returned to the base occupied before the pitch was made, unless the runner is put out by the defensive team. The ball becomes dead. No runners may score nor runners advance.
- 2) If runner/s leave the base before the ball reaches the batter and the ball is hit fair, draws a base on balls or hit by pitch, the runner/s will be called out. The ball is live and in play.

50-6. BASE RUNNERS (OPEN BASE ONLY)

Base runners may leave a base prior to a pitch subject to the Rules under NFHS.



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60. BOYS 14U DIVISION AND BOYS 15U DIVISION

ALL LEAGUE PLAY IN BOYS 14U AND BOYS 15U DIVISION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE NFHS (NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL) RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

60-1. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

- (a) Boys 14U Division age will be fourteen (14) and under.
- (b) Players who turn age 15 between May 1st and August 31st in 2022 will be allowed to play Boys 14U in 2022, if Boys 15U is not offered in the area. This exemption is only applicable for 2022. Players who turn 15 on or before August 31st of 2023 are not eligible for 14U in 2023.
- (c) Boys 15U Division age will be fifteen (15) and under.
- (d) Players who turn 16 between May 1st and August 31st in 2022 will be allowed to play Boys 15U in 2022. This exemption is only applicable for 2022. Players who turn 16 on or before August 31st of 2023 are not eligible for 15U in 2023.

60-2. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of the game will be seven (7) innings or the required time limit.
- (b) A ten run lead shall be considered a complete game after four and one-half or five innings of play. Or 15 runs after three and one half (3½) or four (4) innings.
- (c) Four and one-half (4 ½) or five (5) innings of play will be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness, or other causes, which make further play impossible.

60-3. PITCHING RULES

- (a) At League Age 14 and Under and 15 and Under, pitcher shall not throw more than 95 pitches in the same game or on the same calendar day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.
 - 1) If a pitcher throws 1 – 35 pitches he is not required any rest.

- 2) If a pitcher throws 36 –50 pitches he is required one day of rest.
- 3) If a pitcher throws 51 – 65 pitches he is required two days of rest
- 4) If a pitcher throws 66+ he is required three days of rest.
- (b) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same calendar day, provided he does not throw more than 95 pitches total.
- (c) Violation of any of these pitching rules will result in the removal of the player from the mound and ejection of the head coach for the remainder of that game plus head coach from the next scheduled game. Second violation is removal of the head coach for the remainder of the tournament.
- (d) The pitch count will be kept by the official statistician. The coach will get the pitch count from the statistician at the end of each half inning. Statistician will not be bothered during the inning.
- (e) If a game is suspended by darkness, weather or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to the extent of his eligibility, provided he has thrown 35 pitches or less.
- (f) Days of rest shall be calendar days.
- (g) If the pitcher is removed from the mound, or lineup, during a game, he may not return to the mound as a pitcher during that game.
- (h) TTAB pitching rules will not be superseded nor altered in any manner by local affiliate rules.
- (i) There will be balks called in all games. (Tournament play will also be governed by this rule.)

60-4. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN OTHER TTA LEAGUES

Players who are registered in the Boys 14U and Boys 15U Divisions are not prohibited from playing in the TTA High School Eligible Division if eligible to play the following year in High School. (Refer to High School Eligible Rules.)

OFFICIAL RULES

70. HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE BOYS

ALL LEAGUE PLAY IN HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE DIVISION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE NFHS (NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL) RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

70-1. PLAYING FIELD

- (a) The playing field will be of standard dimensions in accordance with NFHS Baseball Rules.
- (b) The distance between all bases will be ninety (90) feet.
- (c) The distance from the point of home plate to the front side of the pitcher's rubber will be sixty feet, six inches (60' 6").

70-2. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

To participate in TTA High School Eligible leagues, players must be eligible to play in the following year on a high school team.

70-3. TEAM EQUIPMENT

- (a) NFHS approved baseball equipment including baseballs, bats, uniforms, gloves, bases, and pitcher and home plates will be used.
- (b) Bats may be of wood, aluminum, or graphite.

70-4. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of the game will be seven (7) innings.
- (b) A ten run lead shall be considered a complete game after four and one-half or five innings of play. Or 15 runs after three and one half (3½) or four (4) innings.
- (c) Four and one-half (4 ½) or five (5) innings of play will be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness, or other causes, which make further play impossible.

70-5. PITCHING RULES

- (a) The pitch count regulations state that all high school players, no matter their age, will be limited to 110 pitches in a game, or tournament series.

- (b) HSE State Tournament Pitching Rules: All pitchers will be limited to 110 total pitches in the tournament for pool games and Bracket play.
- (c) ANY person under the age of 18 years, warming up a pitcher in any position, whether sitting or standing, will wear a facemask. NO LEAGUE OR TOWN CAN WAIVE THIS RULE. First offense – removal of coach from the game; Second offense – forfeit the game.

70-6. ELIGIBILITY IN OTHER TTA LEAGUES

Players who are registered on a High School Eligible Team are allowed to play on a Boys 14U or Boys 15U Division team.

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**10S. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO TTAS
(GIRLS SOFTBALL ONLY)**

ALL LEAGUE PLAY IN GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISIONS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE OFFICIAL FAST PITCH SOFTBALL RULES OF THE USA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS: (Exception is High School Eligible Girls playing NFHS (National Federation of State High School rules)

10S-1 TTAS PLAYING AGE DATE

TTAS (Softball) playing age will be the age of the player as of December 31st of the previous year.

10S-2. TTAS LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The schedule shall be arranged so that no team will be required to play more than three (3) games per calendar week, except for playing of one (1) postponed, makeup, or suspended game.

10S-3. TIME LIMITS

Local affiliates may establish time limits for its league play schedule, but must abide by the following TTA Tournament rules: All TTAS tournament games shall be one (1) hour and 30 minutes except championship games. *No international tiebreaker will be used in TTAS.*

10S-4. THE TTAS SOFTBALL

The ball used in all tournaments will be the TTAS stamped Yellow Optic, Red Stitch Softball. The 11-inch size will be used for Girls 6U T-Ball, Girls 8U Coach Pitch, Girls 8U Machine Pitch and Girls 10U Divisions and 12-inch size for Girls 12U, Girls 15U and High School Eligible Divisions.

10S-5. TEAM EQUIPMENT

- (a) Approved USA Softball or USSSA Softball equipment including bats, uniforms, gloves, bases, and pitcher and home plates, etc., will be used.
- (b) Catchers must wear a mask with throat protector, approved helmet with double ear flaps, shin guards that offer protection to the knee caps, and chest protector. An extended wire protector may be worn in lieu of a throat protector attached to the mask.

- (c) TTAS divisions will require the NOCSAE approved face mask/guard as required equipment for batting helmets.
- (d) **METAL SPIKES OR METAL CLEATS ARE PERMISSIBLE IN GIRLS 15U AND HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE GIRLS DIVISION ONLY.** The penalty will be ejection from the game.
- (e) T-shirts and shorts or jeans may be worn in lieu of uniforms, provided the entire team is dressed alike.
- (f) Numbers on uniforms will be optional in league play but will be required in all TTA Tournament play.
- (g) Offensive players (including the on deck batter) must wear batting helmets with double ear flaps.

10S-6. INFIELD FLY RULE

The infield fly rule is applicable to all leagues except Girls 6U T-Ball, Girls 8U Coach Pitch and Girls 8U Machine Pitch.

10S-7. CHARGED CONFERENCE

Charged conferences in TTAS will be played by USA Softball rules.

10S-8. EH (Extra Hitter) IN TTAS:

The EH player is optional in all girls age divisions but if used it must be made known, prior to the start of the game and be listed anywhere on the line-up card in the regular batting order. The EH may enter the game on defense at any time, but the batting order must remain the same throughout the game. The EH position can be substituted for and re-entered like any other position.

10S-9. DP/Flex Player

The DP/Flex player position is allowed in Girls 10U, Girls 12U, Girls 15U and HSE girls divisions only.

10S-10. PLAYING FIELD

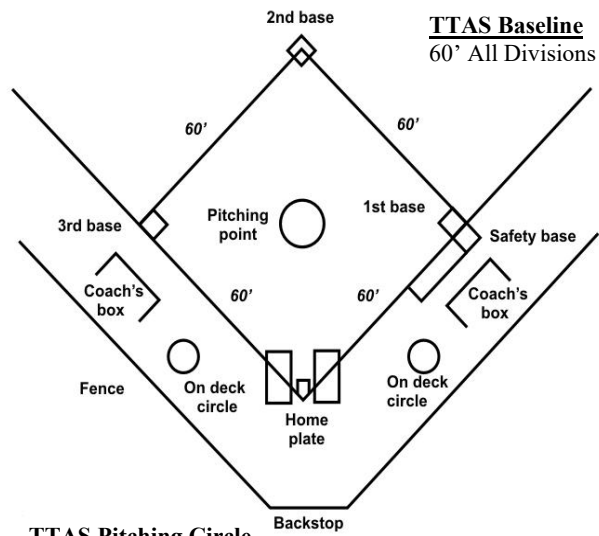
- (a) The infield will be sixty (60) feet square.
- (b) The distance between all bases will be sixty (60) feet.
- (c) The distance between the point of home plate and the front side of the pitching rubber will be forty-two feet (42') in Girls 6U T-Ball, and thirty-five (35') feet in Girls 8U Coach Pitch, Girls 8U Machine Pitch and Girls 10U.

- (d) The distance between the point of home plate and the front side of pitching rubber will be forty (40') feet in Girls 12U.
- (e) The distance between the point of home plate and the front side of pitching rubber will be forty three (43') feet in Girls 15U.
- (f) The distance from home plate to second base and from first base to third base will be eighty-four feet, ten inches (84' 10").
- (g) The distance from home plate to the nearest fence or other obstruction on fair ground shall be no less than one hundred eighty-foot (180') in Girls 6U T-Ball through Girls 15U and no less than one hundred eighty-five feet (185') for High School Eligible.
- (h) The pitching rubber, home plate, and bases shall be standard dimensions in accordance with Official USA Softball Rules.

10S-11 Softball Field Diagram

TTAS Outfield Fence

180' or more Girls 6U T-Ball thru Girls 15U
185' or more for HSE



TTAS Baseline
60' All Divisions

TTAS Pitching Circle

16' for Girls 10U through Girls HSE

TTAS

Pitching Distance

42' Girls 6U T-Ball
35' Girls 8U Coach Pitch,
Girls 8U Machine Pitch &
Girls 10U
40' Girls 12U
43' Girls 15U
HSE per NFHS rules

OFFICIAL RULES

THE GIRLS 6U T-BALL SOFTBALL DIVISION WAS ORGANIZED TO TEACH YOUNG GIRLS THE BASIC FUNDAMENTALS OF SOFTBALL AND TO LEARN THE FUN OF PLAYING SOFTBALL UNDER GUIDANCE OF ADULT LEADERS, TO TEACH DISCIPLINE, SELF-CONTROL, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION THROUGH TEAM PLAY, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO TEACH RESPECT FOR RULES AND AUTHORITY IN PROMOTING THE SPIRIT OF FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP.

100. GIRLS 6U T-BALL DIVISION

100-1. PLAYING FIELD

- (a) An arc measuring ten (10) feet from the point at the back of home plate, from base line to base line, in front of the plate will be marked. This arc will be used to determine a legal fair ball when hit from the batting tee.
- (b) A pitcher's rubber will be placed at 42' from the point at the back of home plate to the front of the rubber and pitcher must be stationary with one foot in contact with pitcher's rubber after ball is placed on tee. **PENALTY:** Continued violation shall be removal of pitcher from the pitching position.
- (c) The batting tee will be positioned by the umpire near center point of home plate.
- (d) Base lines shall have marks at halfway points between first and second bases, between second and third bases, and between third and home plate.

100-2. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

- (a) Girls 6U T-Ball will be six (6) and under.
- (b) Players whose age is seven (7) on or before December 31st of the previous year is not permitted to participate in Girls 6U T-Ball.

100-3. TEAM EQUIPMENT

- (a) USA Softball or USSSA Softball approved bats or any T-Ball bats may be used.

- (b) The batting tee will be of the adjustable type for normal strike zone. Umpire's decision will be final in determining proper adjustments within the strike zone.
- (c) Catchers must wear a helmet with a protective mask. Chest protector and shin guards are optional.

100-4. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of game will be 5 innings or required time limit.
- (b) When a team scores a maximum of seven runs or makes three outs in one inning, the team then will go on defense.
- (c) Three (3) innings shall be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness, or other causes, which make further play impossible.
- (d) A 15-run lead shall be considered a complete game, after three complete innings of play or an 8-run lead after four complete innings of play.
- (e) In case of a "runaway" ball game before the three (3) innings are completed, the manager of the team that is being subjected to the loss may choose to call the game by advising the chief umpire. Once the game is terminated, the decision cannot be revoked. The final score will be the score when the game was terminated.

100-5. BATTER STRIKE-OUTS

- (a) Batter is out when she has three (3) strikes. The ball is dead and base runners may not advance.
- (b) If the ball stops inside the ten foot arc and is not moving, the catcher may pick up the ball and hand it to the umpire without the batter being awarded first base.
- (c) If batter swings bat past hitting tee, it will be considered a strike.
- (d) If batter strikes the tee only, it will be considered a strike.
- (e) It will be called a strike if the ball is hit, but does not go out of the ten (10) foot arc. If the ball is fouled out of the ten-foot arc, it is a foul ball and not an out.
- (f) Number of practice swings allowable for a batter shall not exceed three. The fourth practice swing shall be called a strike.

100-6. BASE RUNNERS

- (a) When the umpire has the ball on the tee and the catcher is in the catcher's box, base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been hit. If a base runner leaves base before the batter hits the ball foul, the base runner must be returned to the base occupied. The ball is dead and no runner may score, nor runners advance. If the batter hits the ball fairly, the base runner leaving base before the batter hits the ball will be declared out. The ball is live and in play.
- (b) Runners may not advance if ball is not hit outside of the ten foot arc. (Exception: Runners may advance when forced to advance because of batter being awarded first base due to ball being fielded inside the 10 foot arc by opposing player. If the ball stops inside the 10 foot arc and is not moving, the catcher or batter may pick up the ball and hand it to the umpire without batter being awarded first base or being called out.

100-7. CONTROL OF PLAYING ACTION

- (a) To start play the umpire will place the ball on hitting tee and call "Batter Up".
- (b) Umpires will call "time" after every play and declare a ball dead. Time shall be called as soon as the lead runner is stopped from advancing by a defensive player. In TTA tournament play, "half-way" marks will be used. If trail runner/s have advanced past the halfway mark in the base line, they may continue to the next base; otherwise, runner must return to the previous base.
- (c) There is no intentional walk.
- (d) All defensive players must remain behind the thirty (30) foot halfway line until the ball is hit.

100-8. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO GIRLS 6U

T-BALL SOFTBALL

- (a) The ball must be hit from the batting tee by the batter to be a fair ball.
- (b) Pitcher and catcher must be in their proper position at the time the ball is hit.

- (c) All outfield player positions must be behind the base line until the ball is hit. If the ball is not put in play, move the players back, tell them not to move forward before the ball is hit. Give the defensive coach a warning. If violation continues after warning coach, coach is ejected. If the ball is put in play, let the play continue and once the play has stopped, let the umpire put the runners in the positions, in his opinion, they would have reached if the interference had not happened. If there was no interference, then there would be no penalty.
- (d) The ball must be hit out of the ten (10) foot arc to be fielded and for runners to advance.
- (e) If an opposing player fields a ball from within the ten-foot arc that is rolling, the batter will be awarded first base.
- (f) If the ball is thrown out of playing field, each runner is allowed one base.
- (g) As long as the ball remains inside the playing field, the base runner may continue to run until the lead runner is stopped.
- (h) Bunting is not permitted. Full swing must be taken, or shall be called out and ball is dead.
- (i) If the batter slings the bat, the player will receive one warning. Second offense, the batter is out, dead ball.
- (j) Infield fly rule is not in effect in Girls 6U T-Ball.
- (k) Pitcher may return to the mound unless removed for excessive conferences or failure to stay in contact with the pitching rubber until ball is hit.
- (l) If the pitcher is not in contact with the pitching rubber at the time the ball is contacted, let the play continue and once the play has stopped, the umpire will place the runners in the position in his opinion they would have reached. If there is no effect on the play, then there is no penalty.
- (m) If a fly ball is caught by any fielder, all runners must tag up. Any runner that did not tag up must return to the base. If runners have tagged up properly, they may advance. If the lead runner did not tag up, and trailing runners did tag up, the lead runner determines if runners return to their bases.
- (n) Refer to Section 10 for additional applicable General Rules.

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110. GIRLS 8U COACH PITCH AND 8U MACHINE PITCH DIVISIONS

110-1. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

- (a) Girls 8U Coach Pitch and Girls 8U Machine Pitch Division ages will be eight (8) and under.
- (b) Players whose age is nine (9) on or before December 31st of the previous year will not be permitted to participate in the Girls 8U Coach Pitch and Girls 8U Machine Pitch Divisions.

110-2. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of the game will be six (6) innings or required time limit.
- (b) Three and one-half (3-1/2) or four (4) innings shall be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness, or other cause.
- (c) A game is a complete game after 3 1/2 or 4 innings with a 15 run lead or after 5 innings with an 8 run lead.

110-3. SPECIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO GIRLS 8U COACH PITCH DIVISION

- (a) A maximum of 7 runs or 3 outs is allowed per inning.
- (b) All runners must remain on base until ball is released from Pitcher's hand.
 - 1) If a base runner/s leaves the base prior to the ball leaving the pitcher's hand, the ball will be called dead immediately and the runner/s will be declared out.
 - 2) If a base runner/s leave the base legally and the ball is not hit fair, the ball becomes dead and all runners will be returned to the base previously occupied at the time of pitch. All pitches will count as ball or strike.
- (c) No stealing.
- (d) There are no walks or "base on balls", intentional or otherwise.
- (e) No bunting is allowed. Full swing must be taken.
PENALTY: Batter attempting to bunt, ball is dead, batter is out, no runner/s may advance.

- (f) Umpires will call “time” after every play and declare a ball dead. Time shall be called as soon as the lead runner is stopped from advancing by a defensive player. In TTA tournament play, “half-way” marks will be used. If trail runner/s have advanced past the halfway mark in the base line, they may continue to the next base; otherwise, runner must return to the previous base.
- (g) The Infield Fly Rule does not apply in Girls Coach Pitch.
- (h) The distance of the pitching rubber is 35 feet from the point of home plate to the front edge of the pitcher’s rubber.
- (i) The defensive player listed as pitcher must remain within four (4) feet beside or behind the pitching rubber until the ball has been hit.
- (j) A batter will receive a maximum of five pitches or three swinging strikes, whichever occurs first. If the fifth pitch or subsequent pitch is hit foul, the batter will remain at bat as long as they continue to foul the pitch.
- (k) If the batted ball hits the Pitching Coach, the umpire will judge if the Pitching Coach made a legitimate attempt to get out of the way, the ball becomes dead. All runners advance one base. Batter is awarded first base. If the umpire rules that the Pitching Coach did not make the attempt to get out of the way, then the batter is declared out. No runner shall advance.
- (l) The Pitching Coach must keep one foot on or straddle the pitching rubber.
- (m) Pitching must be an underhand motion.
- (n) The Pitching Coach may verbally position the batter. This is the only verbal communication allowed by the Pitching Coach.
- (o) The catcher must be in the squat position in the catcher box and ready to receive the pitch.
- (p) The Pitching Coach cannot coach while his team is on offense.
- (q) No dropped third strike.

**110-4. SPECIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO GIRLS 8U
MACHINE PITCH DIVISION**

- (a) A maximum of 7 runs per inning or 3 outs in all innings.
- (b) All runners must remain on base until ball is released from the machine
 - 1) If a base runner/s leaves the base prior to the ball leaving the machine, the ball will be called dead immediately and the runner/s will be declared out.
 - 2) If a base runner/s leave the base legally and the ball is not hit fair, the ball becomes dead and all runners will be returned to the base previously occupied at the time of pitch. All pitches will count as ball or strike.
- (c) No Stealing.
- (d) There are no walks or “base on balls”, intentional or otherwise.
- (e) No bunting is allowed. Full swing must be taken.
PENALTY: Batter attempting to bunt, ball is dead, batter is out, no runner/s may advance.
- (f) The Infield Fly Rule does not apply in Girls Machine Pitch.
- (g) The front legs of the pitching machine will be placed at 35 feet.
- (h) Pitching speed is 35 MPH at the plate for Girls 8U Machine Pitch. Officials shall make necessary adjustments when needed during all TTA tournament play.
- (i) If the batted ball hits the Pitching Machine Coach, the umpire will judge if the Pitching Machine Coach made a legitimate attempt to get out of the way, the ball becomes dead. All runners advance one base. Batter is awarded first base. If the umpire rules that the Pitching Machine Coach did not make the attempt to get out of the way, then the batter is declared out. No runner shall advance. Any batted ball hitting the pitching machine is dead and the hitter is awarded first base. All runners advance one base.
- (j) If a thrown ball hits the pitching machine, the ball is live.
- (k) A batter will receive a maximum of five pitches or three swinging strikes whichever occurs first. If the fifth pitch or subsequent pitch is hit foul, the batter will remain at bat as long as they continue to foul the pitch.
- (l) The defensive player listed as pitcher must be within four feet beside or behind the front legs of the pitching machine until the ball leaves the machine.

- (m) Pitching machine will be fed by a coach of the team which is batting.
- (n) The Pitch Machine Coach may verbally position the batter. This is only verbal communication allowed by the Pitching Machine Coach.
- (o) The catcher must be in the squat position in the catcher box and ready to receive the pitch.
- (p) The Pitching Machine Coach cannot coach while his team is on offense.
- (q) No dropped third strike.

OFFICIAL RULES

120. GIRLS 10U DIVISION

120-1. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

- (a) Girls 10U Division ages will be ten (10) years of age and under.
- (b) Players whose age is eleven (11) on or before December 31st of the previous year will not be permitted to participate in the Girls 10U Division.

120-2. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of the game will be six (6) innings or required time limit.
- (b) Three and one-half (3-1/2) or four (4) innings shall be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness, or other cause.
- (c) A run lead of fifteen (15) after two and one half (2 ½) or three (3) innings or ten (10) after three and one half (3½) or four (4) innings will be considered a complete game.

120-3. BATTER STRIKE-OUTS

Refer to Official USA Softball Fast Pitch JO Rule. (Note: There is not a third strike rule.)

120-4. PITCHING RULES

Refer to Official USA Softball Fast Pitch JO Rule.

120-5. BASE RUNNERS

Refer to Official USA Softball Fast Pitch JO Rule.

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130. GIRLS 12U DIVISION

130-1. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

- (a) Girls 12U Division ages will be twelve (12) and under.
- (b) Players whose age is thirteen (13) on or before December 31st of the previous year will not be permitted to participate in the Girls 12U Division.

130-2. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of the game will be six (6) innings or required time limit.
- (b) Three and one-half or four innings shall be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness, or other cause.
- (c) A run lead of fifteen (15) after two and one half (2½) or three (3) innings or ten (10) after three and one half (3½) or four (4) innings will be considered a complete game.

130-3. BATTER STRIKE-OUTS

Refer to Official USA Softball Fast Pitch JO Rule.

130-4. PITCHING RULES

Refer to Official USA Softball Fast Pitch JO Rule.

130-5. BASE RUNNERS

Refer to Official USA Softball Fast Pitch JO Rule.

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140. GIRLS 15U DIVISION

140-1. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

- (a) Girls 15U Division ages will be fifteen (15) and under.
- (b) Players whose age is sixteen (16) on or before December 31st of the previous year will not be permitted to participate in the Girls 15U Division.

140-2. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of the game will be seven (7) innings or required time limit.
- (b) Four and one-half or five innings of play will be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness, or other causes, which make further play impossible.
- (c) A run lead of fifteen (15) after three and one half (3½) or four (4) innings or ten (10) after four and one half (4 ½) or five (5) innings will be considered a complete game.

140-3. BATTER STRIKE-OUTS

Refer to Official USA Softball Fast Pitch JO Rule.

140-4. PITCHING RULES

Refer to Official USA Softball Fast Pitch JO Rule.

140-5. BASE RUNNERS

Refer to Official USA Softball Fast Pitch JO Rule.

140-6. TEAM EQUIPMENT

METAL SPIKES OR METAL CLEATS ARE PERMISSIBLE IN GIRLS 15U AND HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE GIRLS DIVISION ONLY.

140-7. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN OTHER TTA LEAGUES

Players who are registered in the Girls 15U Division are allowed to play on a Girls High School Eligible Division team. Refer to High School Eligible Rules.

OFFICIAL RULES

ALL LEAGUE PLAY IN HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE DIVISIONS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE NFHS (NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL) RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

150. HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE GIRLS DIVISION

150-1. AGE ELIGIBILITY RULES

To participate in TTA High School Eligible leagues, players must be eligible to play in the following year on a high school team.

150-2. TEAM EQUIPMENT

- (a) NFHS approved equipment including softballs, bats, uniforms, gloves, bases, and pitcher and home plates will be used.
- (b) Catchers must wear protective helmet with ear protection, chest protectors and shin guards.
- (c) Helmets will be required. See Section 10S-6(c) (face masks only).
- (d) METAL SPIKES OR METAL CLEATS ARE PERMISSIBLE IN GIRLS 15U AND HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE GIRLS DIVISION ONLY.

150-3. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of the game will be seven (7) innings or required time limit.
- (b) Four and one-half or five innings of play will be considered a complete game if play is discontinued because of rain, darkness, or other causes, which make further play impossible.
- (c) A run lead of fifteen (15) after three and one half (3½) or four (4) innings or ten (10) after four and one half (4½) or five (5) innings will be considered a complete game.

150-4. BATTER STRIKE-OUTS

Refer to NFHS (National Federation of State High School) rules.

150-5. PITCHING RULES

- (a) ANY person under the age of 18 years, warming up a pitcher in any position, whether sitting or standing, will wear a facemask. NO LEAGUE OR TOWN CAN WAIVE THIS RULE. First offense – removal of coach from the game; Second offense – forfeit the game.
- (b) Refer to NFHS (National Federation of State High School) rules

150-6. BASE RUNNERS

Refer to NFHS (National Federation of State High School) rules.

150-7. ELIGIBILITY IN OTHER TTA LEAGUES

Players who are registered on a High School Eligible Team are allowed to play on a Girls 15U Division Team. Refer to Girls 15U Rules.

Just a Little Girl
*She stands at the plate with heart pounding fast,
The bases are loaded, the die has been cast.
Mom and Dad can not help her. She stands all alone
A hit at this moment would send the team home.*

*The ball meets the plate, She swings and misses.
There's a groan from the crowd,
With some boos and some hisses.
A thoughtless voice cries, "Strike out the bum"
Tears fill her eyes. The game is no longer FUN.*

*So open your heart and give her a break,
For it's in moments like this, A woman you can make.
Keep this in mind when you hear someone forget:*

*SHE'S JUST A LITTLE GIRL,
SHE IS NOT A WOMAN YET*

**TEXAS TEENAGE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT RULES**

200-1. ELIGIBLE LEAGUES

To be eligible for tournament play, a league must be an affiliated member league of the State Association by the due date of each year and must have complied fully with all standard rules and regulations for regular League Play.

200-2. ELIGIBLE TEAMS

- (a) To be eligible for tournament play, a team must be certified by their league and must have completed their regular season schedule of a minimum of ten (10) games by the official end of the season as stated on page 7, Section B-3. All TTA teams are required to send their first and second place teams to District Tournament play. In case of an approved three team league, only the first place team will attend District Tournament and may pick up players from the other two teams. Local leagues may substitute a team for the 1st or 2nd place team that is unable to attend a District Tournament. Penalty for non-participation can be up to a one year suspension from TTA for that particular league and/or manager. The affiliate will also receive a non-participation fine.
- (b) Any 1st and/or 2nd place team that does not attend their assigned tournament, the players on these two teams are not eligible to be picked up.
- (c) STATE ASSIGNMENT: All TTAB and TTAS will send 1st place teams in district to state. Selected divisions will advance 1st and 2nd place teams at the discretion of the State Board at its annual Tournament Allocation Meeting.
- (d) To keep the integrity of TTAB/TTAS tournaments, any team that qualified for advance tournament play and/or fails to show or leaves a tournament before completion, will be subject to a fine.
- (e) Any fines will be assessed to the affiliate. Affiliate is responsible for these fines and should remit payment to the State Office.
- (f) It is the manager's/coach's responsibility to contact the appropriate officials and **TTA State Office by email in writing**, seven (7) days prior to the coaches meeting if their team is unable to attend their tournament. Failure to contact seven (7) days prior, will be subject to a fine.

- (g) Any team leaving a tournament before tournament completion without notification, will be ineligible to advance play and is subject to a fine.

200-3. TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER

- (a) A team will not have more than eighteen (18) registered and certified players on its roster. (Including three (3) pick-up players)
- (b) In TTAB/TTAS, no tournament team will have more than eleven (11) players the maximum age in their division.
- (c) The line-up shall contain the first and last name, defensive position and uniform number of each player. All available substitutes should be listed in the designated place by their last name, first name and uniform number.
- (d) All protests over the legality of a tournament roster must be made at the first tournament meeting.
- (e) Every player attending must participate in one of the player/s first two games they attend in every post season tournament.

PENALTIES:

- 1) Any coach that violates this rule, the Head Coach will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.
- 2) The second game that the player/s did not participate in if the game is won, is now a forfeit.
- 3) If the game was lost or forfeited, the player in question must participate in the next game they attend.

200-4. PICK-UP PLAYERS

- (a) Tournament teams will be permitted to add three (3) additional players for all tournament play. Any 1st and/or 2nd place team that does not attend their assigned tournament, the players on these two teams are not eligible to be picked up.
- (b) These three (3) extra players will be selected by the Manager from teams that played within their same league during the regular season.
- (c) They must be eligible players of their League in accordance with Official TTAB/TTAS Rules and Regulations.

- (d) All pick-up players may be of the maximum age provided for in the division in which they are playing.
- (e) Pick-up players, reported after the deadline, shall not be changed in the State Office.
- (f) Pick-up players must be chosen on a rotating basis accordingly: first place team gets first choice; second place team, second choice, and so forth, until all pick-up players are chosen. Any player refusing to play for a team when chosen in the selection process is ineligible to play for any team.

200-5. UNIFORMS

- (a) Numbers will be required on uniforms for all tournament play.
- (b) Pick-up players will be permitted to participate in either their regular season uniform or the uniform of the team with which they will participate.

200-6. CERTIFICATION OF TEAM

- (a) Immediately at the end of the Official League Season, or at the earliest possible date after a team has clinched a tournament spot, the League Officials must register their League Teams, including the three (3) pick-up players permitted for tournament play, with the State Office. They must certify the Championship Team and the three (3) extra players added to the team are all eligible players of the league in accordance with official TTAB/TTAS Rules and Regulations. A Tournament Roster form will be furnished for that purpose.
- (b) The Tournament Roster, with pick-up players, must be submitted to State Office by the date on the Official TTA calendar in order for the league champion to be certified for District Tournament play.
- (c) Penalty for non-participation can be up to a one-year suspension from TTAB/TTAS for that particular league and/or manager. The affiliate will also receive a non-participation fine. An exception to this penalty is a written notice by email to the State Office advising that a league in your organization will not be able to participate in tournament play and giving acceptable reason for non-participation.

- (d) All managers participating in District and/or State Tournament play must present to the Tournament Director a copy of the medical insurance declaration page, Texas Teenage requires that birth certificates be the official “vital records” birth certificate, military dependent I.D., or passport, state issued identification cards, foreign birth certificates and/or government resident alien documentation is acceptable so long as proof of the correct date of birth is validated on such documentation, (a Photostat copy thereof) of each player on their respective teams, including up to three (3) extra “pick-up” players. Players age sixteen (16) or older may be required to show a valid (picture) driver’s license. Tournament Directors must check each certificate.
- (e) Under no circumstances will a player be permitted to play in the tournament without one of the above documents.
- (f) Any identification document presented to the Tournament Director that is altered in any way prohibits the player from playing in that tournament.

200-7. PLAYING FIELDS

- (a) All tournament games will be played on fields as required and specified in the official TTAB/TTAS Rules and Regulations.
- (b) Official TTAB baseballs and TTAS softballs are required in Texas Teenage Association tournament play.
- (c) A seamless machine pitch ball will also be allowed in Machine Pitch Division tournaments. The same type of ball must be used throughout the tournament. The use of the TTA approved baseball/softball or the approved machine pitch ball will be allowed as stated in the Tournament Guidelines.
- (d) A flat surface is required for the 8U Boys Machine Pitch Divisions.
- (e) A flat surface is required in all TTAS tournaments. No pitching mounds.
- (f) In TTAS (softball) tournament play, the use of the white/orange double base at first base is mandatory.
- (g) In machine pitch divisions, the same style of pitching machine must be used on all fields.
- (h) In T-Ball divisions, the same type of batting T must be used on all fields.

- (i) Portable mounds will be allowed in TTAB tournaments, only if the mound has been approved by the area's State Director. The pitcher's mound shall be raised by a gradual slope to a height of six (6) inches to ten (10) inches above the home plate and base line level. At each tournament location, all pitching mounds used in TTAB tournaments, must be the same height.

200-8. PLAYING RULES

Official TTA Rules and Regulations shall supersede all Ground Rules and/or Special Rules adopted by local affiliates for local league play. All tournament play will be in accordance with TTA Rules and Regulations.

- (a) **BASE RUNNERS.** A base runner is out, if in the judgement of the umpire, the base coach at first or third base, touches or holds the runner (physically assists) him/her in returning to or leaving first or third base. (Giving a runner a high-five after a home run is not assisting him in any way)

200-9. TTAB PITCHING RULES

- (a) See applicable age division for pitch limits and days of rest.
- (b) During all TTAB tournaments total pitches per tournament will apply as follows; Boys 9U and Boys 10U may not exceed 150 pitches. Boys 12U may not exceed 170 pitches. Boys 14U and Boys 15U may not exceed 190 pitches. **EXCEPTION: A pitcher may finish the batter.**
- (c) If a pitcher is removed from the mound, or lineup, during a game, he may not return to the mound as a pitcher during the game.
- (d) **PITCH COUNT PENALTIES**, violation of any of these pitching rules will result in:
 - 1) Removal of the player from the mound and ejection of the Head Coach for the remainder of that game plus Head Coach from the next scheduled game.
 - 2) Second violation is removal of the Head Coach for the remainder of the tournament.
 - 3) If a pitcher pitches during their required days of rest, that game will be a forfeit. See rule 200-17.

200-10. DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENTS

- (a) All District Tournaments will be double elimination.
- (b) All State Tournament Play will be double elimination. Exception in High School Eligible.

200-11. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

- (a) A Tournament Director should be selected at the time the Tournament Request form is submitted to the State Office. The Tournament Director selected will not manage nor coach a team participating in the tournament, umpire or serve on the Protest Committee. After an organization has been notified by the State Office of being selected to host a tournament, the Tournament Director should immediately be confirmed, forwarding to the State Office the name, address, and telephone number(s).
- (b) It is the Tournament Director's responsibility to verify the player participation rule is followed and penalties are enforced as stated in rule 200-3 (c).
- (c) Tournament Directors will be furnished a copy of State approved Special Rules and Tournament Brackets by the State Office.
- (d) Local ground rules shall be submitted by Tournament Directors to team managers and umpires prior to the first tournament game. Ground rules apply to playing field conditions only.
- (e) Failure of an organization or Tournament Director's compliance of TTAB/TTAS Rules and Regulations, Special Rules, Brackets, etc. will affect future allocation of tournaments.
- (f) All District & State Tournament Directors must notify the State Office, within 24 hours, with the first and second place teams, with managers' names and contact information.

200-12. STATE APPROVED SPECIAL RULES

- (a) All TTAB/TTAS District and State Tournament Championship games will use the designated number of innings except applicable run rules shall apply as appropriate (see specific division rules).

- (b) In TTAB District and State Tournaments, in all games except the Championship game, a time limit of one hour and 30 minutes shall apply to the Boys 6U T-Ball, Boys 8U Machine and Coach Pitch and Boys 9U. Boys 10U, Boys 12U, Boys 14U and Boys 15U, a time limit of two hours.
- (c) One hour and thirty minutes time limit shall be for all TTA Softball Tournament play except for championship games.
- (d) In Boys and Girls 6U T-Ball, if the game is tied at the end of the 5th inning, teams will play an extra inning with 7 runs per inning limit. If a winner is not determined after the 6th inning, an extra inning will be played with an increase of 7 runs per inning for each extra inning until a winner is determined. Example: 7th inning, a 14 run limit, 8th inning a 21 run limit, etc.
- (e) In Boys and Girls 8U Machine Pitch and Coach Pitch, if the game is tied at the end of the 6th inning, teams will play an extra inning with 7 runs per inning limit. If a winner is not determined after the 7th inning, an extra inning will be played with an increase of 7 runs per inning for each extra inning until a winner is determined. Example: 8th inning, 14 run limit, 9th inning, a 21 run limit, etc.
- (f) TTA prohibits any District Tournament to charge a daily gate fee that exceeds \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per student (18 years and under) and senior citizens (65 years and older). State Tournament may not exceed \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 per student and senior citizen. A State Director may approve a team fee in lieu of a daily gate fee for tournaments.

200-13. LIGHTNING GUIDELINES

- (a) All Associations are required to have a working lightning detector at District and State Tournaments.
- (b) When thunder is heard or lightning is seen, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
- (c) 30 minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.

- (d) Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
- (e) When lightning- detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

200-14. TOURNAMENT BRACKETS AND DATES OF TOURNAMENTS

- (a) Official TTAB/TTAS tournament brackets shall be provided to all tournament directors and this bracket will be followed. Deviations due to unforeseen circumstances must have the approval of area State Director, TTA Tournament Chairman and TTA President and TTA Vice President.
- (b) All games must be played as indicated on the bracket. **PENALTY:** Coach will be suspended for the first two games of the State Tournament
- (c) All towns hosting a District or State Tournament must have the Official Bracket posted at all times, with teams, date, time and place for all games. In boys' tournaments, pitcher pitch count total for tournament and if they are in days rest must be posted.
- (d) BASEBALL ONLY (Excluding Boys 6U T-Ball, Boys 8U Machine Pitch and Boys 8U Coach Pitch) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES shall a team be required to play more than three (3) games within any tournament day.
- (e) Tournament brackets will be furnished by the State Office. Tournament officials should also take necessary steps to ensure that two teams from the same league do not match up in the first round.
- (f) All District and State tournaments will be played within the weeks designated on the Official TTAB/TTAS State calendar.

- (g) All District and State Tournaments shall be scheduled to begin on Monday of the designated tournament week, played in consecutive days. Deviations to unforeseen circumstances must have the approval of the area State Director, TTA Tournament Chairman, The TTA President and TTA Vice President.
- (h) In boys and girls High School Eligible leagues, tournaments shall be set on weekends and will be published on the Official TTA calendar.
- (i) All District Tournament Brackets with game times and dates must be approved by the State Director serving the tournament location. All State Tournament Brackets with game times and dates must be approved by the State Director and the State Tournament Board no later than June 15th.

200-15. TOURNAMENT BRACKET DRAW

Tournament Directors will use these steps to draw for their tournaments:

Bracket Draw for tournaments with no byes:

- 1) Place all 1st place teams in a hat. Draw for top line on bracket in number order.
- 2) Place all 2nd place teams in a hat. Draw for bottom line on bracket in number order.
- 3) First place teams will not play a second place team from their same league in the first round in District tournament or same District tournament at the State Tournaments.

Bracket Draw for tournaments with bye/s:

- 1) Put all 1st place teams in a hat to draw for bye/s on the bracket. All byes will be drawn in number order.
- 2) Put remaining 1st place teams in a hat. Draw for top line of the bracket in number order.
- 3) Put all 2nd place teams in a hat. Draw for bottom line of bracket in number order. After bottom lines are filled, draw for the remaining top lines in number order.
- 4) First place teams will not play a second place team from their same league in first round in District tournament or same District tournament at the State Tournaments.

200-16. TOURNAMENT ALLOCATION

- (a) The TTA Board will allocate District Tournaments in a May Tournament Allocation Meeting each year. State Tournaments will be awarded at a January Tournament Allocations meeting.
- (b) Tournament requests should be submitted, along with tournament director's name, address, and phone number, to the State Office before May 1st for District Tournaments and January 15th for State Tournaments.
- (c) All league champions within the same area, and especially within the same organization, will be assigned to the same district to determine a State Tournament participant.
- (d) For hosting a State Tournament, affiliates of two leagues or less, the winner of each league will receive a bye to the State Tournament. The 2nd place teams (if applicable) would go to the appropriate and same District Tournament.
- (e) Affiliates having three leagues or more would host a District Tournament for all 1st place teams with the 1st and 2nd place teams hosting the State Tournament and all 2nd place teams (if applicable) would go to the appropriate and same District Tournament.
- (f) TTA State Directors reserve the right to change this rule if they deem necessary.

200-17. QUALIFICATIONS, PROTESTS, AND DISPUTES

- (a) Any violation of Tournament Rules must be reported immediately to the Tournament Director.
- (b) It will be the duty and responsibility of the State President to rule on the qualifications and eligibility of all active member leagues during and before the end of the regular season of League Play. Any ruling or decision made by the State President will be considered final.
- (c) The Tournament Officials shall decide all protests and disputes arising during Tournament Play on the level and at the time at which they occur. A Protest Committee shall be available at all times. A Tournament Director will not serve as an official member of the Protest Committee.

200-18. UMPIRES FOR TTAB/TTAS TOURNAMENTS

- (a) Umpires for District and State Tournament play must be certified.

- (b) There shall be at least two (2) Official Umpires working all TTA District and State Tournament games.
- (c) Umpires shall be selected by the host organization's Tournament Director. All umpires must be approved by the area State Director.
- (d) Umpires shall be chosen from the best source available in the immediate area. Umpires shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (e) Umpires shall be completely familiar with TTAB/TTAS Rules and Regulations. Prior to tournament play, Tournament Directors shall furnish Umpires a TTAB/TTAS Rulebook and a copy of local ground rules and TTAB/TTAS Special Rules.
- (f) Umpires must be dressed alike in official umpire dress for all District and State Tournament games
- (g) A Tournament Director will not umpire any tournament game.
- (h) Umpires will check all bats and required equipment prior to each game in District and State Tournament play.

200-19. SCOREKEEPERS/STATISTICIANS

The Affiliate will furnish a competent scorekeeper/statistician for each game to record and keep an accurate record of: at bats, errors, extra base hits, strikeouts, walks, pitch count, bases on balls, and stolen bases. **The pitch count statistician is required to stop play immediately and notify the umpire when the Pitcher has reached his pitch count maximum** The scorekeeper and statistician cannot be the same individual.

200-20. OFFICIAL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

All towns hosting a Boys District or State Tournament must use the official TTAB stamped Baseball from the TTA approved supplier. All towns hosting a Girls District or State Tournament must use the official TTAS stamped Softball from the TTA approved supplier. A seamless machine pitch ball will also be allowed in Machine Pitch Division tournaments. The same type of ball must be used throughout the tournament. The use of the TTA approved baseball/softball or the approved machine pitch ball will be allowed as stated in the Tournament Guidelines. Note: Orders for Official TTA Baseballs and Softballs should be ordered through the State Official Baseball-Softball Supplier. Order information will be available in the Tournament Guidelines and on the TTA Web Page.

200-21. OFFICIAL TTA AWARDS

All District and State Tournaments will present the approved TTA awards to all first and second place managers or third and fourth places as in the following guidelines. Affiliates hosting a District or State tournament will be required to present individual player awards to the appropriate number of teams depending on number attending the tournament, exception: High School Eligible. The individual awards may be trophies, plaques or rings. All awards must be approved by the area State Director.

Number of Teams Required Individual Player Awards

7 Teams or Less 1st and 2nd Places
8 teams to 13 teams 1st, 2nd and 3 Places
14 Teams and Above 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th Places

District Trophy/Plaque Sizes

1st Place - 12 inches in height
2nd Place - 10 inches in height
3rd Place - 8 inches in height
4th Place - 6 inches in height
1st - 4th place plaques (all 5" x 7")

State Trophy/Plaque Sizes

1st Place - 14 inches in height
2nd Place - 12 inches in height
3rd Place - 10 inches in height
4th Place - 8 inches in height
1st - 4th place plaques (all 6" x 8")

Guidelines for player awards will be included in all tournament guideline packages. These individual player awards will be furnished by the tournament host. All State tournament hosts will be required to furnish a player participation award to all players in age divisions 8 and under.

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Notify Area State Director of sign up dates for approval

Prior to the First Scheduled Team Game Team Roster Deadline

Jan 15	Jan 15	Deadline for requesting State Tournaments
May 1	May 1	Deadline for requesting District Tournaments
May 14	May 13	Tournament Allocations Meeting
June 10	June 9	End of the TTAS season
June 12	June 11	TTAS Tournament Roster Deadline
June 17	June 16	End of the TTAB season
June 19	June 18	TTAB Tournament Roster Deadline
June 20	June 19	TTAS District Tournaments begin
June 27	June 26	TTAB District Tournaments begin
July 1	July 1	Deadline for Scholarship Applications
July 4	July 3	TTAS State Tournaments begin
July 11	July 10	TTAB State Tournaments begin
July 14-17	July 13-16	<u>Girls High School Eligible</u> State Finals
July 21-24	July 20-23	<u>Boys High School Eligible</u> State Finals
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