

TEXAS TEEN-AGE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION GUIDELINES FOR TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

NEW TOURNAMENT RULES FOR 2010: The following are rule or procedure changes made for 2010:

1. All affiliates of the Texas Teenage Association are required to maintain medical insurance on participants in TTA **league and** tournament play. A copy of the Declarations Page of the Medical Insurance Coverage must be presented to the **state director prior to the first league game and** the tournament director prior to the first tournament game being played. Penalty: Team will not be eligible for tournament play.
2. In TTAB District and State Tournaments, in all games except the Championship game, a time limit of two hours shall apply to the Junior Midget, Midget, Senior Midget and Freshman Tight Base, a time limit of two hours and thirty minutes for Freshman Open Base, Sophomore and Junior Boys. All other divisions shall have no time limit. One hour, forty-five minute time limit shall be for all TTA Softball Tournament play except for Championship games.
3. A courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher is allowed in all games (baseball & softball), except T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Machine Pitch. **A courtesy runner for the catcher will be allowed in Coach Pitch and Machine Pitch.** A Courtesy Runner must be an eligible player who is not in the **current** batting lineup. The umpire and scorekeeper must be notified that it is a courtesy runner. 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, returns to the plate more than once per inning. PENALTY: Pitcher removed from game.
4. Any player may be substituted for or replaced 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.
5. In Boys T-Ball and Girls T-Ball, 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 shall be marked. This arc will be used to determine a legal fair ball when hit from the batting tee.
6. In Boys T-Ball and Girls T-Ball, a 21-run lead shall be considered a complete game, after three complete innings of play **or an 11-run lead after four complete innings of play.**
7. SPECIAL RULES THAT APPLY TO MACHINE PITCH.
 - (j) **If a thrown ball hits the pitching machine, the ball is live.**
 - (o) **The Pitching Machine Coach shall not coach while in the pitching position, either verbally or physically. (Penalty: Removal of the Pitching Machine Coach Once the ball has been hit, the Pitching Coach must position himself/herself as not to be obstruction to the defensive team on any play at all. Only the officials shall make necessary adjustments on the pitching machine.**
 - (p) **A 15 run lead shall be considered a complete game after four innings of play or 8 run lead after 5 innings of play.**
 - (q) **There is no time limit restriction in Machine Pitch.**
8. SPECIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO COACH PITCH DIVISION:
 - (h) **The defensive player listed as pitcher cannot leave the pitching circle until the ball is hit. The defensive player/pitcher must stand in the back half of the pitching circle. She may not move from the back half of the pitching circle until the ball has been hit.**
9. In Girls Coach Pitch and Boys Machine Pitch, **the Pitching Coach is prohibited to coach, verbally or physically, while on the field of play, when his/her team is on offense.** Penalty: Removal of Pitching Coach.
10. In Girls Coach Pitch, a 15 run lead shall be considered a complete game after three and one-half (3-1/2) or four (4) innings or an 8 run lead after 5 innings.
11. In Midget Girls, a 10 run shall be considered a complete game lead after three and one-half (3-1/2) or four (4) innings.
12. In Girls Coach Pitch, the delivery of the pitch must be an underhand motion.
13. TOURNAMENT BRACKETS AND DATES OF TOURNAMENTS
 - (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.**
 - (d) **All games stopped for any reason will be resumed as a suspended game.**
14. UMPIRES FOR TTAB/TTAS TOURNAMENTS
 - (h) **Umpires will check all bats prior to each game in tournament play.**