

REVISED_2012-2013 TTA Rulebook changes/clarifications

(**Note: Final official wording will be as in the printed 2012-2013 published TTA rulebook**)

B. LEAGUE SCHEDULE

3. All TTAB (Baseball) league play will terminate as follows:

The 2012 Season on June 30.

The 2013 Season on June 29.

All TTAS (Softball) league play will terminate as follows:

The 2012 Season on June 23.

The 2013 Season on June 22.

E. SELECTION OF PLAYERS

2. *No team shall 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. Returning players, that were not protected, are not considered protected players. Protected players must be named each year on the team's official Team Roster. 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.*

4. It is the responsibility of each affiliate and/or town to make every effort, to equalize the ages of all players on each team within an age division.

F. PLAYER AGREEMENTS

6. Players not registered on an Official Team Roster submitted to the State Office by the **First Scheduled Team Game** shall 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 insure proper delivery by either printing a copy of the on-line rosters or by sending certified mail or faxing.

7. NO PLAYER TRADES SHALL BE PERMITTED.

G. ILLEGAL PLAYERS AND PENALTY

6. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MANAGER TO ENSURE THAT THE TEAM ROSTER IS SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OFFICE CORRECT AND **PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED TEAM GAME**. PENALTY: If a data entry mistake is discovered on a team roster, the player may be eligible to play. (Example: Omission of a player) The Manager will be suspended for the first two tournament games.

K. QUALIFYING LEAGUES FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY

1 (a) **Register and become a member of the State Association.**

(c) Complete and submit Official Team Rosters to State Office **prior to the first scheduled team game.**

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

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10. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL DIVISIONS

10-15. TEAM ROSTER

(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.**

10B-5. RE-ENTRY RULES FOR TTAB:

(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.

10B-6. EH (Extra Hitter) IN TTAB (Exception: HSE Boys)

The EH player is optional, 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.

20. BOYS 6U T-BALL BASEBALL DIVISION

20-4. LENGTH OF GAME (Boys 6U T-Ball)

(b) When a team scores a maximum of **seven** runs or makes three outs in one inning, the team then shall go on defense.

(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.

30. BOYS 8U MACHINE PITCH, BOYS 8U PLAYER PITCH, BOYS 9U, BOYS 10U

30-7. BASE RUNNERS

(a) When a pitcher has his foot in contact with the pitcher's rubber, and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of the pitch, base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been delivered and reached the batter.

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

- (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. 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.
- (k) A batter shall 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.

40-5. BASE RUNNERS (TIGHT BASE ONLY)

- (a) When a pitcher has his foot in contact with the pitcher's rubber and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of the pitch, base runners shall not leave their bases until the ball has been delivered and reaches the batter.

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

10S-6 TEAM EQUIPMENT

- (d) METAL SPIKES OR METAL CLEATS ARE PERMISSIBLE IN HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE GIRLS DIVISION ONLY. The penalty shall be ejection from the game.

10S-9. EH (Extra Hitter) IN TTAS:

The EH player is optional in Girls 6U T-Ball, Girls 8U Coach Pitch and Girls 8U Machine Pitch 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-10. DP/Flex Player

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

100. GIRLS 6U T-BALL DIVISION

100-4. LENGTH OF GAME

- (a) The length of game will be 5 innings.
- (b) When a team scores a maximum of seven runs or makes three outs in one inning, the team then shall go on defense.
- (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.

100-5. BATTER STRIKE-OUTS

- (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.

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

110-2. LENGTH OF GAME

- (c) A game is a complete game after 3 ½ 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

- (b) A base runner is out for leaving the base before the ball is released by the pitcher. Stealing is not allowed.
- (i) A batter shall 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.
- (n) The pitching coach cannot coach while his team is on offense.

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

- (a) The length of the game will be six (6) innings.
- (b) A maximum of 7 runs per inning or 3 outs in all innings.
- (c) Umpires will call "time" after every play and declare a ball dead. Time should be called as soon as the lead runner is not attempting to advance.
- (d) There is no intentional walk and no bunting is allowed.
- (e) The Infield Fly Rule does not apply in Machine Pitch.
- (f) A pitching circle shall be drawn at 16 feet in diameter around the pitching plate.
- (g) The front legs of the pitching machine will be placed at 35 feet.
- (h) Pitching speed is 35 MPH for 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. 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 shall 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) No stealing.
- (m) The defensive player listed as pitcher cannot leave the pitching circle until the ball is hit. For added safety, the Pitcher must have both feet in the pitching circle and be no closer to the batter than the front legs of the pitching machine.
- (n) Pitching machine will be fed by a coach of the team which is batting.
- (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 an 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) Base runners may leave once the ball leaves the machine.
- (r) No dropped third strike.

140. GIRLS 15U DIVISION

140-6. TEAM EQUIPMENT

METAL SPIKES OR METAL CLEATS ARE PERMISSIBLE IN HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE GIRLS DIVISION ONLY. The penalty shall be ejection from the game.

TOURNAMENT RULES

200-3. TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER

- (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 before the first tournament game.

200-4. PICK-UP PLAYERS

- (g) Any player that will not be attending a tournament, that is listed on the original team roster of the advancing team to the district or state tournament, is required to furnish a completed State provided form. This form is to be signed by the parent/guardian, stating reason(s) why the player will not be attending the tournament. The required form is due into the State Office no later than 48 hours of the tournament roster deadline.

200-7 PLAYING FIELDS

- (f) In machine pitch divisions, the same style of pitching machine must be used on all fields.

200-11. STATE APPROVED SPECIAL RULES

- (d) 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**. Discounted tournament passes are permitted.

200-12 TOURNAMENT BRACKETS AND DATES OF TOURNAMENTS

- (c) Tournament shall be played **in consecutive days** within the number of days designated on Official Bracket (except for rain).
 - (g) All teams must be placed in the hat to draw for byes on the bracket (if applicable), all byes will be drawn first, in number order. Put all remaining first place teams in one hat and all remaining second place teams in another. Draw from the 1st place teams for the top line of the bracket and the 2nd place teams for the bottom line of the bracket in number order. First place teams will not play second place teams from the same league in the first round in district tournaments or same district at the state tournament.
- (h) All District and State tournaments shall be played within the **weeks designated on the Official TTAB/TTAS State 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 President.**

200-18. OFFICIAL TTA AWARDS

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")