

RULE CHANGES FOR TEXAS TEENAGE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2027 SEASON

****THESE RULE CHANGES WILL SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT RULEBOOK****

1. TTAB PLAYING AGE DATE:

- All TTAB (Boys) and TTAS (Girls) divisions for the 2027 season will use the age chart listed below and play under the age date as of SEPTEMBER 1ST of the previous year.
- Clarification: When a player registers to play in 2027, the question will be, “How old was the player on September 1st, 2026?”

2027 Texas Teen-Age Age Chart												
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DIVISIONS												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021	2021	4
2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020	2020	5
2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019	2019	6
2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	7
2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	8
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2016	9
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	10
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	11
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	12
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	13
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	14
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	15

*High School Eligible age requirements are they have one year eligibility remaining in High School.

2. TTAB/TTAS DIVISION NAME TO CHANGE:

- TTA will change the names of all divisions to help clarify each division.

TTAB (Boys):

- 6u will be renamed Tball
- 8u will be renamed Coach Pitch
- 10u will be renamed Freshman
- 12u will be renamed Sophomore
- 14u will be renamed Juniors

TTAS (Girls):

- * 6u will be renamed Tball
- * 8u will be renamed Coach Pitch
- * 10u will be renamed Freshman
- * 12u will be renamed Sophomore
- * 15u will be renamed Juniors

3. DOUBLE SAFETY BASE AT FIRST BASE IN ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES:

- It is mandatory that the use of a double safety base at first base be used in all TTAB and TTAS District and State tournaments. TTA double safety base rules will be provided.
- Clarification: To ensure safety of all the players, the use of a double safety base at first base will help prevent potential injury in District and State tournament games.

4. ALL LEAGUES MUST HAVE ON THE PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM, “IN WHAT TOWN DID THE PLAYER SIGN UP LAST SEASON”.

- TTA requires that local leagues put on their registration form to ask what town the player signed up last season. This is to help leagues from having violations for players signing up in the wrong location.
- This is in addition to having on the registration form the player’s physical address and what school the player attends.**

5. STANDARDIZE REGISTRATION/SIGNUP DATE DEADLINE FOR ALL TOWNS IN AN AFFILIATE AREA.

- To ensure all players who need placement in the player placement process go through a local draft once they have been placed by the placement committee, the following steps must be followed:
 - All towns within an affiliate will need to synchronize a registration/sign up date deadline to ensure that all towns playing within that affiliate complete registration at the same time.
 - Once the registration dates are posted, under no circumstance can an affiliate or town close or end registration/signups early.
 - Each player registration form must be numbered in order with a date and time recorded when the form is received. Either in person registration forms or online registration.
 - **Local drafts may only begin once the player placement committee for their affiliate has completed placement of all portal players.**

6. ERRORS IN SUBMITTING ROSTERS ON TTA WEBSITE AND PENALTIES.

- Errors/violations that are subject to penalties/fines include:
 - Failure to submit a team roster before a team's first scheduled league game.
 - A legal player that was mistakenly omitted from the roster is discovered at the end of the regular season at the District/State coaches' meeting.
 - Failure to submit a playoff roster before the schedule deadline.
- TTA has established fines for violations for the leagues who have a designated person responsible for entering the rosters for teams and penalties for coaches who enter their own rosters on the TTA website.
 - Violations by the league, if responsible, a **fifty dollar (\$50)** fine for each infraction.
 - Violations by the coach, if responsible, will remain as written in current TTA rulebook.
- If a date entry (spelling error, typing entry mistake) or an omission of a player is discovered at the District/State coach's meeting, the player may be eligible to play with approval of the local State Director.
 - All corrections must be approved by the local State Director and sent by the tournament director to the TTA state office at the completion of the coach's meeting.

7. BRACKET DRAWS IN DISTRICT AND STATE TOURNAMENT DRAWINGS.

- In brackets with byes:
 - First place teams will draw for all byes. Teams drawn will place name on the **bye line** of their choice on the bracket. Once byes are filled, remaining first place teams, once selected, will place name on the line of their choice on **first round games** on the bracket.
 - Second and third place teams will be drawn by current rules for bracket draws and placed on the bracket by the current rule.
- In brackets without byes:
 - First place teams will be drawn first. Once selected will place name on the line of their choice for **first round games** on the bracket.
 - Second and third place teams will be drawn by current rules for bracket draws and placed on the bracket by the current rule.

8. CHANGE IN RUN RULE FOR 14u (junior) Boys and 15u (junior) Girls:

- A fifteen (15) run lead shall be considered a complete game after two and one half (2 ½) or three (3) innings of play.
- A ten (10) run lead shall be considered a complete game after three and one half (3 ½) or four (4) innings of play.