

## **2018 – 2019 TTA Clarifications / Rule Changes**

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### **D. LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

3. Each League's first and second place teams (or replacement or alternate 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.

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### **I. UMPIRES FOR LEAGUE PLAY**

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. Umpires for District and State Tournament play must be certified.

4. Umpires will check all bats and required equipment prior to each game in District and State Tournament play.

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### **10. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL DIVISIONS**

#### **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.

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### **10B. GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO TTAB**

#### **(BOYS BASEBALL ONLY)**

#### **10B-4. 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.

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#### **10B-7. EQUIPMENT RULES IN TTAB:**

(a) Regular 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.

### **20. BOYS 6U T-BALL BASEBALL DIVISION**

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#### **20-3. TEAM EQUIPMENT**

(a) TTA approved baseball or T-Ball bats may be used.

### **TOURNAMENT RULES**

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#### **200-2. ELIGIBLE TEAMS**

(d) Each league's first and second place teams (or replacement or alternate 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) 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.

(f) Any fines will be assessed to the affiliate. Affiliate is responsible for these fines and should remit payment to the State Office.

(g) It is the manager's/coach's responsibility to contact the appropriate officials and TTA State Office 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.

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

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#### 200-6. CERTIFICATION OF TEAM

(c) The two qualifying teams are required to participate in their assigned tournament. 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 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.

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#### 200-13. TOURNAMENT BRACKETS AND DATES OF TOURNAMENTS

(e) 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.

(i) All District Tournaments shall be scheduled to begin on Monday of the designated tournament week with the exception of the 4th of July.

(l) 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.

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#### 200-16. UMPIRES FOR TTAB/TTAS TOURNAMENTS

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

(c) Umpires shall be selected by the host organization's Tournament Director. All umpires must be approved by the area State Director

(f) Umpires must be dressed alike in official umpire dress for all District and State Tournament games

(h) Umpires will check all bats and required equipment prior to each game in District and State Tournament play.

#### 200-17. SCOREKEEPERS/STATISTICIANS

The host organizations shall furnish a competent scorekeeper to record and keep an accurate record of: at bats, hits, runs, errors, extra base hits, strikeouts, walks, stolen bases, etc. The host organization shall also furnish a competent pitch count statistician to record the pitch count and relay this information to the umpire at the end of each half inning. The scorekeeper and statistician cannot be the same individual.

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#### 200-19. 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.

## **2018-2019 TTAB Pitching Rules**

### **40. BOYS 9U DIVISION, BOYS 10U DIVISION**

#### **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 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 – 30 pitches he is not required any rest.

2) If a pitcher throws 31 – 45 pitches he is required one day of rest

3) If a pitcher throws 46 – 60 pitches he is required two days of rest

4) If a pitcher throws 61+ pitches he is required three days of rest.

(b) If a pitcher throws 30 or more pitches in one inning, he must be removed from the mound and is done for the day. (pitcher may finish the batter)

(c) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same day (Example: tournament games) provided he does not throw more than 40 pitches in any game or more than 75 pitches total.

(d) Violation of any of these pitching rules will result in forfeiture of the game.

(e) 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.

(f) 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 30 pitches or less.

(g) Days of rest shall be calendar days.

(h) 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.

(i) TTAB pitching rules will not be superseded nor altered in any manner by local affiliate rules.

(j) 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. BOYS 12U DIVISION (TIGHT BASE AND OPEN BASE)**

### **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 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 – 30 pitches he is not required any rest.
  - 2) If a pitcher throws 31 – 45 pitches he is required one day of rest
  - 3) If a pitcher throws 46 – 60 pitches he is required two days of rest
  - 4) If a pitcher throws 61+ pitches he is required three days of rest.
- (b) If a pitcher throws 30 or more pitches in one inning, he must be removed from the mound and is done for the day. (pitcher may finish the batter)
- (c) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same day (Example: tournament games) provided he does not throw more than 50 pitches in any game or more than 85 pitches total.
- (d) Violation of any of these pitching rules will result in forfeiture of the game.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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 30 pitches or less.
- (g) Days of rest shall be calendar days.
- (h) 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.
- (i) TTAB pitching rules will not be superseded nor altered in any manner by local affiliate rules.
- (j) 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.)

## 60. BOYS 14U DIVISION

### 60-3. PITCHING RULES

- (a) At League Age 14 and Under pitcher shall not throw more than 95 pitches in the same game or on the same 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 – 30 pitches he is not required any rest.
  - 2) If a pitcher throws 31 – 45 pitches he is required one day of rest
  - 3) If a pitcher throws 46 – 65 pitches he is required two days of rest
  - 4) If a pitcher throws 66 – 85 pitches he is required three days of rest.
  - 5) If a pitcher throws 86+ pitches he is required four days of rest
- (b) If a pitcher throws 30 or more pitches in one inning, he must be removed from the mound and is done for the day. (pitcher may finish the batter)
- (c) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same day (Example: tournament games) provided he does not throw more than 60 pitches in any game or more than 95 pitches total.
- (d) Violation of any of these pitching rules will result in forfeiture of the game.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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 30 pitches or less.
- (g) Days of rest shall be calendar days.
- (h) 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.
- (i) TTAB pitching rules will not be superseded nor altered in any manner by local affiliate rules.
- (j) There will be balks called in all games. (Tournament play will also be governed by this rule.)

## 70. BOYS 15U DIVISION

### 70-3. PITCHING RULES

- (a) At League Age 15 and Under pitcher shall not throw more than 95 pitches in the same game or on the same 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 – 30 pitches he is not required any rest.
  - 2) If a pitcher throws 31 – 45 pitches he is required one day of rest
  - 3) If a pitcher throws 46 – 65 pitches he is required two days of rest
  - 4) If a pitcher throws 66 – 85 pitches he is required three days of rest.
  - 5) If a pitcher throws 86+ pitches he is required four days of rest
- (b) If a pitcher throws 30 or more pitches in one inning, he must be removed from the mound and is done for the day. (pitcher may finish the batter)
- (c) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same day (Example: tournament games) provided he does not throw more than 60 pitches in any game or more than 95 pitches total.
- (d) Violation of any of these pitching rules will result in forfeiture of the game.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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 30 pitches or less.
- (g) Days of rest shall be calendar days.
- (h) 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.
- (i) TTAB pitching rules will not be superseded nor altered in any manner by local affiliate rules.
- (k) There will be balks called in all games. (Tournament play will also be governed by this rule.)

## **80. HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBLE BOYS**

### **80-5. 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.
- (b) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same day (Example: tournament games) provided he does not throw more than 70 pitches in any game or more than 110 pitches total.
- (c) If the limit comes in the middle of an at bat, a pitcher can finish that at bat.
- (d) Players will be required to rest a certain amount of days based on the number of pitches thrown in a day.
  - 1) If a pitcher throws 1 – 30 pitches he is not required any rest.
  - 2) If a pitcher throws 31 – 45 pitches he is required one day of rest
  - 3) If a pitcher throws 46 – 65 pitches he is required two days of rest
  - 4) If a pitcher throws 66 – 85 pitches he is required three days of rest.
  - 5) If a pitcher throws 86+ pitches he is required four days of rest
- (e) Violation of any of these pitching rules will result in forfeiture of the game.
- (f) 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.
- (g) 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 30 pitches or less.
- (h) Days of rest shall be calendar days.
- (i) TTAB pitching rules will not be superseded
- (j) HSE State Tournament Pitching Rules: All pitchers will be limited to 110 total pitches in the tournament for pool games and Bracket play.
- (k) 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.