

## ITEM (1)

Current Rule:

Section 9      Equipment      Item A

**There will be no bat restrictions except that they will be made of wood or metal only.  
The bat safety grip and knob must meet USA specifications.**

**Change rule to read:**

**There will be no bat restrictions except that they will be made of wood or metal only.  
The bat safety grip and knob must meet USA specifications.  
(BIG BARRELED) baseball bats are not allowed.**

Reason for change:

**(SAFETY ITEM)**

**These bats deem to be unsafe for this age division.  
Most leagues do not allow the big Barrel bats.**

## ITEM (2)

Current Rule:

Section 9      Equipment      Item C

**All players must wear a batting helmet, chin straps are optional. 8 & Under players must wear  
a face guard attached to the batting helmet that meets USA safety requirements.  
6 & Under face guards are optional.**

**Change rule to read:**

**All players must have a face guard attached to batting helmet. Chin straps are optional.**

Reason for change:

**(SAFETY ITEM)**

**Being as we went to a harder ball in the 6 & Under division and to protect the young players, it  
was suggested we require them to wear the face guards.**

### ITEM (3)

Current Rule:

Section 5      Runners      Item E

**All players present must bat, in the event a player has to leave, she will be skipped in the line up. There will be no penalty. If a girl shows up late she is to be added at the bottom of the line up.**

Change rule to read:

**All players present must bat, in the event a player has to leave, she will be skipped in the line up. NO PENALTY and may return in the line up. If the same player leaves the game a second time, an out will be called. If a girl shows up late she is to be added at the bottom of the line up.**

Reason for change:

We must remember that we are dealing with 6 & 8 year olds and sometimes they have to go to the bathroom, but it seems some coaches take advantage of this rule and there should be some kind of penalty. We do not have a bathroom rule and this may deter coaches from taking advantage of this rule.

### ITEM (4)

#### CURRENT RULE

SECTION 5 Item F'

- F. **There will be free defensive substitution, All teams must start with 10 players but may finish with 9 due to injury. NOTE: The short-handed player rule will be in effect.**

#### **Change rule to Read**

**There will be free defensive substitution. All teams must start with 9 players but may finish with 8 due to injury. NOTE: The shot handed player rule will be in effect.**

**Teams may still be allowed to have up to 10 players on defense if available**

Reason for change:

We have had to many occasions where teams show up with only 9 players for some reason or other. Either late in the season parents go on vacation or graduations Etc.

We allow our 10, 12 and 14 U teams to play with 9. This would be more consistent with our other age groups. This division of play only averages 10 to 12 players per team, we need to let them play ball and not be penalize by not having that one player.

## ITEM (5)

### CURRENT RULE

#### Section 5 Item D

#### **D. Overthrow Rule ( 6 & Under Only)**

On the first play after the ball is hit, if an overthrown ball goes to the fence in foul territory, the ball becomes dead. One base is awarded to all base runners from their position at the time of the throw. On any batted fly ball caught for an out, the first play is complete.

Any throw would be a second play. Making an attempt on any runner as a result of chasing them back to or from a base or holding a runner to a base is considered a first play. Throwing the ball to the pitcher in the 16ft. circle to stop all play is not considered part of the overthrow rule. If the pitcher does not have control of the

#### Delete Rule

#### Reason for change

Let the 6 U play and learn the game. Umpires want this rule eliminated from the Pixie 6 U.

## **Items 6 & 7 To Be Added to our Texas Operations Code:**

## ITEM (6)

All Pixie State Tournaments are to be played no earlier than the first weekend of June.

Reason this rule needs to be added in our Texas Code:

A few years ago we did make a ruling that the Pixie State Tournaments would not be scheduled on a Holiday weekend. Hotel rates go up, people go on vacation and there are numerous graduations.

We feel this is one part of our state tournament registrations dropping.

## ITEM (7)

All Pixie State Tournaments that have B/C divisions of play in their areas follow the same guidelines set fourth as the 10, 12 and 14 Gold /Silver format.