



# TEXAS TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND RULES

**NOTE: The items underlined below will likely be on the test.**

1. Division I team affidavits must have the required 12 players to start any level of tournament play. There are no alternates or batboys recognized.
2. Division II team's affidavits may have 10 to 11 players. **A player can be replaced, but additional players cannot be added.**
3. A player cannot play on any other organized team (Select or Travel Team) starting with the first day of the district tournament.
4. If a player or coach leaves the team and the team replaces them, a replacement form must be completed and approved by the district director or delegate. Birth record must be approved along with the signed medical release. **Get a player replacement form from the district director.**
5. Tournament Affidavit MUST be taken to each game. This is your ticket to play.
6. If a player does not show up at a game and is not excused by the tournament **district director**, the Manager will be required to set out of the game. A player may be excused by the district director for a verified sickness or emergency. A player who does not play on Sunday for religious reasons will be excused if it is brought to the attention of the tournament coordinator prior to the start of the tournament. Weddings and vacations are not excusable.
7. Make sure that coaches and players are committed to starting and finishing a tournament. Any player that leaves the tournament for vacation or to play select baseball and is not replaced prior to the team being eliminated, the team manager shall not be allowed to participate with the team for the remainder of the tournament.
8. A coach who leaves the tournament for vacation or select baseball shall be disqualified to coach any future DYB tournament teams.
9. At district level a parent coach or substitute may be used for any coach for one game without having to be replaced on the tournament roster. This is for District only.
10. Umpires must be DYB approved umpires. Minimum age of an umpire must be 18 at District and Regional tournaments and 21 years old at State Tournaments.
11. A team picture must be taken by **all teams** from the Division I & II "O"Zone, AAA, and AA regional tournaments to the State. Only coaches listed on the tournament affidavit shall be in the picture.

## EQUIPMENT

1. All equipment will be checked before each game. All equipment must be DYB approved. Batting helmets must have the NOCSAE stamp. Face guards and chin straps are required for teams whose local league has adopted a policy that requires them.
2. The catchers' masks MUST HAVE AN ATTACHED THROAT PROTECTOR. Exception: Hockey style catchers' face mask are not required to have a throat protector.
3. The catcher shall have a protective cup. A game will not be played if the catcher does not have a cup. A player warming up the pitcher on or off the field shall wear a mask and a cup.
4. Catchers are not required to wear masks during infield warm up. Players ONLY may warm up a pitcher.
5. Defensive players only may wear sun glasses. Sun glasses shall not be worn on top of the players cap. The pitcher and offensive players shall not wear sun glasses.

6. The T-Ball and Coach Pitch player pitcher must wear a face guard adequate to protect the face.

7. Players shall not wear jewelry of any kind. No watches, rings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings or hat pins. Exception: The sports necklaces (like the pros wear) are approve provide they have the break a way clasp. Caps must be worn in the forward position under a batting or catchers' helmet. Shirt tails must be worn inside the pants.

## INFIELD WARM UP AND TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

1. Have your line up turned in to the scorekeeper 20 minutes before your scheduled game time. Use the names your players go by on the line up. Provide the opposing coach a copy of your line up.

2. Do not go on to the tournament field until the PA announcer calls you on to the field. No warm up shall be allowed on the field. Loosen players up before going to the dugout.

3. The PA announcer will call the teams to the dugout approximately 25 minutes before game time. The PA announcer will tell you when to take your infield practice and will give you a one-minute warning. Please leave the field when announcer calls time. You will be given 5 minutes of infield practice before each game. Due to delays, thee tournament director has the authority to eliminate or reduce the time of infield practice.

4. After infield practice, the teams will be introduced--visitors first and home second. This is to be done prior to each game.

5. The national anthem shall be played, and the teams and umpires shall meet at the mound for prayer before each game starts. Home team is responsible for leading the prayer. Due to religious preference, the prayer is not mandatory for anyone who does not want to participate.

## THE GAME

1. There will be a pre-game meeting with the umpires before your first game the first day only to go over ground rules and to answer any questions.

2. These games are for the kids, not the adults. Anything that can be done by the players is to be done by them. Players must warm up the pitcher, not the coaches.

3. Three coaches dressed alike will be the only coaches allowed on the field or in the dugout. No scorekeepers or batboys are allowed (four coaches for T-ball and "AA").

4. Coaches and players must stay in the dugouts. They shall not leave the field without permission. You may request the time out, but the umpire is the only one who can grant the time out. Coaches are not allowed to sit on buckets outside the dugout.

5. Helmets must always be worn when on the field. Players must wear helmets when they return to the dugout from a base.

6. Coaches are permitted to stand by pitchers warming up between innings as long as they do not delay the pitcher's warm up or slow the game down. Base coaches can leave the coaches box during a defensive time out. If the catcher is on base when the inning ends, have another player warm up your pitcher while catcher is getting equipment on.

7. Official baseball playing rules, as currently in use by professional baseball major leagues are what we play by except where changed by the DYB book. The Texas Rule Book as rule exceptions for Division II, 9-U and 11-U. T-Ball Rules are found in the Texas Rule Book.

8. Batter must not wave or shake the bat to distract the pitcher. A batter cannot fake bunt and then pull the bat back and hit the ball. On the first occurrence, there will be a team warning to the coach. Upon the second occurrence, the coach shall be ejected from the game.

9. All games will be six inning games (exception 15-run rule after 3 innings or 2 ½ innings if home team is ahead and 10-run rule after 4 innings or 3 1/2 if home team is ahead). The home team will not bat bottom half of sixth inning if ahead. All batters must have also batted before stopping the game. T-Ball also has an 8-run rule after five innings or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.

10. All Division I and Division II games will be played with a 1 hour 45 minute time limit. Exception: Championship and "If Necessary" Games shall be played with no time limit. T-Ball games will be played with a (1) hour 30 minute time limit.

11. Offensive Participation Requirements for AAA and Ozone Divisions I & II  
At the start of the game, all available players on each tournament team roster will be listed in the starting offensive batting lineup and bat in this order until all have completed one time at bat. After all players in the initial batting lineup have batted once, the official offensive batting lineup will revert to the first nine players listed in the original batting lineup for the remainder of the game. All players below ninth position may be used as substitutions for a player in the top nine positions and bat in that player's place.

13. (Continuous Batting Order) A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher. The last player in the line-up to have made an out must be used as the courtesy runner. Courtesy runners are not permitted for other playing positions unless the player is injured while on base. The same player cannot be used to run for both the pitcher and catcher positions. Exception: No courtesy runners are allowed in T-Ball games.

14. In Tee Ball a runner may advance as many bases as possible on an over throw.

15. A batter be called out after a one warning for slinging a bat.

16. The DYB Tournament Director should have a lightning detector or have a lightning detector app on his phone and be watching the radar during a game that is being threatened with bad weather. Umpires should consult with the DYB Tournament Director before stopping a game.