

Texas Teenage State rule changes / clarifications 2026-2027 Rule book

1. Zoom/Teams meeting for towns who submit State applications.
 - Order of selection based on Zoom/Teams meeting.
 - Application form has been updated.
2. State & District fees (To be included on application form).
3. Deadline for requesting District tournaments to April 15th.
4. End of season dates: 2026 June 5th TTAS, June 12th TTAB; 2027 June 4th TTAS, June 11th TTAB.
5. If local leagues want to cut off at 13 players, it must be in their written bylaws. This is regarding when signups are completed. If it is not in their bylaws, leagues cannot cut off until 15 players.
6. Leagues cannot cut off/end regular registration before their posted registration dates have completed.
7. Added wording to rulebook to stress the importance for town's responsibility when entering in team rosters regarding correct spelling of player names and correct birthday.
8. Boundary line wording and procedure for player pool.
9. Team rosters must be submitted prior to the team's first scheduled game.
 - Penalty: any game played before submission of roster will be a forfeit.
10. All tournament rosters MUST BE SUBMITTED By Noon on the following Sunday after the end of the regular season.
 - Penalty: Coach may be suspended for their team's first two tournament games.
11. Deadline for scholarship applications to May 1st.
12. No big barrel bats allowed in 6u girls Tball.
 - Must be no larger than 2 1/4 in diameter. All bats must have the correct stamps or says Tball.
13. Choke up devices on bats are not allowed in Boys or girls divisions.
 - If used/discovered, it will be regarded as altering a bat.
14. DH (Designated Hitter) will only be allowed in 10u, 12u and 14u baseball.

15. Boys age chart will remain the same with the exception of wording to read “All Boys Divisions will play under the age as of August 31st of the current year.”

16. In girls 10u, dropped 3rd strike rule to be in effect.

- (In last rulebook, dropped 3rd strike rule was not in effect.)

17. Team roster will remain tied to team (not the coach).

- If a team has 3 or fewer returning overall players, that team may dissolve at the discretion of the local league board.

18. Walk up music and team music guidelines added to rulebook to include regular season and district/State tournaments.

19. Added wording to rule book to include batter will be declared out if the pitching coach interferes with defensive player.

20. Change wording in rule book to discuss wording regarding “removed from the game” to “confined to the dugout” to help eliminate confusion.

21. In Boys 6u and Girls 6u, Boys 8u and in Boys 10u tight bases, if a runner leaves before the ball is hit/reaches the batter with 2 outs, and the ball is hit fair, no run may score.

22. Playoff pickup player process to be standardized selection process.

23. Coin flip for all games including championship/if needed to remain in district and State.

24. In tournament games, all games will be played out in their entirety when required to stop due to rain, lightning, etc. (No more shortened games due to weather.)

25. In tournament games, TIE BREAKER RULE: A tie – breaker process will be used for all games that time has expired or reached the completion of required innings.

a. Begin every half inning with 1 out.

26. Added to rule book to address 1st, 2nd and if applicable, 3rd place teams deciding not to go to playoffs, those players will not be eligible to be picked up for playoffs.

27. Added wording to rulebook to where if needed and approved by the local state director, 3rd place teams may need to advance to district or state tournaments.

28. Added wording to the rulebook to better explain how to perform tournament bracket draw for 3rd and 4th place teams.

29. Added wording to the rulebook for changing how to draw 1st and 2nd place teams to allow better placement on bracket.

30. Added wording to rulebook to define when a team replaces another team in district or advancement to state, any team moving up will assume the new position rank.

31. Added wording to rulebook to better instruct umpires about checking bats and equipment before ALL games.

32. In tournament play, All coaches must report all lineup card changes to the official/Home plate umpire including all subs, courtesy runners, changes in pitcher/catcher, and putting the EH in for qualifications.

-Penalty: 1st offense, will be team warning. 2nd offense, illegal substitution penalty will be applied. The player and coach will be removed from the game and confined to the dugout for remainder of the game.

33. Added wording to rulebook to better explain wording for pitch count violations to include coaches' responsibility and ANY violation will result in coach ejection.

34. Tournament guidelines to include expanded wording for district and state host MUST verify/check all playoff rosters with birth certificates AND report changes to the state office with state director's approval.

35. Tournament guidelines to include expanded wording for how protest must be handled at tournament games. Including stop the clock and must go through tournament protest committee.

36. Add wording to rulebook, better explaining when a pitcher becomes a pitcher.

37. Boys Safety Base – Will be optional for league play. In tournament play, 1st base safety base will not be used in all boys' divisions.

38. Time limits in tournament play for 12u boys will be 1 hour 30 mins.