



## 2019 Battle For Texas Softball Rules

Sportsmonkey will follow ASA rules with the following exceptions:

- There must be 10 players in the field at all times (at least 4 females). (THERE MUST BE ATLEAST 1 FEMALE IN THE OUTFIELD). SM rules will allow a team to play with a minimum of 8 players (at least 2 females). If a team has less than the minimum required number of players, it is up to the opponent and/or umpire or SM staff as to what is allowable. There is no MAX to the # of male or female batters as long as the team keeps the same guy/girl order. Players may substitute freely throughout the game in the field.
- **Game mercy rule:** 12 after 4 complete innings, 10 after five complete innings. There is not a run per inning limit. SWING AWAY!!
- **Home Runs: 1+1up. All balls hit afterwards are outs.**
- Games are 55 minutes or 7 innings. Should a team not have enough players to start a game, the clock will start and that team has until 45 minutes left on the game clock to field the minimum number of players. All playoff games are 55 minutes.
- All batters will start with a 1 ball / 1 strike count. Once a batter has 2 strikes, the next batted ball must be hit fair or the batter is out. There is no extra foul ball. Teams are allowed 1 pinch runner, per inning (M and F). Runner can be anyone in the order.
- **Legal Bat Rule:** All 2013 USSSA/ASA stamped bats as well as any legal bat used in 2012 are eligible to be used. Not to exceed 1.20 BPF
- **Pitching:** A legal pitch must have an arc of 6 to 10 feet by the pitcher. Any pitch that is not deemed legal will be an automatic ball. **Pump faking is not allowed.**
- **Walk Rule:** A walk to a male batter will result in a two base award & the next female batter shall bat. If no outs, or one out, the next female batter MUST BAT. With two outs, the next female has the option to walk or bat.
- In the event of a tie at the end of a regulation pool game, 1 “one-pitch” extra inning will be used to determine a winner. If no winner after the 1 inning, the result will be a tie. During single elimination games, a winner will be determined.
- Flip-flop rule is **NOT** in effect.
- No metal spikes allowed!!
- All players MUST sign the roster/waiver before entering play
- Remember that we are just playing a game! Have Fun!!!