

2020 USSSA/North Texas Rules

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1. Minimum playing age is 18 – NO Exceptions!
2. The ball is live and in play when the batter hits a first foul after one strike.
3. The batter must set up with his back foot no further than home plate. Any forward stride will be allowed. The batter will be called out, when either one or both of his feet are in contact with the ground COMPLETELY outside the lines of the batter's box in front of home plate or when his foot is in contact with home plate while contact is made with the ball. Any batter, who runs forward through the batter's box to hit a ball will be judged in or out of the box at the time they contact the ball.
4. Any "Bump" player for Men's, Women's or Mixed teams MUST be listed on a team's qualified (10) Players or more online roster for Tournaments beginning March 1st. No "Bump" players are allowed to be written in to a roster after March 1st. If a "Bump" player(s) is not listed and is caught playing illegally, the penalty is a tournament forfeiture and the coach and player(s) will be suspended for a period of 60 days.
5. Mixed Player Bump Rule
 - a) Just like last years mixed bump rule, for example, a men's C player who is playing on a men's D team can play on a mixed D team.
 - b) Also like last year's mixed rule, for example, a women's C player can play on a mixed D team.
 - c) UNLIKE last year's mixed bump rule, a 2020 Mixed team can ONLY have a total of three (3) of these players listed above as "bump players" on their team's online roster at any time. No "bump players" are allowed to write in to a roster.
 - d) EXCEPTION...a mixed E team can have as many women's D players as needed.
 - e) EXCEPTION...a men's or women's bump player must be an active participant on a legal and actively participating team to be eligible to be a "bump" on a lesser classified Mixed team.
 - f) The State Director has the right to reclassify a mixed team at ANY time during the Season.
 - g) This rule will be played through the NTX State tournaments. It will not be played at BLD (unless otherwise stated in their rules).
6. Mixed Player Rules – A team may play either 5/5, 6/6 or 6/4 during NTX tournaments.
 - a) If mixed team has 5 females, they MUST play 5 females.
 - b) If a team plays using the 6/4 format, a female must bat 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th. Men must bat 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th.
 - c) If a team using the 6/4 format and a 5th female arrives during the game, the team MUST play 5/5. The 5th female will be inserted into the 9th batting position immediately and the male originally in that batting position is now done for the game. Also, when playing 6/4, if a female has to be removed from the original lineup for any reason, a forfeit will be called. There is no substitution for the original 4 females.
 - d) A team CANNOT play 7/3 or 7/5.
 - e) This rule will be played in all NTX tournaments including NTX State tournaments. It will not be played at BLD (unless otherwise stated in their rules).
7. Once a player signs an online waiver, he no longer needs to approve his addition to a team's online roster. The player will be given 48 hours to deny being added to that roster. If no response within that 48 hours, his roster addition will be confirmed.

8. Bat Testing Procedure – If a bat is tested and fails, that bat will be removed from play and tagged with the owner and team name. The bat will be stored until the team is eliminated from the event and returned to the owner.
9. Playing Illegal – Penalty
 - a) Tournament forfeiture
 - b) For both coach and player(s) – 60 days suspension from any and all USSSA Tournament and League play.
10. Guest Player (Projected by June 2020)
 - a) A “Guest Player” can be added to another team’s online roster without being removed from his current team’s online roster.
 - b) The “Guest Player” will be automatically removed from the “new” roster at the conclusion of the tournament (Monday).
11. No DHH
12. 2020 Homerun limitations per game and per team, by program

Program	Homeruns	Once Limit Has Been Reached
Men's Major	16	Out
Men's Class AA	12	Out
Men's Class A	10	Out
Men's Class B	8	Out
Men's Class C	5	Out
Men's Class D	3	Out and inning ending
Men's Class E	1	Out and inning ending
Women's Class AA	Unlimited	N/A
Women's Class A	6	Out
Women's Class B	4	Out
Women's Class C	2	Out
Women's Class D	1	Out and inning ending
Women's Class E	0	Out and inning ending
Mixed Major Male	8	Out
Mixed Major Female	Unlimited	N/A
Mixed B Male & Female	6	Out
Mixed C Male & Female	4	Out
Mixed D Male & Female	2	Out and inning ending
Mixed E Male & Female	0	Out and inning ending

13. Player(s) must qualify to be eligible for reclassification by completing the following tasks:
 - a) A player must be on a team's roster by April 30th and remain on that roster until after the State tournament.
 - b) A player must play a minimum of six (6) qualifying tournaments with that team to be eligible to reclassify
 - c) Players' team must play in the State tournament
 - d) A player must sign his team's State tournament roster
 - e) Complete the Individual Reclassification Petition and send to the State Director from the January 1st – March 31st time period.
 - f) Final approval is by the National Classification Committee
14. A player requesting to reclassify their PRV can complete the individual reclassification petition between January 1st and March 31st.
15. A team requesting to reclassify that was bumped by the National Classification Committee for 2020 can complete the team reclassification petition AFTER playing in a minimum of four (4) tournaments (250 tournaments are not included). The deadline to submit the petition to the State Director is July 15th.
16. If a team is NOT playing in a USSSA World tournament, their online roster will NOT be locked or frozen at any time.