# USA SOFTBALL <br> Texas State Championship <br> GOLD and SILVER RULES - 10U, 12U, 14U <br> Gold-formerly "B" : Silver-formerly "C" <br> <br> 10 \& U SILVER - BRACKET RULES 

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A Player's Age is determined as of December 31.

- Nine Players on the field - team may start with eight players.
- Base Distance is $\mathbf{6 0}$ feet; Double Base to be used at first.
- Pitching Distance is $\mathbf{3 5}$ feet.
- Game Time Limit - (7) innings or 1 hour and 20 minutes. (No new inning may start after time limit is up, unless the game is tied).
- Infield Fly Rule is in effect.
- Helmets with NOCSA approved Face Guard are required for batters and base runners.
- Softball - 11 inch.
- Illegal pitch will be called.
- Third Strike Rule: Not in effect. Batter cannot advance on dropped third strike.
- Run Limit is six (6) runs per each half inning.
- Base Stealing if allowed to Third Base.
a. On a base on balls, batter/runner is allowed $1^{\text {st }}$ base only.
b. Runners starting at first base are entitled to steal one (1) base only, per pitch, with liability to be put out.
c. A runner, attempting to advance beyond the one base they are entitled to steal, may be put out while between bases. A runner cannot be put out while in sole contact with a base.
d. After all play ceases, and the ball becomes dead, if the runner occupied a base beyond the one the runner is entitled to steal, the runner will be returned to the correct base without liability to be put out.
e. A runner may advance from third base only by the following:

1. Illegal Pitch
2. Hit Ball
3. Forced Walk
4. Dead Ball
