## USA SOFTBALL

## Texas State Championship GOLD and SILVER RULES – 10U, 12U, 14U

Gold-formerly "B": Silver-formerly "C"

## 10 & U SILVER - BRACKET RULES

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

- Nine Players on the field team may start with eight players.
- Base Distance is 60 feet; Double Base to be used at first.
- Pitching Distance is 35 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 1st 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