



# SONS OF THUNDER

## SONS OF THUNDER ATHLETIC CLUB – ADDENDUM TO MEN’S SOFTBALL RULES

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In the interest of providing the highest quality of competition and promoting fairness, the Sons of Thunder Athletic Club shall use the following amendments to the rules of the Supporting AHJ and Associations. These amendments shall supersede other rules where applicable:

### **I. Eligibility**

- a. Participation on a Sons of Thunder Athletic Club (“Club”) team requires membership with the club, whether as a full team member or as a substitute. Member registration can be found on our website [sonsofthunderdfw.com](http://sonsofthunderdfw.com)
- b. Substitute Players can only be fielded to a total lineup of up to 12 players. Substitute players must bat at the end of the lineup to give priority to roster members. Players from other teams in the league can act as substitutes if approved by the opposing coach in advance.
- c. Substitute Players cannot be used in any Playoff Games. Each team must field only members assigned to their Roster for playoff games.

### **II. Rosters**

- a. Players cannot be added to a team’s roster after the 6th game of the season, UNLESS another team member is disabled, disqualified, ineligible, or quits for the remainder of the season.
- b. Any players that quit for the remainder of a season may be moved to the Substitute List, but will be unable to return to the Roster for that season.

### **III. Playing Rules**

- a. Bats
  - i. Both USSSA and ASA/USA Bats shall be allowed.
- b. Balls
  - i. All Game Balls must meet the same specifications as the Game Balls provided by the AHJ.

**c. Pitching**

- i. All pitches shall be delivered from the Pitching Plate located 50' away from the back of Home Plate per USSSA rules. The pitchers foot must be in contact with the pitching plate when the ball is released. Existence of an alternate pitching plate does not allow use of that pitching plate.**

**d. Stealing**

- i. USA Softball Rules – Rule 8, Section 4 shall be in effect during all games ONLY WHEN THE BATTING TEAM IS DOWN BY 8 OR MORE RUNS:**
  - 1. In summary:**
    - a. Runners may advance when a pitched ball, legal or illegal, reaches the front edge of home plate.**
      - i. Runners deemed by the umpire to have left their base early shall be declared out.**
    - b. Pitched balls that land in front of home plate or strike the plate itself shall be declared dead balls and no runner may advance.**
    - c. If the batting team catches up to 7 or fewer runs, stealing is disallowed until they are losing by 8 or more runs again.**

**e. Enforcement**

- i. All coaches are responsible for identifying violations of these rules and bringing them to the attention of the Umpire or Director. All of these rules have been agreed upon by the leadership team so please be respectful of other teams and ensure your team is following them.**