



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
- b. Substitute Players can only be fielded to augment a team up to 12 total players. All available registered Roster members can play in a game, even if there are more than 12 players. However, if there are more than 12 Roster members playing, no subs can be used.

II. Rosters

- a. Players cannot be added to a team’s roster after the 5th 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.
- c. During the regular season, each team will submit 3 “average skill” players for the Playoff Substitute List. The List will then be available for Playoff teams that are unable to field a complete team for their playoff games. No opposing coach approval will be necessary for any player on the Playoff Substitute List.

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, or from any pitching plate behind the primary pitching plate. USSSA rules state that one of the pitcher's feet must be in contact with the pitching plate at the moment the pitch is released.**
- ii. In addition to the typical "Halo" rule that protects the pitcher from hard line-drives in their safety zone, hard ground balls that hit the ground in front of the pitcher and either hit the pitcher or their safety zone may also be called as a "Halo" out. This is 100% a judgement call by the umpire and therefore cannot be argued.**

d. Stealing

- i. USA Softball Rules – Rule 8, Section 4 shall be in effect during all games, usable only by the losing team when 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.**