



Texas Shootout Rules:

Each team will play a minimum of two games.

Each batter will start with 2 balls and 2 strikes

Each team will be co-ed, with 10 players in the field. A minimum of 4 women should be on the field at all times. A team batting lineup may contain 12 players with the extra one or two players as additional batters.

Batting orders may not have more than 2 men in succession.

The minimum age for players is 14 or entering 9th grade. No maximum age limit.

There will be no intentional walks. If the umpire determines a walk to be intentional the next player will have the option of taking a walk.

Substitutions are unlimited as long as a substitute of a single person always occurs in the same order in the batting line up. For example two players may rotate every inning as long as they bat in the same order in lineup.

Players will slide into home if a play is being made. The defensive player should not block the plate. Safety is the important concept here, and the umpire will use his/her discretion in making a call.

At the time the ball is hit all defensive outfielders must be positioned in the grass, in the outfield. All infielders must be positioned behind imaginary straight line between bases. If the umpire sees a violation of either rule, the hitting team will be given the choice of taking the result of the play or walk.

The maximum run a team may score, per inning, is 7, except for the final inning. If the game is going to be long, the umpire may announce before the inning that it will be the final inning.

Each Texas shootout game is limited to an hour.

No metal cleats may be worn.

Illegal softball bats are not allowed. For a list of non-approved bats go to:

http://www.softball.org/about/certified_equipment.asp