

# **2015 Top Gun Softball EXCEPTION RULES**

## **AGE REQUIREMENTS**

GIRLS 8 & UNDER CANNOT TURN 9 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015  
GIRLS 10 & UNDER CANNOT TURN 11 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015  
GIRLS 12 & UNDER CANNOT TURN 13 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015  
GIRLS 14 & UNDER CANNOT TURN 15 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015  
GIRLS 16 & UNDER CANNOT TURN 17 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015  
HS DIVISION CANNOT TURN 19 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015

## **AGE GROUPS, BASE PATH, & PITCHING DISTANCE**

GIRLS 8 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 35 FEET PITCHING PLAY 6 INNINGS  
GIRLS 10 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 35 FEET PITCHING PLAY 6 INNINGS  
GIRLS 12 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 40 FEET PITCHING PLAY 7 INNINGS  
GIRLS 14 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 43 FEET PITCHING PLAY 7 INNINGS  
GIRLS 16 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 43 FEET PITCHING PLAY 7 INNINGS  
GIRLS 18 & UNDER 60 FEET BASE, 43 FEET PITCHING PLAY 7 INNINGS

## **BAT & BALL**

USE THE HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION RULE ON BATS AND BALLS  
8 & 10 Under use an 11" Ball

## **RUNNERS FOR THE PITCHER AND CATCHER**

EACH TEAM MAY USE A RUNNER FOR THE PITCHER OR  
CATCHER IF SO DESIRED. THE RUNNER MUST BE AN ELIGIBLE  
SUBSTITUTE AND IF NO SUBSTITUTES ARE AVAILABLE YOU  
MAY USE THE ATHLETE WHO MADE THE LAST OUT.  
**PITCHER AND CATCHER MAY NOT RUN FOR EACH OTHER.**

## **INTENTIONAL WALK**

Pitcher does not have to pitch to the batter.  
Batter can be put on 1st base just by the coach of the opposing team telling the umpire to do so.

## **TEAMS HAVE THE OPTION OF BATTING THE ENTIRE LINE-UP IF THEY DESIRE**

Teams have the option of batting 9 players up to their entire roster if desired. The rule to bat more than 9 is not mandatory and is left up to each individual team.

If all rostered players bat, there will be no subs and an injury or sickness is an out when that position comes up to bat. You may use the last recorded OUT MADE to be the courtesy runner if you are batting the entire lineup. If you are not batting the entire line-up, then a sub or burnt sub must be used as courtesy runner or if no subs available the Last Batted out can be used.

**Teams may choose 1 of the following: Each team is on their own and may choose their own way to play regardless of what the other team decides to do.**

1. Bat Entire Line-Up
2. Bat 9 players (may use DH if so desired)
3. Bat 10 or 11 this is using up to 2 EP's (No DH is allowed)

EJECTIONS: In case of an ejection-and NO eligible subs are available that position will be OUT at each at bat. High School Federation-DH Rule: Top Gun will allow the DH rule. Teams that choose to use a DH, they must follow NFHS rule, and only bat 9 players.

## **TEAMS MUST HAVE 8 PLAYERS TO START**

A TEAM MUST BE ABLE TO FIELD AT LEAST 8 PLAYERS IN ORDER TO START A GAME. THE 9<sup>TH</sup> BATTING POSITION WILL BE AN OUT. THE 9<sup>TH</sup> PLAYER MAY BE INSERTED AT ANYTIME UPON ARRIVAL.

**TEAMS MUST HAVE 8 PLAYERS TO FINISH**  
TEAMS MAY FINISH WITH 8 PLAYERS DUE TO INJURY  
OR EJECTION. EACH POSITION IN THE BATTING ORDER  
THAT IS VACATED WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC OUT

**NO METAL CLEATS**

NO METAL CLEATS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE  
8, 10, & 12 UNDER

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL & 14 UNDER DIVISIONS WILL BE  
ALLOWED TO WEAR METAL CLEATS.**

**INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER RULE**

TO START EACH EXTRA INNING OF A TIED BALL GAME, THE  
FOLLOWING PROCEDURE MAY BE USED, WITH ALL OTHER  
GAME RULES APPLYING.

1. TO START THE EXTRA INNING THE VISITING TEAM WILL  
PLACE THE LAST OUT RECORDED DURING THE PREVIOUS  
INNING, AS A RUNNER AT 2<sup>ND</sup> BASE.
2. TO COMPLETE THE EXTRA INNING THE HOME TEAM WILL  
PLACE THE LAST OUT RECORDED DURING THE PREVIOUS  
INNING AS A RUNNER AT SECOND BASE.
3. PLAY EACH EXTRA INNING UNTIL THREE OUTS ARE  
RECORDED.
4. CONTINUE WITH THIS PROCEDURE UNTIL A WINNER IS  
DECIDED.

**SAFETY GUARDS AND SHIELDS ON HELMETS**

TOP GUN REQUIRES ALL ATHLETES TO USE THE SAFETY  
GUARDS AND SHIELDS ON ALL BATTING HELMETS.

PENALTY FOR NOT WEARING THE SAFETY GUARDS AND  
SHIELDS WILL RESULT IN A WARNING, IF PLAYER DOES NOT  
ACT ON WARNING IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL RESULT TO THE  
PLAYER BEING EJECTED FROM GAME.

## **MOUTH PIECES**

TOP GUN REQUIRES ALL ATHLETES WHO PLAY ON THE INFIELD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CATCHER TO WEAR A MOUTH PIECE OR FACE PROTECTIVE GEAR DURING PLAY.

PENALTY FOR NOT WEARING THE MOUTH PIECE WILL RESULT IN A WARNING, IF PLAYER DOES NOT ACT ON WARNING IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL RESULT TO THE PLAYER BEING EJECTED FROM GAME.

## **GAME FACE**

GAME FACE IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PITCHERS.

## **JEWELRY**

NO JEWELRY WILL BE ALLOWED AT ANYTIME ON THE PLAYING FIELD. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PHITEN BREAK AWAY NECKLACES.

PENALTY FOR NOT REMOVING JEWELRY WILL BE EJECTION OF PLAYER FROM GAME.

## **PLAYER PICK-UP RULES**

Teams may pick-up players to fill their roster at any time, provided that the player they are picking up is not a member of a team that is scheduled to play in the same tournament.

If you pick-up players, you must add them to your online roster and turn in a week-end roster with the pick-up players added to your original roster. This will not in anyway affect your original roster it just lets me know for insurance purposes etc., that you have a pick-up player for the weekend.

**If Division Brackets are already set** and teams have been divided into "A", "AA", "B", and "BB" Divisions prior to the beginning of the event, you must either pick-up players from a team that would normally be in your division or if for example you are scheduled to play in the "B" bracket and you pick-up a player from an "A" division team that player **may not PITCH**

for your team. You may let them play any other position however we must not let a "A" Division Pitcher fill in on a "AA", "B", or "BB" team as a pitcher. **(Penalty: Player and Head Coach are ejected) Player may not return to play in tournament and Head Coach has to sit his next ball game.**

**AGE ELIGIBLE Players PITCHER Exception:** If the team that the pitcher played for previously in a higher bracket has not won a Championship game in the higher brackets then that athlete will be allowed to play as a pitcher.

If the team that the pitcher played for previously in a higher bracket has won a Championship game in the higher brackets then that athlete will only be allowed to pitch in the A division. So, if you are less than an A team and pick-up an age eligible athlete that has been playing in a higher age division and won then you must enter your team as an A team if you want her to pitch. She may play any other position at your current level but if you want her to pitch it must be in the A bracket.

Example: 12u eligible but plays on a 14u team full time. Her 14u team has won a tournament this season and you are a 12u B team and you want her to pitch for you as a pick-up player then you would have to enter as an A division team. **(Penalty: Player and Head Coach are ejected) Player may not return to play in tournament and Head Coach has to sit his next ball game.**