Houston Regional Protocols

- Game times will be 1 hour 40 minutes, finish the inning or 7 innings.
- Run Rule will be 10, 8, 6 after 3, 4, 5
- We will follow NFHS rules, but with Triple Crown line up modifications and pitching. See website.
- Home plate meetings will need to be distanced and 6ft apart. Will flip for home and away.
- Pool Play Games can end in a tie.
- One scorecard will be handed to the home plate umpire of each game to report scores online, by our TC staff.
- **Game Softballs-** Each team will be given a dozen balls for the tournament. These are your responsibility to disinfectant AND shag in your own dugout. Your balls will be used when your team is on defense. Umpires should not have to touch softballs. Teams will need to be on their toes to make sure softballs are available.
- **Masks-** Do not have to be worn while playing or coaching during a game. However, they are REQUIRED FOR ALL ŞPECTATORS AND FANS. Players and coaches in transition or while not playing, will need a mask.
- **Sanitizer- Teams are to provide and do their own sanitizer in the dugouts** and to clean your own game balls. This is upon entering and exiting.
- Meetings at the pitchers mound- coach and other players must remain outside the circle.
- No Team Huddles at any time. During a game or anywhere in the facility.
- **Dugouts-** please hang all bags and equipment on the outside of the smaller dugout or if a larger dugout, spaced 6ft or distanced. Smaller dugouts, to remain socially distance by team, may need to extend out down the foul line and/or into the behind Homeplate area. After the completion of your game and you are moving dugouts, please exit immediately and clean your dugout or exit the facility immediately and straight to your cars.
- **Spectators** and fans are allowed at all facilities, but must be aware of distancing. NO gathering or groups of people are allowed. 6ft apart at all times. Families can sit together. If your team is in the first base dugout, please keep all fans spaced out down the 1st base or right field line. Third base dugout, please keep all fans spaced out down the 3rd base or left field foul line. No spectators allowed in the outfield behind the temporary fencing or directly behind home plate. Bring your own lawn chair.
- Restrooms are open and available but will be a two-person max. and spots marked for 6ft distancing. No gathering.
- Concessions will be available, but keep social distance and no gathering or forming lines.
- No spitting, seeds, or chewing.
- No postgame handshakes….try a wave or get creative.
- No Sharing Equipment

Please, please, please be respectful of all TC staff, City Crews, and supervisors if they ask you to do something or change something to help us stay socially distanced and in compliance with all orders. And thank you for being patient with us as we navigate the daily changes and new normal!

To continue with our Protect the Game and supporting our officials,

we will adhere to the following for league play:

" Coaches may not enter the playing field to dispute any calls made during the game. If a legitimate question about a rule interpretation exists, the HEAD COACH ONLY may request time to discuss it with the umpires. This discussion will take place at home plate, maintaining social distancing. Once the question has been asked and a ruling made, no further discussion shall be allowed. Respectful conversations on matters of rule are encouraged when necessary. All other calls and matters under umpires purview are not to be argued, and under no circumstances may anyone leave their position in a coaches box or a dugout to dispute such a call. For violation of these provisions, a warning shall be issued to the offending team. Failure to immediately comply with this rule following the warning, or any subsequent violation by the offending team, shall result in the offending person and the head coach being ejected from the contest."

WARNING

YOU ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FOR:

Verbal or physical abuse of an official

Foul or profane language towards an official

Relentless questioning or ridicule of an official

Enjoy the game and don't confront officials

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Tournament Rules

General Triple Crown Fastpitch Tournament Rules*:
Triple Crown is not a sanctioning body, but in several events will follow basic National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Softball rules with a few modifications that are listed below..

PITCHING MODICATION:
While the pitcher takes the signal, her stride foot may be on or behind the pitcher's plate as far back as desired. Once the pitcher initially sets the toe of her stride foot, she CANNOT move it to increase the distance behind the pitcher's plate. In addition, the pitcher must take or appear to take a signal while in the pitching and signal-taking positions.

INTENTIONAL WALKS:
All pitches including a pitchout must be legally pitched to the catcher and ball is live.

COURTESY RUNNER: We will be using the written NFHS courtesy runner rule, which states the courtesy runner must be an eligible sub that has not been in the game at any capacity.

LINEUP MODIFICATIONS:
Any option listed below may be used:
Option 1: Straight nine- Those nine can play any position on defense without reporting to the umpire.
Option 2: DP/Flex- 10 players are listed on the line-up, but only 9 bat. The DP can bat for any player that you designate prior to the start of the game. That player is designated as the Flex and should be listed in the 10th spot on the line-up card. Any of the 10 players can play on defense. **Option 3:** EH/EP- This gives you the option to bat 10 players and any 9 can play defense. This player can be placed anywhere in the line-up.
Option 4: DP/Flex and the EP/EH- This allows you to have 11 players listed on the lineup, only 10 will bat any 9 of these players can play defensively. The Flex is listed at the bottom of the lineup.

Click **here** for a sample of lineups you can use during a game, if applicable.

Triple Crown Pool Play Rules:
Two-Way tie (Same Pool): 1. Win/Loss Record, 2. Head to Head, 3. Total Run Differential, 4. Least Runs Allowed, 5. Most Runs Scored, 6. Last Actual Run Differential (LAD) 7. Coin Flip.
Three-Way tie (Same Pool): 1. Total Run Differential, 2. Least Runs Allowed, 3. Most Runs Scored, 4. Last Actual Run Differential (LAD), 5. Coin Flip.
IMPORTANT: Maximum run spread per game is 7, regardless of score; forfeits scored 7-0.

It is NOT free substitution or bat your lineup during any game. Each team will need to turn in a lineup at the home plate meeting.

NO PROTEST TOURNAMENT
Teams listed first or on top of the bracket will occupy third base unless playing back-to-back.

Coaches and/or spectators who have been asked to leave the game must immediately depart the field and go to the parking lot. The ejected individual then must sit out the following game. Should an ejected coach/spectator not comply and begin to verbally/physically contest the ejection, the site director has the right to forfeit the game.

No player can play on two rosters during this event. If this is brought to the attention of the event director in a timely manner, the event director has the right to remove the team from the event. No player can play once they have entered college.

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Opponent: Straight Nine **Home or Away**

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

	#	NAME	POS.
1.	00	Anderson, A.	1
SUB			
2.	4	Paxton, B.	7
SUB			
3.	6	Rembao, T.	3
SUB			
4.	7	Hass, T.	8
SUB			
5.	12	Kleespies, B.	2
SUB			
6.	14	Rios, S.	9
SUB			
7.	17	Boruff, J.	6
SUB			
8.	19	Kovets, K.	5
SUB			
9.	21	Strub, K	4
SUB			
10.			
SUB			
11.			
SUB			

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Opponent: EP/EH - Bat 10 / Any 9 - play Defense **Home or Away**

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

	#	NAME	POS.
1.	00	Anderson, A.	1
SUB			
2.	4	Paxton, B.	2
SUB			
3.	6	Rembao, T.	8
SUB			
4.	7	Hass, T.	3
SUB			
5.	12	Kleespies, B.	4
SUB			
6.	14	Rios, S.	6
SUB			
7.	17	Boruff, J.	EP
SUB			
8.	19	Kovets, K.	5
SUB			
9.	21	Strub, K.	7
SUB			
10.	25	Anderson, H.	9
SUB			
11.			
SUB			

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Opponent: DP/Flex - Bat 9 **Home or Away**

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

	#	NAME	POS.
1.	00	Anderson, A.	3
SUB			
2.	4	Paxton, B.	2
SUB			
3.	6	Rembao, T.	7
SUB			
4.	7	Hass, T.	DP
SUB			
5.	12	Kleespies, B.	8
SUB			
6.	14	Rios, S.	4
SUB			
7.	17	Boruff, J.	5
SUB			
8.	19	Kovets, K.	6
SUB			
9.	21	Strub, K.	9
SUB			
10.	25	Anderson, H. (Does not bat, unless sub w/ DP)	Flex
SUB			
11.			
SUB			

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Opponent: DP, Flex & ~~EP/EH~~ Any 9 play Defense, 10 Batters, 11 in the game. **Home or Away**

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

~~* must still have subs on bench for courtesy runners~~

	#	NAME	POS.
1.	00	Anderson, A.	2
SUB			
2.	4	Paxton, B.	6
SUB			
3.	6	Rembao, T.	DP
SUB			
4.	7	Hass, T.	5
SUB			
5.	12	Kleespies, B.	9
SUB			
6.	14	Rios, S.	EP
SUB			
7.	17	Boruff, J.	8
SUB			
8.	19	Kovets, K.	3
SUB			
9.	21	Strub, K.	4
SUB			
10.	25	Anderson, H.	7
SUB			
11.	31	Dutour, A. (Does not bat, unless sub w/ DP)	Flex
SUB			