



R.S.P.A.

Recreational Slo-Pitch Association INFO PACKAGE - 2010

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Welcome to RSPA Coed Slo-Pitch for 2010!

RSPA is a coed (7M + 3F) non-profit, slo-pitch league for adults (16+/18+) based in Mississauga and Etobicoke. The League is entering its 29th year, and offers all levels from competitive to fun divisions.

No matter what the skill level, we have a division for you!

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see: www.slopitch1.com/rspa/calendar.html

- February-March, 2010
RSPA Executive meetings
- Saturday, February 20
RSPA Sno-Pitch Tournament
- Saturday, March 20
RSPA Sno-Pitch Tournament
- Sunday, April 4 - *see #40*
RSPA open practices start
Lavington Park, Etobicoke;
every Sunday at 10:00 am
- Tuesday, April 6 - *see #8*
First RSPA League Meeting
7:00 pm; Location: **Sky Bar**;
- Thursday, April 15 - *see #40*
Open Thursday practices start
Fleetwood Park, Mississauga;
every Thursday at 6:30 pm
- Monday, April 26 - *see#??*
Exhibition games start;
- Wednesday, April 28 - *see #42*
RSPA Umpires Clinic
Diamond Beach, Etobicoke;
- Thursday, April 29
Last open Thursday practice
Fleetwood Park, Mississauga;
- Tuesday, May 4 - *see #9*
Final RSPA League Meeting
Drop-in style, 6:00-11:00 pm;
Location: **TBA**;
- Thursday, May 6 - *see #19*
Regular season starts
- Saturday, May 8 - *see #??*
Bat Demo - Diamond Beach;
- Sat-Sun, May 8-9 - *see#27*
Slo-Pitch Tournament **NEW**
Diamond Beach, Etobicoke;
- Monday, May 24 - *see#26*
SPN initial roster due
- Tuesday, June 1 - *see#33*
Third league payment due
- Saturday, June 12 - *see#??*
RSPA Poker Night; TBA;
- Sat-Sun, June 12-13 - *see#27*
RSPA Slo-Pitch Tournament
Diamond Beach, Etobicoke;
- Tuesday, June 15 - *see#??*
Uniform deadline
- Thursday, July 1 - *see#??*
Final roster deadline
- Friday, July 9 - *see#31*
RSPA Volleyball Night
Diamond Beach, Etobicoke;
- Sat-Sun, July 24-25 - *see#27*
RSPA Slo-Pitch Tournament
Diamond Beach, Etobicoke;
- Friday, August 6 - *see#35*
Banquet deposit due - \$240
- Friday, August 13 - *see#22*
RSPA All-Star Night/Barbecue
- Thu, August 12 (est) - *see#??*
RSPA Playoffs start
- Saturday, August 21 - *see#33*
RSPA Poker Night
- Sat-Sun, Aug 21-22 - *see#27*
RSPA Slo-Pitch Tournament
Diamond Beach, Etobicoke;
- Sept 30 / Oct 4 (est)
RSPA Season ends
- Saturday, October 16
RSPA League Awards Banquet
Dinner & Dance - *see #35*
- Saturday, October 23
RSPA League Awards Banquet
Dinner & Dance - *see #35*

4. RSPA 2010 League Executive:

- President: Randy Warren
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- Executive Assistant: Jeff Warren
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Cell: 416-704-9767; (emergency only)
Res.: 905-840-9121; (emergency only)
- One of the requirements for our league status is that the league executive must be elected. A vote will be taken at the first League meeting.
- Any player wishing to run for the League Executive, or wishing to help out with any of the functions, please advise me.

5. RSPA League Costs for 2010:

- League fees stay the same at \$1250 per team; even tho increase in parks, insurance and SPN;
- | | Ret Team | New Team |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total for 2010: | \$ 1250.00 | \$ 1500.00 |
| April 6, 2010 | 200.00 | 300.00 |
| May 4, 2010 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| June 1, 2010 | 550.00 | 700.00 |
| LEAGUE FEES: | \$ 1250.00 | \$ 1500.00 |
| Tournament Fee: all teams - June 12 | \$ 310.00 | |
| (Tournament is mandatory for all league teams) | | |
| • Tournament fee is \$310; (other tourneys \$325) | | |
| Banquet deposit: due August 6, 2010 | \$ 240.00 | |
| (Banquet deposit 6 tickets x \$40.00 = \$240.00) | | |
| One of the lowest league fees in the Toronto area | | |
| Includes parks, permits, insurance, SPN registration, carded umpires, game balls and also subsidizes the league banquet, All-Star night, volleyball night, etc. | | |

- RSPA league fees are payable by cheque, money order, cash or Interac money transfer; cheques are payable to RSPA;
- No Mastercard or Visa accepted;
- Post-dated cheques are recommended for final payment, tournament & banquet deposit.
- \$20 fine for all late payments.
- Umpires will not accept cheques.
- Invoices and/or receipts are available.
- League fines for game defaults \$25 first time; \$50 for 2nd time, \$100 for 3rd game default;
- League fines \$10 for uniform fine or no bases, no pitching mat or no game ball;
- All fees and fines must be paid before play-offs start or teams do not play;
- Any team that does not get league fees and payments to the league on time will be fined; - it is **YOUR** responsibility to get the fees in; (it's not our responsibility to chase you for it)
- League deposit payments are non-refundable.

6. RSPA Receipts/Write-Offs:

- Did you know that you, or someone on your team can write off all or a portion of the RSPA league fees? Receipts are available made out to the person or company of your choice.

7. What Do Your League Fees Include:

What do your RSPA League fees include? and where does the money go?

Parks; permits; liability insurance; SPN carded umpires; game balls are supplied; web site; league awards; banquet & awards dance; All-Star Night & Free Barbecue; Volleyball Night; Poker Night; other social activities; Also, the RSPA League banquet is subsidized (did you really think we could have all you can eat, all you can drink, open bar for \$40 per person?)

8. First Team Rep Meeting:

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm

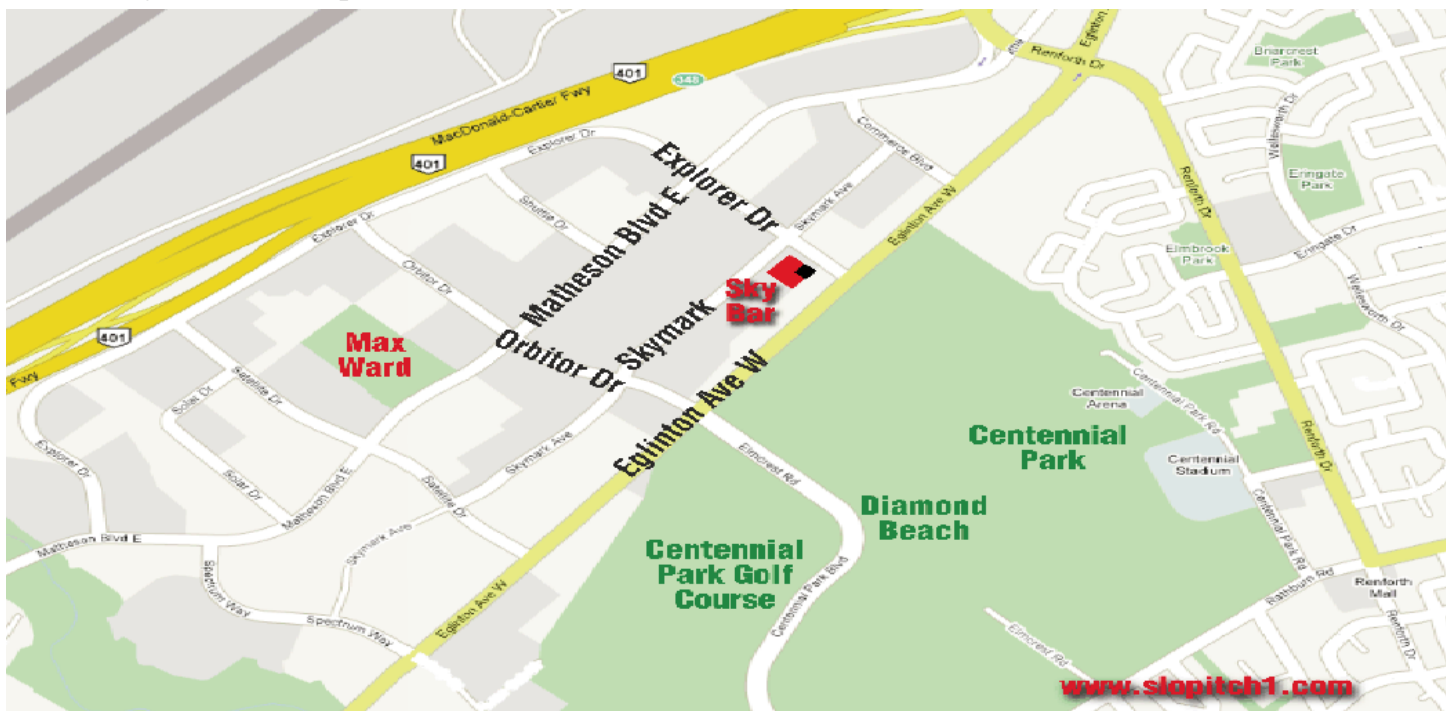
Location: **Sky Bar & Grill** **NEW**

2680 Skymark Ave, Mississauga (south side)
(one block north of Eglinton, west of Explorer Dr)

At This Meeting:

- You are required to bring cash, cheque or money order: \$300 for new teams, \$200 for returning teams. Receipts will be issued;

- You can pick up: League information, balls, maps, League rules, player release forms, banquet tickets, etc.
- We will have a display of team uniforms and new & used baseball equipment for sale, etc.
- Also, for “Team Rep Appreciation”, every team rep who attends the meeting will receive a free RSPA and/or SPN T-shirt!



9. Final Team Rep Meeting:

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Drop in style: anytime from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Location: **TBA****At This Meeting:**

- You are required to bring cash, cheque or money order: \$500 for second league payment; plus post-dated cheques for the balance of league fees, tournament fee and banquet deposit; Receipts will be issued; No Visa or M/C accepted;
- You can pick up: League schedules, roster forms, league information, balls, maps, rules, SPN rulebooks, scorebooks, player release forms, banquet tickets, etc.
- We will have a display of new & used baseball equipment for sale, team uniforms, etc.
- Also, for “Team Rep Appreciation”, every team rep who attends the meeting will receive a free RSPA and/or SPN t-shirt!

10. What’s New For 2010:

- New division formats; **NEW**
- New rules & penalties for illegal line-ups;
- New web site/schedule format;
- Umpires needed for 2010;

11. What Will Be Stressed For 2010:

- Rosters **MUST** be in on time; both SPN and text version must be submitted;
- Payments **MUST** be in on time;
- Fair play and gamemanship stressed for 2010; **REMEMBER - it’s only a game!**

12. Team Requirements:*Each team is required to supply the following:*

- Bases, including a double safe-base at first
- Mat, with a cut out around home plate (Mat must be a legal mat as per RSPA rules)
- Balls are supplied by the League. It is the teams’ responsibility to take them to the game. Home team supplies one new ball plus one used ball. Official ball for 2010 is the Steeles Grey Dot.
- Uniform tops (after the June 15 uniform deadline) may be as simple as matching colour t-shirts.
- Teams supply their own bats, baseball gloves, etc.
- See also Team Suggestions & Hints and F.A.Q.

13. Team Suggestions/Hints:

- Always carry a spare team shirt;
- Keep spare balls for parks where balls get lost;
- Always carry bases; double default if no bases;
- Get decent spikes and a hammer to put in bases
- Check directions to parks you have not been to;
- Park away from the ball diamonds; Balls will break car windows! Player’s car windows are NOT covered by our insurance.
- 6:30 is game start time - not arrival time; be there early, and if you are home team, make sure that the bases are in before 6:30.
- Know the league rules, there are some differences; always carry your rule book and a copy of the RSPA rules;
- If you are not sure ... ask; umpires and other team reps are very helpful;
- If the team rep goes away on holidays, please designate an alternate team rep for the time;
- Use the Game Report Forms; we want the input, what’s good, what’s bad;
- Check the other teams’ lineup/batting order before the game starts; If you notice an illegal lineup halfway through the game, everything up to that point counts; If you don’t notice an illegal lineup until the game is over, the game still counts;
- Check the score after every inning;
- **DO NOT CALL TO INQUIRE IF A GAME IS RAINED OUT!** Only the umpire has the ability to call a rain-out at the park; It may be raining where you are, but may be dry a mile away; If in doubt, check the web site; Any possible league wide rain-outs will be posted on the web site at 3:30 pm of game day and all team reps will be e-mailed;
- **REMEMBER - the goal is to have fun!** It is only a game!

14. New Team Rep Hints:

- **DELEGATE:** Delegate certain duties: - equipment, batting order, finances;
- Stress the fact that it is not just about showing up, playing ball and leaving; tell everybody to arrive early, time to warm up and chat before you play; after the game, do something, go somewhere and socialize, if not a bar, then somebody’s house;

15. RSPA on the Internet

- Check out RSPA Slo-Pitch on the internet at:
<http://www.slopitch1.com/rspa/>
e-mail: accent@slopitch1.com
alt e-mail: rwarre0463@rogers.com
- The web site includes all information: team schedules; game results and standings; league calendar; league rules; maps to parks; league forms; photos; history; etc.
- Scores, results and standings from league games are posted daily;
- Available on the web site are downloadable forms for player release forms, game report forms, scoresheets, tournament entry form, etc.
- For teams or players that are looking to hook up with me, my availability is listed on the web site;
- Also available on the web site are individual team pages; if your team wishes to have a team web page, send me your information and I will create your team web page, or send me your completed web pages, and I will post them;

16. Team Information Form:

- The “Team Information Form” must be completed by each team and submitted to the League.
- Please inform us of any changes in info.
- All teams MUST have a minimum of two valid e-mail contacts. A team may have as many e-mail contacts as you wish. All teams should have a cell phone contact for emergencies.

17. Parks/Diamonds & Nights:

- Maps and list of parks are attached to info package. (parks subject to change, even after season starts). See attached “Team Park/Night Preference Form.”
- All teams are required to play Max Ward, Diamond Beach, West Deane, Fleetwood and/or Dunton Park, as these parks are considered “central”.
- Please keep in mind that certain park/nights (such as Thursday night at Fleetwood Park) are requested by almost every team, and will have to be shared.

18. Park/Night Request Form:

- The “RSPA Team Park/Night Preference Form” (see attached) must be completed by each team.
- Form MUST be resubmitted with every change.
- We offer set night divisions for most nights; Teams that play on Friday nights may have to play playoffs on a different night, as we lose most of our Friday nights during the playoffs to the long weekend and the SPN Provincial Championships;

- If you choose a set night, you must be flexible with your park choices.
- If you prefer a set park, you must be flexible with your night choices.

19. RSPA League Schedules:

- Each team will have 16 scheduled games over 14 weeks.
- All teams will make the playoffs;
- We do not schedule games on Monday or Friday of long weekends.
- Teams will play either double-headers to make the schedule or may play more than one night in a week; A question on the “Team Info Form” will give you the choice of your preference.
- We will try to grant schedule requests as much as possible. However, teams will need to be flexible, especially during playoffs.
- If you choose a set night, you must be flexible with your park choices.
- If you prefer a set park, you must be flexible with your night choices.
- All teams are required to play a minimum of **TWO (2)** Friday nights per season. If this is a problem, please contact me. We will even let you pick your choice of Friday night if you get me the info early enough; We will inform each division what their scheduled Friday nights are as soon as they are available;
- League schedules will be available at the first league meeting; we will schedule for the first four (4) weeks; the schedule will be handed out in thirds - first third of the schedule at the May 6 meeting; the 2nd third will be handed out June 1; the final third will be handed out in mid-July;
- We offer set night divisions for most nights; Teams that play on Friday nights may have to play playoffs on a different night, as we lose most of our Friday nights during the playoffs to the long weekend and the SPN Provincial Championships;
- If you request late games, expect to play single games at 9:30 pm start; there are very few single game starts at 8:00 pm;
- The holiday weekends for 2010 are:
 - Friday, May 21; Monday, May 24; (Victoria Day)
 - Canada Day is Thursday, July 1; - please advise which night your team is NOT available.
 - Friday, July 30; Monday, Aug. 2; (Civic Holiday)
 - Friday, Sept 3; Monday, Sept 6; (Labour Day)
- All League schedules and results are available on the web site, and are updated almost daily.

20. RSPA Divisions/Level of Play:

- In 2009, RSPA had 118 teams, which is the largest coed league in Ontario! Teams were in 12 divisions of play for the regular season; and split into 18 divisions for the playoffs;
 - For 2010, since more and more teams are requesting single nights of play, it is proposed that the divisions will be realigned to the following:
 - Each night - Mon, Tue, Wed and Thursday, will have a “top-ranked division”; with a minimum of the top 4 teams per night;
- The advantages are:**
- a) all teams will have only one preferred night of play for playoffs;
 - b) top division have more regular season games;
 - c) top division will be smaller with a better chance of winning the division;
 - d) top division offers better awards;
- *The proposed new division format will be discussed at the first league meeting;*
 - *If you do not show up at the first league meeting, you will have no say in the proposed new divisions;*
 - *An e-mail will be sent out to the proposed teams “top-ranked” before the first meeting;*

Proposed New Divisions:

Comp (Coed D/E) - Mon; Tue; Wed; Thu;
 Mon-1; Tue-1; Wed-1; Thu-1;
 Mon-2; Tue-2; Wed-2; Thu-2;
 Mon-Rec; Tue-Rec; Wed-Rec; Thu-Rec;



- RSPA places new teams in a division according to the information received about their level of play. However, if we find that the team is not competitive in that division, we will move them up or down to suit. Also, there is “cross-over” where teams play teams from other divisions, usually the division up or the division down.
- If a team wins a division championship, they must play up one division for the following season;
- Higher divisions offer better awards.

21. RSPA League Rules:

RSPA League rules are modified SPN rules:

- 7 guys / 3 girls (may play with more girls) or 8M + 4F; 9M + 5F; 10M + 6F; etc. may only have 4 more guys than girls on the field or in the batting order
- Unlimited number of batters in the batting order; (no more than four more guys than gals)
- No restrictions on batting sequence; may bat any number of males in a row;
- Standard slo-pitch 6 to 12 foot arc;
- Called balls and strikes using a mat;

- If a male batter is walked, followed by a female batter (or an automatic out for a female batter), he is awarded two bases; The female batter following has to bat unless the male batter is walked on a 4-0 count; then the female batter has the choice of batting or a free walk;
- 150 foot rule in the outfield; - we will not restrict where the outfielders may not play; they do not have to play beyond the 150 foot mark;
- The batter-baserunner may not be thrown out at first base from the outfield; the ball may not be relayed from the outfielder to another infielder to get the out; there is no penalty for attempting to throw the batter-baserunner out; once the batter-baserunner has rounded first base they may be thrown out;
- No time limit on games on unlit diamonds;
- One hour & a half time limit* on lit diamonds;
- Home Run Rule: match plus 2;
- Grace period 10 minutes;
- Mercy rule 15 runs after 5 innings;
- Courtesy Runners: 3 per game, M for M, F for F; or F for M; You **MAY** use the same runner more than once;
- SPN affiliated; Carded umpires; SPN insured. See attached for complete RSPA League rules.

22. RSPA 2010 Rule Changes:

- 2010 rule change: Illegal batting order/line-up: if a team is discovered with an illegal line-up, with more than four more guys than gals in the batting order, the following penalty will be applied:
 - an automatic out will added to the bottom of the batting order for every illegal male batter;
 - if a male batter has just batted, and got on base, at the time of the discovery, that batter will be declared out;
 - if a male batter is at bat or coming to bat at the time of of the discovery, that batter will be declared out;
 - the umpire will have the right to bring any illegal batting order to the attention of the opposing team, and apply the penalty;
 - the umpire will report all instances of illegal batting orders and further penalties will occur for second and third offences;
 - a second offence will result in a one game suspension for the team rep or team coach;
 - a third offence will result in game default, plus a three game suspension for the coach;
- If you have any rule changes that you would like to see, please forward them to the League Executive;

23. RSPA Rules to be Stressed:

As well, the following rules will be stressed for 2010:

- Check that the proper line-up is used;
- Rosters must be handed in and team reps **MUST** carry a copy of the team roster to every game.
- Roster checks will be done on every team.
- Zero tolerance for verbal abuse to umpires and other players.
- Stress “fair play and gamesmanship”.

24. Game Report Forms:

- “Game Report Forms” (see attached) are available for a team rep to complete and may be submitted by fax, e-mail, or may be handed in to the umpire. They are also available for download from the web site. Game Report Forms should be completed any time a team is not satisfied with the umpire, the other team’s behaviour, or if they have any comments or suggestions for the League. Game Report Forms are used to criticize or praise umpires or other teams.
- **No verbal or telephone complaints are accepted;**
- I don’t want to hear three or four weeks later that some umpire (you can’t remember who by then) made such and such a call. Send me a “Game Report Form” while it is fresh in your mind.
- The “Game Report Form” is also used for praise; if an umpire does a good job, let us know; if a team is really fun to play, let us know;

25. Player Release Forms:

- Every player and/or coach must complete a “Player Release Form” (see attached) **BEFORE** participating in any game or league activity.
- These forms may be completed and handed in to the umpire before the start of the game.
- **It is important that both your home and work addresses are filled out, as we need this info for both Toronto and Mississauga Park & Rec.** We will not contact you at either address; If either address is a city other than Toronto or Mississauga, the city alone will do.
E-mail addresses must be completed so a team may be notified of any last minute changes. You will not be e-mailed for anything other than league activities and your e-mail will not be given to any other group or individual.
- Player Release Forms are in your “Team Package” and are also available to download off the web site.

26. RSPA/SPN Team Rosters:

- As well as “Player Release Forms” all players must complete and sign the official SPN (Slo-Pitch National) multi-part roster form.
- It will be supplied at the final meeting, and you can find it in the white SPN envelope; a blank version is also available on the web site; **Initial SPN Rosters are due by Monday May 24;** Final roster is due by Thursday, July 1;
- All teams must also e-mail a text version of the roster in text, Word or Excel format, to include address, postal code and e-mail address.
- Team reps must have a copy of the team roster at all games.

**27. Slo-Pitch Tournaments:
June 12-13; July 24-25; Aug 21-22**

- RSPA Slo-Pitch Tournaments see attached flyer May 8-9, June 13-14, July 25-26 & Aug 22-23 (Sat-Sun only) at Diamond Beach in Etobicoke (in Centennial Park, next to the Go-Karts) with divisions in - Coed D, E, F; & Mens D, E;
- **All RSPA League teams MUST enter a team in ONE of the 4 tournament dates**



*May 8-9;
June 12-13;
July 24-25;
August 21-22.*



Any team that enters two tournaments will automatically qualify for the SPN/Molson Slo-Pitch Coed Provincial Championships in Niagara Falls, Fri-Sat-Sun, Sept 3-4-5;

RSPA League fees include the SPN membership which entitles your league team to enter any SPN slo-pitch tournament. Remember that tournament rules vary from RSPA League rules:

- 6M + 4F; female has to bat after a preceding male batter is walked; 150 foot rule is in effect; courtesy runner cannot use the same courtesy runner more than once;

- If you have trouble fielding a team for the tournament, look for another league team that would like to combine with your team;

Come on out! and have some fun!!!

28. RSPA Sno-Pitch Tournaments:

Keep in mind the RSPA sno-pitch tournaments, Saturday, February 20 and Saturday, March 20 (one day, Saturday only) at Diamond Beach. Yes - we do play in the snow! And it is a lot of fun!

**29. SPN Provincial Championships:
Niagara Falls - September 3-4-5, 2010**

- The SPN Coed Provincial Championships are in Niagara Falls on the Labour Day long weekend, Friday-Saturday-Sunday, (teams must play Friday daytime, but no games on the Monday), on September 3-4-5, 2010.
- Teams wishing to play in the Provincials are required to play a minimum of two SPN slo-pitch tournaments (see my list of SPN tournaments).
- If you have difficulty entering two tournaments, but still wish to play in the Provincials, please contact me.

30. Slo-Pitch Tournament Players:

Any players looking to play slo-pitch tournaments this summer, contact me (by e-mail only please) as I always have teams asking me for players. I have tournament teams in Coed D/C & Coed E, Mens D/E and Mens Masters 50+ in the SPN Provincial and National Championships. Plus, I always get e-mails from other teams looking for players.

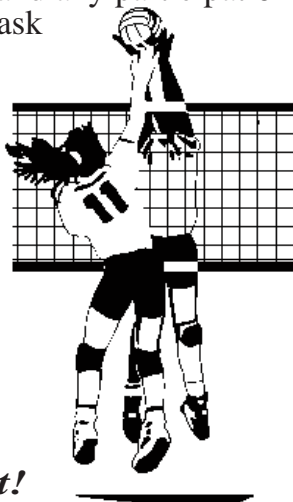
31. Volleyball Night Returns for 2010!

- The R.S.P.A. Volleyball Night returns for 2010, tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 9 at Diamond Beach Sports Complex in Etobicoke.

This event is not mandatory and any participation is optional. However, if you ask anybody who has attended, they will tell you what a fun night it is!

- Teams will be formed from existing slo-pitch league teams, as well as pick-up teams will be entered.
- We are looking for prizes, volunteers, ideas, etc.
- Give us your input.

Another fun night out!

**32. RSPA All-Star Night/Barbecue**

- The R.S.P.A. All-Star Night returns for 2010 on Friday, August 13, at Wildwood Park. All-Star Night will include a **FREE BARBECUE**, home run hitting contest, base running and team throwing contests, games, etc.
- This event is also optional for all teams, but again, if you ask anybody who has attended, they will tell you what a fun night it is! Also, this event is subsidized by league fees, so come out and get your money's worth!
- We are looking for prizes, volunteers, ideas, etc. The RSPA All-Star Night is a result of a lot of work and cannot be successful without the help we get from the amazing crew of volunteers! Why don't you step up and help?
- ***Give us your input!***

33. RSPA Poker Night

- The RSPA Texas Hold'em Poker Night is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2010 starting at 6:00 pm; \$20 buy in, plus rebuys;

34. RSPA Euchre Night

- The RSPA Euchre Night is looking for somebody to help organize and run this event;

35. Casino-Rama Bus Trip

- Ahmet Ahmet, the team rep from the team Swingers is going to organize an RSPA bus trip to Casino-Rama. (this is where I throw the plug in about if you are buying or selling a house ...)

36. RSPA Blue Jay Day

- We have been offered discounted tickets to the Blue Jays. I will send out an e-mail to see if there is any interest.

37. Batting Cage/Bat Demo

- We are setting up a batting cage and bat demo tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 8 at Diamond Beach with two-for-one batting cage and a bat demo on the diamonds; check out the new 2010 bats; bats on sale;

39. Other RSPA Social Activities:

- Other RSPA social activities are proposed for the 2010 season, including:
 - Euchre night; Casino-Rama trip; Blue Jays game; Golf tournament; Second City; etc.
- Give us your ideas!

40. RSPA Awards Banquet & Dance

The same as last year, the RSPA Awards Banquet & Dance will be split into two nights.

- Saturday, October 16 will be scheduled for divisions from Int-5 to Rec;
- Saturday, October 23 will be scheduled for divisions from Int-4 to Comp;

Teams may switch dates if they prefer, and teams or individual players may attend both dates.

ALSO - we have had enquiries about having a RSPA Halloween banquet with prizes for best costumes; if there is any interest in this, please let me know.

LOCATION: Westwood Banquet Hall, Etobicoke

- Tickets are \$40 per person and include open bar (all you can drink) and all-you-can-eat buffet.
- All teams are required to purchase a minimum of 6 tickets (6 x \$40 = \$240). This is a separate payment and is due August 6, 2010.
- Tickets will be handed out at the two league meetings. Each team will be given 20 tickets (more tickets are available if required). Tickets should be sold throughout the season and unsold tickets must be returned at the banquet.
- Team are also required to donate a door prize (all teams have somebody that can get a door prize) valued \$25.00-30.00.

*A great party to end the season with great food, drinks, dancing and door prizes! Two main door prizes, large screen HD TV's!
The best party of the year!!!*

41. Frequently Asked Questions:

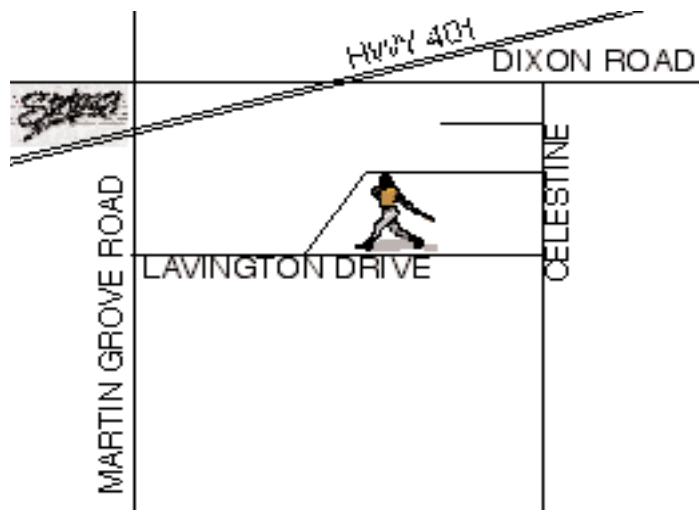
“Frequently Asked Questions For New Teams” (attached).
“Frequently Asked Questions For New Players” is available on the web site.

42. RSPA Umpires:

- RSPA uses SPN carded umpires for all games.
- We also develop umpires from within the league. Anybody wishing to become an umpire should contact us. We assist in training and carding. Please ask if any players on your team wishes to become an umpire. Have fun and earn money!
- The RSPA Umpires clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at Diamond Beach. This clinic makes you eligible to umpire any SPN league or tournament in Canada;
- The RSPA “Game Report Form” is used to rate and evaluate umpires.

43. New Players/Open Practices:

- Teams looking for new players should request the “Players Looking For a Team List”.
- Players looking for a team should request to be put on the “Players Looking For a Team List”.
- Open practices for new players looking for a team are every Sunday morning at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, from Sunday, April 4 to Sunday, May 9 at Lavington Park;
- After the Sunday practice, we head back to St. Louis Bar & Grill for food and refreshments;



- RSPA Thursday open practices are every Thursday night at 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, from Thursday, April 15 to Thursday, April 29 at Fleetwood Park. Information is on the web site.

	Mississauga	Etobicoke
	BURNHAMTHORPE ROAD	
DIXIE ROAD	(FW)	MILL ROAD
	BLOOR STREET	

44. Zero Tolerance/Incidents:

R.S.P.A. has zero tolerance for any incidents regarding physical or verbal abuse to umpires and other players. This is a recreational league, and everybody is out to have fun. Any incident must be reported, no matter how minor. Any incident will be dealt with swiftly and harshly. A ban by RSPA will be honoured by both SPN and SPOA for all leagues and tournaments across Ontario.

For 2010 in RSPA, we want to stress fair play and gamesmanship. We want all the players to remember that it is just a game, and we all have to get up in the morning and go to work. We want all the players to remember the reason they are out on the field – to have fun!

45. RSPA Team Sponsors:

RSPA supplies a list of recommended bar sponsors;

- We just supply a list of bars that are looking for teams to sponsor;
- No sponsors will give money up front;
- All sponsors are only looking for teams to go back and drink, and will usually pay the team a percentage of money spent at the bar; and can offer it one of two ways: - off the bill each night, or save it up as a total;
save it up as a total and you can use it for a year-end party or forward it to next year's league fees;
- the percentage varies - normal is 15%, some bars might offer 20% (not so much any more); and some bars only offer 10%;
- Most sponsors don't care about the name on the shirt, but some do; ask if they have a deal on shirts; if they don't, the league will;
- If they provide shirts, they will probably take it off whatever else they are going to give you;
- also push for a team freebie - free pizza, plate of wings or nachos, whatever the bar specializes in;
- they will stipulate a minimum number of players each night, usually 8, maybe as low as 6, before your sponsorship kicks in;

The tentative list of sponsors to date:

- Brickyard Bar & BBQ, (Andrew)
95 The East Mall (at North Queen)
- St. Louis Bar & Grill Restaurant,
557 Dixon Road, Etobicoke; (Kevin)
- St. Louis Bar & Grill Restaurant,
29 Aventura Court; Mississauga; (Debbie)
- Sky Restaurant & Cocktail Lounge (Phil)
2680 Skymark Ave., Mississauga
905-625-9896 • info@skyrestaurantlounge.com
- Diamond Beach Sports Bar (Dave Mantell)
- Hollywoods on Queensway
- Tee Tee's (formerly Heads or Tails)
Browns Line at QEW, Etobicoke (Vic)
- Boston Pizza (various locations)
- East Side Marios – Mississauga
 - 5855 Rodeo Drive (Square One) - (905) 502-6600
 - 3075 Argenta Road Mississauga (905) 785-6666
 - 199 North Queen, Etobicoke, (416) 621-4555
- If you know of any other sponsors that should be added to this list, please let me know;

46. Attached:

- The following pages should be attached to this information package:
- RSPA Team Information Form (2 pgs) *see #16*
- RSPA Team Park/Night Request Form *#17*
- RSPA Map to Parks & Diamonds (8 pages) *#18*
- RSPA League Rules (4 pages) *#21*
- RSPA Game Report Form *#24*
- RSPA Player Release Form (sample) *#25*
- RSPA Tournament Flyer *#27*
- June 12-13, July 24-25 & August 21-22
- RSPA F.A.Q. for New Teams *see #41*
- RSPA League Constitution & By-Laws are available upon request;

This 2010 RSPA Info Package may be updated as more information becomes available.

Looking forward to a great 2010 slo-pitch season!



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