

Q. What level of slo-pitch does R.S.P.A. play?
 A. R.S.P.A. is a recreational level slo-pitch league. The majority of the teams are "E" or "Rec" level. Lower level teams would be "F". Higher level (competitive) teams are "D" or possibly "C" level teams (on their good days). We have some "B" and "A" level players (and some players who think they are "A" level, but slo-pitch is a team sport).

Q. What rules does R.S.P.A. use?
 A. R.S.P.A. uses modified SPN rules.

- Coed: 7 guys/3 gals (may play more gals.);
- No restrictions on batting sequence;
- Standard slo-pitch 6 to 12 foot arc;
- Called balls and strikes using a mat;
- If a male batter is walked, and is followed by a female batter, he is awarded two bases; Female batter following has choice of batting or a free walk;
- No time limit on games on unlit diamonds;
- One hour & a half* time limit on lit diamonds;
- Grace period 10 minutes; Mercy rule 15 runs;
- SPN affiliated; • Carded umpires; • Insured;
- See the web site for complete RSPA rules.

Q. What does the League offer?
 A. R.S.P.A. League costs include: SPN carded umpires, game balls, liability insurance. We have league activities that are also subsidized by the league, including a year-end banquet and dance, an All-Star Game & barbecue, volleyball night and a slo-pitch tournament. Other activities that may be added are: euchre night, poker night, trip to Casino-Rama, Blue Jay game, etc.

Q. What do the teams need to supply?
 A. Each team is required to supply their own bases, including a safe-base for first base and a pitching mat. Teams supply their own baseball gloves and bats. Players are required to wear matching uniform tops.

Q. How many girls play on a team?
 A. R.S.P.A. is a coed league that plays 7 guys + 3 gals. A team may always play more girls if they wish, (example: 6 guys + 4 gals; 5 guys + 5 gals; 4 guys + 6 gals; etc.) (If you ask me, some teams should be sitting the guys and playing the girls!)

Q. Is there a minimum age?
 A. Minimum age is eighteen (18+) years of age; sixteen (16+) with parental approval.

Q. How many players bat on a team?
 A. This also varies from team to team. A team may bat from 10 to 16 players. There can never be more than 4 more guys than gals in the batting order.

Q. What is the average age?
 A. As I mentioned before, RSPA League has been around since 1982, so we have players older than dirt. But with a new influx of players every year we have a good mix of young, medium and (instead of old, I will say) experienced players.

Q. What divisions are in R.S.P.A.?
 A. R.S.P.A. was a 10 division league in 2006: Comp-1 (D/C); Comp-2 (E/D); Int-1 to Int-6 (all Coed "E"); and Rec 1 and Rec 2 ("F").

Q. What if I have more questions?
 A. All of the information and the answers to most of the questions are on the web site. If you have a question that is not on the web site, send me an e-mail and I will do my best to answer your questions.

New Player \$20.00 Deposit

- All new players are required to place a \$20.00 deposit, cash or cheque (payable to RSPA), before you are placed on a team;
- This deposit is transferred to your new team;
- If you do not get a suitable offer, or if you find a team in another league, or if you decide not to play, this deposit will be refunded;
- If you accept a placement, the deposit will become non-refundable;

RSPA New Team Being Formed

- RSPA will form a new team from players that are looking for a team;
- We will look for 14-16 players that are similar in talent level, and have a common area and nights that they can play;
- We will be looking for 3-4 volunteers to help run this team, broken down to 3-4 areas;
- Cost for this new team will be \$100 per player, plus cost of shirts, plus tournament (tournament is a must) and league banquet. Because the cost of forming a new team is actually higher than \$100 per team, the League will subsidize the cost over 2-3 years;