

**8. 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;
- The line-up may not contain more than four (4) more men than women.  
Exception: automatic out with two females;
- No restrictions on batting sequence; may bat any number of males in a row;
- Minimum 8 players; to play;
- 3-1/2 innings for a complete game;
- Tie games; only in called games; play to a winner;
- Tie breaker rule - same as SPN; with runner on 2nd base and one out;
- No time limit on games on unlit diamonds;
- One hour-twenty min. time limit on lit diamonds;
- Standard slo-pitch 6 to 12 foot arc;
- Called balls & strikes using a mat; if no mat - play with called strike zone;
- If a male batter is walked, and is followed by a female batter (or an automatic out), he is awarded two bases; Female batter following has the choice of batting or a free walk;
- Home Run Rule: match plus 2;
- Grace period 10 minutes; be generous;
- Mercy rule 15 runs after 5 innings;
- Courtesy Runners: 3 per game, M for M, F for F; May use the same runner more than once;
- Jewellery is allowed to be covered or taped;
- Players may play for one (1) team in League only.
- ROSTER: The team rep must have a copy of the team roster at each game.  
- Roster checks will be performed by umpires,
- A Player Release Form may be handed in to the Umpire before the game start.
- **DO NOT CHANGE THE RULES!**
- SPN affiliated; SPN Carded umpires; SPN insured.

See attached for complete RSPA League rules.

**9. RSPA 2005 Rule Changes:**

- If a batter steps into the batters box with a non-approved bat as per the SPN/ASA list, the batter is out and ejected from the game and the manager is also ejected, as per SPN 2005 rule change.
- Pitching zone changed to 15 feet long, as per SPN 2005 rule change.
- Wording for Commitment Line revised to read “if any part of the body” touches over the line ...;
- International tie-breaker rule changed to start the inning with one out, to match the SPN rule.
- If a male batter is walked preceding an automatic out, he will be awarded second base;
- Official league scorebooks will be issued to teams and must be maintained by the team rep and submitted to the league executive when requested. Scorebooks will be submitted before the playoffs.

**10. RSPA Rules to be Stressed:**

As well, following are rules that RSPA will be stressing for the 2005 season:

- A player may play for only ONE RSPA team.
- 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.

**11. RSPA Umpire Requirements:**

- Umpires are required to be in uniform: grey shorts or pants; umpire grey shirt, red umpire hat;
- Umpires must carry: counter; rulebook; RSPA rules; incident report form; pen;
- Umpires must report scores before noon next day; Report scores by e-mail preferred or call 905-840-7206;
- Umpires must report ALL incidents, all uniform and equipment violations;
- Umpires must collect Player Release Forms and rosters when submitted; hand them in at the first opportunity or at the next umpire meeting;
- Umpires will not collect cheques;