

RSPA SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT RULES

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CHECK-IN AT HEADQUARTERS BEFORE EACH GAME FOR CHANGES. TURN IN SCORE SHEET AT HEADQUARTERS AFTER EACH GAME. IT IS IMPORTANT. SCORES ARE OFFICIAL RESULTS FOR PLUS/MINUS CALCULATIONS.

- **SPN:** All rules are based on the current SPN rulebook. Any rule not covered, refer to current SPN rulebook.
- **GRACE PERIOD:** 10 minutes grace, Umpires discretion, Grace time will be deducted from game time
- A Team Rep **MUST** check-in to Headquarters prior to first game. (recommend one (1) hour before)
Team Rep should check in after each game to report score and check schedules.
IF SCORES ARE NOT REPORTED IN A REASONABLE TIME THE TEAM WILL BE GIVEN A LOSS.
- HOME TEAM determined by coin toss. Home Team supply and place bases with pegs and safe-base.
If neither team has bases a DOUBLE-DEFAULT will be declared.
- Round Robin format. Only one (1) loss in elimination rounds.
- **MENS LINE-UP:** Minimum number of players is nine (9). No automatic out with 9 players. Missing/ejected player is an out.
- **COED LINE-UP - 6M-4F;** Minimum number of players is nine (9). No automatic out with 9 players.
Cannot bat more than two guys in a row; (allows 8M-4F in batting order); Maximum six (6) males in the field.
May play 6M-3F with no automatic out, but must play with 9 players in the field. NO "Trixie Rule".
Can always play more girls - any number - 6M + 5F, etc. Maximum 6 guys in the field.
- **COED LINE-UP - COED F-1 and COED F-2 are 6M-4F; COED F-3 has option of playing 7M-3F or 6M-4F.**
- **AWARDS:** Maximum fourteen (14) awards per team****. Must play in a game to qualify for award.
Awards must be claimed within one hour of the end of the last game or will be forfeited.
- **COURTESY RUNNER:** Maximum **THREE** (3) courtesy runners per game. **Cannot use the same runner twice.**
Masters divisions get maximum 7 runners per game. in mens and coed open age divisions, 50+ get FREE courtesy runners.
- All games are seven (7) innings; Four (4) innings required for a complete game.
- **TIES:** Ties allowed in round robin; No ties / International Tie-Break Rule used in elimination rounds.
- **TIME LIMIT:** No new inning after 65 minutes, Time limit in Final Game.
- **MAXIMUM:** 6 runs per team per inning (except to avoid mercy); last inning is open.
- **MERCY RULE:** 12 runs after 5 innings complete; or 4-1/2 innings if home team is ahead; or 20 runs after 4 innings.
- **HOME RUN RULE:** Applies in any fenced park. **"Match Plus Two"**. All other homeruns (over the fence) batter is OUT.
- **BALLS & STRIKES** will be called using a mat. Using the Worth mat with the homeplate cutout. Mats will be provided.
A legally pitched ball hitting the mat is a strike. A pitched ball hitting the homeplate is a ball.
Batter stepping on the plate is out, stepping on the mat is NOT out. Batters box in effect.
- **COED - 175 FOOT RULE:** is not in use. Outfielders may be positioned anywhere in the OUTFIELD. See below.
- **COED -** No outfielder may make a force out on the batter-base runner at first base, nor may an outfielder relay the ball in order to make a force out on the batter-base runner at first base. No penalty for attempting to throw for the out.
- **FIVE MAN INFIELD:** A team may play with a 5 player (or more) infield by moving in an outfielder.
A player will be deemed an "outfielder" if they are playing a defensive position that would be on the grass on a normal softball diamond. The umpire should be informed when a team elects to play a 5 player (or more) infield.
- **COED - WALK:** if a male is walked (regardless of the count) with a female following, male batter gets second base and female must bat. With a male following, the batter is only awarded first base.
- **DEFAULT FIRST TWO GAMES;** Any team that defaults the first two games is eliminated;
- **PROTESTS:** All protests must be in writing and must be received within thirty (30) minutes of the end of the game. Each protest must be accompanied by \$150.00 (cash or money order). PROTEST FEE IS REFUNDED ONLY IF THE PROTEST IS UPHOLD. Protest should include Team Name, Division, Player Name(s), Diamond and Game Time. Umpire must be notified and sign the scoresheet. as per SPN.
- **RSPA LEAGUE TEAMS:** Please note the different rules: - Courtesy runner, cannot use the same runner twice.
- Female batter must bat if preceding male batter is walked. Male still gets second base if followed by a female.

CONDUCT: All players and coaches will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Any harassment, verbal or physical, towards umpires, game officials, tournament executives or opposing teams will not be tolerated.

Do not call for game times or parks!

ALCOHOL: DRINKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN CITY PARKS. VIOLATORS WILL BE CHARGED BY THE POLICE AND WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.

You must report scores after every game. Any scores not reported in a reasonable time will be posted as 0-0.