

City of Kelowna Slo-Pitch "House" Rules

Important Phone Numbers

Slo-Pitch Scoreline	250-469-8700
League Coordinator	250-469-8863
Fax Number	250-862-3327
Parks Dept. Field Closures	250-469-8503 ext. 2
Slo-Pitch National B.C. Office	1-604-465-5612
Slo-Pitch National B.C. Office Fax	1-604-465-5613
League Schedules, Standings, Tournament Information	
	www.kelowna.ca/recreation

1. House Rules

- All Sport & Rec. Slo-Pitch League "House" Rules will supersede Slo-Pitch National (SPN) Rules in any case where there is a discrepancy.

2. Scheduling

- All teams must be available and ready to play within **15 minutes** of the scheduled start time or risk forfeiture of that game. Forfeits may be declared at the discretion of the non-offending team after the 15 minute grace period.
- Teams may not enter playing field area before 15 minutes ahead of scheduled game time.
- Field bookings are **1 hour and 45 minutes** long from the scheduled start time. This is more than enough time to complete your game. Please vacate the field on time when there is a game following your scheduled time. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture.
- Should postponement and re-scheduling be necessary, all teams must make every reasonable effort to accommodate re-scheduling of postponed games when given sufficient notice (greater than 24 hours).

3. Re-Scheduling / Cancellations (Non-weather related)

Teams must make every effort to play games according to the scheduled date and time. If your team is required to cancel and reschedule a game, every effort must be made to give your opponents greater than 24 hours notice, and to also contact the league coordinator and report the cancellation. Direct contact must be made with team contacts. Do not leave your rescheduled games to the end of the season. Team's will not be required to play more than 2 games in one day.

Once the teams have been in contact, teams must agree on a date to replay the game and then call (see contact info above) the league coordinator to be assigned a diamond for the make-up game. Make-up games can be played on any day of the week but are subject to diamond availability.

- **Within 24 hours of the Scheduled Start Time:**
 - The non-cancelling team has the option of taking the win for the game, or rescheduling and playing the game at a later date. This game will be recorded as a **forfeit for the canceling team** if it is not played.
- **More than 24 hours prior to the Scheduled Start Time:**
 - The non-cancelling team has the option of taking the win for the game, or rescheduling and playing the game at a later date. This game will be recorded as a **loss for the canceling team** if it is not played.

4. Rainouts / Field Closures / Cancellations due to Field Conditions

- The Parks Dept. is responsible for the closure of City fields due to weather or poor field conditions. To check on the status of City fields, please call 250-**469-8503 ext. 2**. Field conditions are updated on this line at 3:00pm each day.
- In the event of field closures, **your league schedule will also be updated**. Check online for updates to your scheduled game after 3:00pm game day.
- It is then up to the **HOME TEAM** to contact the other team to find a suitable day and time for the game to be played, and then contact the league coordinator to be assigned a field.
- Rescheduled games can be played on any day of the week and do not have to be played on your league night.
- Unplayed games at the end of the season due to City field closures will be recorded as a **TIE**.
- Do not assume a field is closed or a game is canceled due to rain prior to the start of a game. If a field has not been closed by the City, then both teams must show up for their game. Failure to do so will result in a forfeited game. Teams can decide at game time, in person, if they wish to reschedule a game due to rain. Please let the 15 min. delayed start time expire to see if the rain lets up. If a decision can not be made at game time then the game must be played.
- All rescheduled game results, played or unplayed, must be reported to the scoreline.

5. Player Format

- All Co-ed leagues will play a **6/4 format** with a league minimum of 9 players during which the must still be at least 4 players of the same sex.
- Teams may play with 9 players with an **Automatic Out** as long the minimum player requirement is still met.
- Players must play in at least **3 regular season league games** to be eligible for playoffs.

6. Score Reporting

- The **winning team** must contact the Softball Score Line at 250-**469-8700** with your score report within 48 hours of the match completion in order to receive the third point for the win. If **after 7 days** if the result has not been reported, the **losing team** can report the result and receive the extra score reporting point.
- When phoning in scores, please state the following, clearly and slowly:

The night and league you play in (be specific).

Your team name and number.

The name and number of the team you beat

The score.

7. Insurance / Playoff Roster

- See league schedule for detailed instructions on roster entry at www.slo-pitch.com
- Failure to submit team playoff rosters on time will result in your team not being eligible for playoffs.
- All players must be **16 years or older**.
- Teams may not consist of more than **40 players**. If your team plays in more than one league, be sure to register as many players as possible on your roster form and make sure they play at least 3 league games each. As playoff divisions have teams from different leagues, there is a chance that your team(s) may play against each other. The roster allows for 40 players which is enough for 4 complete teams of players.

8. Alcohol / Suspensions / Field Conduct

- Alcohol consumption prior to, during, or after the game at a non-licensed game location or parking area is a criminal offense. The RCMP will be doing random checks of sports facilities. SPN Insurance coverage is null and void if injured players are found to have been playing under the influence of alcohol.
- Non-offending teams's can refuse to play team's that are consuming alcohol at the game site, and will be awarded the game if such a rule violation has taken place and is reported.
- There is zero tolerance on the "**No Alcohol Rule**" and team's found in violation of this rule will face suspension /expulsion. There will be no return of league fees in this case.
- These are recreational slo-pitch leagues so fair play and good conduct is expected from all team's and players. Teams and individual players may face suspension if poor conduct is continually reported. All conduct reports will be relayed to the offending player's team contact through the league coordinator at which point it is up to the team contact to report it (and the consequences) to the offending player.

9. Contact with the League Coordinator

- All contact with the league coordinator must be done through your team's contact person, during the hours of 8am – 4pm, Monday – Friday.

10. Private Property

- When retrieving balls that have gone out of play and into private property, please get permission from the property owner prior to getting the ball.
- Please do not send children to retrieve balls from private property.

11. Parking

- Please do not park your vehicles close to outfield fences or foul lines. You are responsible for your own vehicle.

12. Disputes / Protests

- All teams receive a rule book with their registration. Please review your rule book and bring it to your games for use.
- Please remember that these are recreational level leagues and all teams qualify for playoffs.
- Team's do not pay for carded umpires and must officiate their own games.
- Judgement Calls (ie. Safe calls, Out calls, etc.) are not protestable.
- All other disputes can be made to the league coordinator for follow-up and must be done by the team contact person only.
- All league coordinator decisions are final.

- 13. Pets**
- Please do not bring dogs or other pets to the sports fields.
- 14. Other**
- Please refer to your SPN Rule book for any other questions regarding rules
- 15. Music at Games**
- Non-personal music systems are only allowed at games if agreed upon by both teams. If music is found to be disruptive to the immediate or surrounding games, or the music is offensive to anyone present at location (player or spectator), then the music must be turned off. Failure to do so will result in game forfeiture.
- 15. Insurance Coverage**
- Please refer to the last page of your SPN Rule Book for a description of your player insurance coverage.
- 16. Playoff Qualifications**
- All teams qualify for playoffs.
 - The playoff format groups teams with similar league play records together from different nights.
 - Playoff roster must be submitted by week 7 or team is eliminated from playoffs. See section #5 above.
 - Teams forfeiting 3 or more league games are eliminated from playoffs.
- 17. Points**
- Win reported correctly and within 48 hours of game = 4 points
 - Win reported incorrectly or more than 48 hours after game = 3 points
 - Tie game = 2 points
 - Loss = 0 points
 - Forfeited game = 0 points (denoted in red on standings board)