

**Q. Is a strike just the mat or home plate and the mat?**

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**Q. What is the arc limit of a legal pitch?**

A. A legal pitch must arc between 6 and 12 feet.

**Q. Can runs be walked in?**

A. Yes.

**Q: Is there a run limit?**

A: Yes, teams are allowed a maximum of 6 runs per inning. The 7<sup>th</sup> inning is an open inning.

**Q: Is there a Mercy Rule?**

A: Yes, if a team is up by 12 runs following the completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning the game is over.

**Q: Is there a Home Run rule?**

A: Yes. Max 3 over the fence home runs for C - Competitive. Max 2 over the fence home runs for D - Intermediate. Max 1 over the fence home run for E - Beginner. Following this, an over the fence home run is scored an Out.

**Q. Can a team bat three or more players of the same sex in a row?**

A. Yes. As per SPN Rule 12, Sec. 1-6 Batting Order 6-4 (p.60), there is no restriction to the number of batters of the same sex that can bat in a row.

**Q. Can a team bat more than 10 batters?**

A. Yes, however if you add a male batter then you also have to add a female batter, and so on.

**Q. What is the official ball for the co-ed slo-pitch leagues?**

A. The official ball is the Cor. 40 Worth Super Grey Dot 12" Ball - Yellow (preferred) or White.

**Q. Who supplies game balls?**

A. The Home team is responsible for providing game balls including replacement balls due to home runs.

**Q. Is there a “fielding line (150’ line)” in SPN sanctioned leagues?**

A. No. Fielders are free to stand anywhere.

**Q. Can alcohol be brought onto the field?**

A. Alcohol is not allowed on the field or in the dugout at any game. Outside alcohol is not allowed at any licensed facility (Mission SB Complex) and consumption of alcohol in a non-licensed public place is illegal and enforceable by the RCMP.

**Q. How many games can a team forfeit before they are withdrawn from the playoffs?**

A. Two (2) games. 3 or more forfeits eliminates them from playoffs.

**Q. What diamonds are bases and strike mats supplied?**

A. Strike mats, home plate and bases at Mission SB Complex. Home plate and bases East Kelowna SB Complex are supplied by the City.

**Q. Is there a light motion sensor at East Kelowna SB Complex on the diamonds?**

A. Yes. After 15 min. of inactivity at home plate, the motion sensor will shut the lights off. They will also turn back on if motion is detected.

**Q. Before You Go Buy a Slo-Pitch Bat.....Is It Legal to Use?**

A. Slo-Pitch National follows the American Softball Associations guidelines for legal and illegal bats and provides online lists of both legal and illegal slo-pitch equipment. So before you go out and buy that new bat, or step up to the plate with it, take a look at the official lists at [www.slo-pitch.com](http://www.slo-pitch.com)

**Q. What is the Parks Dept. Field Closure Hotline Phone Number and when is it updated?**

A. Teams will receive a notification message through the TeamLinkt app after 3:00pm if the fields have been closed by the City of Kelowna and games are cancelled. The City of Kelowna also has a dedicated hotline will list the fields that are closed for the day due to rain / flooding. A field that is not listed is considered open for play. The hotline number is 250- 469-8503 ext. 2

**Q. How do we reschedule a game?**

A. 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. Teams will not be required to play more than 2 games in one day.

- 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 then 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.
- If non-canceling team agrees to reschedule the game:
  - Both teams must decide on 2 possible dates to play the game, then contact the league coordinator to be assigned a diamond on one of those dates. Using this procedure will reduce the number of calls required to reschedule the game.

If you have any other questions that you would like answered on this site, please send them via email them to [sportsleagues@kelowna.ca](mailto:sportsleagues@kelowna.ca)