

Frequently Asked Slo-Pitch Questions, and Answers!

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

A. Home plate and the mat (new SPN rule for 2014).

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

A. Yes. As per SPN Rule 13, Sec. 1-2 Batting Order 6-4 (p.55), 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. 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Q. How many games can a team forfeit before they are withdrawn from the playoffs?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 supplied?

A. The bases at Mission SB Complex and East Kelowna SB Complex are permanently installed.

Q. Is there a 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. With Slo-Pitch Softball continuing to grow in popularity, there are more and more slo-pitch bat manufacturers developing new products every year. However just because it maybe be sold at your local sports shop does not mean it is a "legal" to use bat. 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

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

A. The Field Closure Hotline is updated weekdays at 3:00pm. The 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. 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. (White or Yellow)

Q. Is there a "fielding line (150' line)" in SPN sanctioned leagues?

A. No. Fielders are free to stand anywhere.

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. Team's 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 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.
- **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, feel free to ask them on the Scoreline at 250-469-8700 and watch for the answer here!