

Contact Information

Slo-Pitch Scoreline	250-469-8700	Sport League Standings
League Coordinator	250-469-8461	SportsLeagues@kelowna.ca
Parks Dept. Field Closures	250-469-8503 ext. 2	Field Maintenance
Slo-Pitch National B.C. Office	1-604-465-5612	Slo-Pitch.com

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.
- 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. Direct contact must be made between team contacts.

- **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 play 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 play the game at a later date. This game will be recorded as a loss for the canceling team if it is not played.

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 teams have been in contact, they must agree on a date to replay the game and then call 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.

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

- The Parks Dept. is responsible for the closure of City of Kelowna fields due to weather or poor field conditions. To check on the status of City fields, please call 250-469-8503 ext. 2. or sign-up for [sport field email alerts](#).
 - Field conditions are updated on this line at 3:00pm only if there is a closure occurring.
- It is then up to the HOME TEAM to contact the other team to find a suitable day and time for the rainout 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, 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 there 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.

5. Score Reporting

- The winning team must contact the Softball Score Line at 250-469-8700 to report the score within 48 hours of the match completion in order to receive the 4th point for the win.
 - If after 7 days the result has not been reported, the losing team can report the result and receive the extra score reporting point.
- Reporting Format: 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

6. Point System & League Standings

Win = 3 pts	Loss = 0 pts	Tie = 2 pt (each)	Default = 0 pts	Unreported = 1pt (each)
Results must be reported accurately by the winning team within 48 hours to receive the 4 th “win” point				
Default Rule - Teams defaulting and/or forfeiting 3 or more games will be disqualified for playoffs				

Weekly standings are posted online on our [Sports League Standings](#) page.

7. Playoff Qualifications

- All teams qualify for playoffs (as long as their team roster is complete by the deadline)
- 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.

8. 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.
- Please refer to the SPN website for an outline of your [insurance coverage](#).

9. Smoking / Alcohol / Suspensions

- City of Kelowna park and recreation facilities are non-smoking. Please respect other users and withhold from smoking and/or use the designated smoking area at your field/complex.
- 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.

10. Participant Code of Conduct

- These are recreational slo-pitch leagues, fair play and good conduct is expected from all teams and players.
 - Teams and individual players may face suspension if they do not meet the City of Kelowna's [Participant Code of Conduct](#).
- Team contacts are able to report misconduct through the Softball Score Line.
 - 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.
- Engaging in behaviour contrary to the Participant Code of Conduct, particularly after being warned, may lead to an official banning from City-owned facilities and leagues. There will be no return of league fees in this case.

11. Rules / Disputes / Protests

- Current SPN rules can be found on the [SPN website](#)
- Please remember that these are recreational level leagues and all teams qualify for playoffs.
- Team 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.

12. Contact with the League Coordinator

- All contact with the League Coordinator must be done through your team's contact person
 - Office Hours: 8am - 4pm, Monday - Friday

13. Damage to Persons/Property

- Players/teams are responsible for the damage to persons or property caused by balls that leave the field of play.

14. 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.

15. Parking

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

16. Children

- Please ensure children are spectating/playing in a safe manner.

17. Pets

- Please do not bring dogs or other pets to the sports fields.

18. 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.