



## 2010 EARLY BIRD SLO-PITCH LEAGUES

Coed 7&3

6 League Games & SKO Playoffs



### LEAGUE RULES

1. All 2009 SPN rules in effect with the following exceptions:
2. ASA bat rules in effect. Any batter who enters batters box with non-approved bat will be declared out and ejected from the game. If the bat enters the batters box again that batter will also be out and ejected as well as the coach or manager. One of these logos must be present on the bat. Non-approved bat list is available in the Pro-shop.



3. Games will be approximately 70 minutes in duration. No last bats to improve +/- . If the home team is ahead and the clock expires while the visiting team is up to bat then the game ends after the third out. If the home team is behind, or the visiting team gains the lead in their turn at bats as the clock expires, the home team will finish their bats to complete the inning.
4. The clock starts at the designated time, teams will play with however many players they have and auto outs will be applied if the teams are shorthanded. Under no circumstances are the auto outs waived even if both teams are short.
5. Tie games remain a tie after 7 complete innings or if the time expires
6. Metal cleats are not allowed. No jewellery is allowed, including rope necklaces and rubber wristbands.
7. Progressive homerun rule: A team may hit a maximum 2 over the fence home runs more than their opponent, at any time during the game.
8. This is a 7&3 Coed League, which means there must be at least 3 females in the batting order during the entire game. An out will be declared if either the female player is not available when it's her turn at bat, or if she is injured and there are no female substitutes to replace her in the batting order.
9. **Batting Order:** Cannot have 2 female batters in a row. No more than 3 male batters in a row.
10. Teams may bat one extra male plus one extra female but those players must finish the game or be replaced by a legal substitute. If they cannot finish the game and there are no legal substitutes then an auto-out must be taken at their turn at bat.
11. During the regular season teams may pick up players only with the consent of opposing coach. No pickups will be allowed for playoffs. All players must be on the team roster.



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12. Courtesy runners allowed from any base at any time. All male players listed on the lineup sheet allowed to run once per game, all female players listed may run more than once, (unlimited).
13. Third strike foul is an out. Foul out to catcher does not need to be '3 feet or over catcher's head. Any perceptible arc that is caught by the catcher is an out.
14. Outfielders are not allowed to throw females out at first base. Relays are permitted.
15. Females may bunt. **Pitchers needs not be in contact with rubber, but must be in pitching zone at time of pitch. Players may only move in once pitched ball crosses front of plate or hits ground in front of plate.**
16. Lead off Rule: Runners may leave base when ball crosses the front of plate or hits ground in front of plate.
17. SPN Walk rule: Any walk to a male batter with a female on deck will result in two bases being awarded to the male batter and female must bat.
18. The 20-foot commitment line along third base is in effect. Runners who cross or step on this line cannot return to third base.
19. No sliding at home, touching home plate, crossing over home plate or running in front of home plate allowed. Runners must step on or over scoring line and foot must be on the ground before catcher catches ball or tags runner.
20. Line-ups must be submitted to the umpire prior to the game with first and last names of the players, and their jersey numbers if they have one, spares should be listed as well.
21. Scoring Runs: All innings have a 5 run maximum except final inning, which is open.
22. Mercy Rule: 12 runs after 5 innings of play
23. A player must play at least 2 regular season games and be on that team's roster to be eligible for the playoffs. **This will be monitored throughout the season.**
24. **THIS IS A NO PROTEST LEAGUE. ALL UMPIRE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

***Play Safe and Have Fun!***



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