



## 2023 Slo-Pitch Rules

SPN Rules to apply, with the following exceptions:

1. Only wooden bats supplied will be allowed. (If you chose to use your own wood bat, we ask that you allow the other team to use it, in the spirit of "fair play").
2. Small Ball/Women and Big Ball/Men will be pitched.
3. Home Team determined by a coin toss.
4. 4 female players minimum on field at all times. A team can play with 9 if they have at least 4 females.
5. Umpires will determine if arc was appropriate height.
6. A strike is a ball with the appropriate arc hitting the mat and/or plate.
7. There will be a maximum of 5 runs per inning up to and including the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. All innings after the 4<sup>th</sup> will be open. If, due to time limits, the last inning occurs before the end of the 4<sup>th</sup>, then the umpire shall declare the last playable inning open.
8. The Mercy Rule is in effect: After 5 complete innings, a team ahead by 10 runs will be declared the winner.
9. Home Team will not be allowed to bat in the last inning if they are leading.
10. Games are 75 minutes, with no new inning to start after 60 minutes of play.
11. No leadoffs. Runner may advance only on contact. Umpire's discretion on anticipation leading off.
12. You can have unlimited player substitutions defensively.
13. No metal spikes, profanity or jewellery please.
14. Please, no whining, snivelling or complaining. We get enough of this at work! Team and player are here to play softball, have a FANTASTIC time and help the children of BC be healthy.
15. This is a NO PROTEST tournament. Umpires decisions are final. All players must be really nice to the umpires and vice versa 😊.
16. Please bring your own gloves and warmup balls.
17. Ties are allowed in Round Robin Play.
18. Teams will be awarded 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss. Runs for/against will count only after points method used. This will determine placing in Sunday's draw.
19. Commitment line is 2/3 from 3<sup>rd</sup> to home. Once across that line, you must commit to home.
20. Runners MUST run behind home plate; Catcher must have foot on plate, not mat, for an out.
21. Encroachment line is in effect (fielders cannot cross the line until female batter has hit the ball)
22. Intentional walk- 4 balls with no strikes through, the batter goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> base, regardless of gender. If at least one strike, and 4 balls, batter goes to first.
23. Pinch Runners – can be anyone of the same gender who will not be batting soon. No limitations here as to the number of pinch runners.