



2017 Spring Slo-Pitch Leagues League Rules (7&3 Coed)



All 2017 SPN rules will be in effect with the following exceptions:

Bat rules: See SPN website for current Bat Policies. All bats used must carry one of the following thumbprints on the taper of the bat (listed below). In previous years, Softball City has allowed the non-approved ASA bat list. Softball City will grandfather the non-approved ASA bat list for the 2017 season. In 2018 bats on the non-approved ASA bat list will no longer be permitted.

Bat Rule Example For League Play



LEGAL if on APPROVED bat list
(either one or both together)



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ILLEGAL

An "illegal bat" is a non-approved bat



1. Five run limit per team per inning. At 60 minutes the umpire will call time and notify both teams that the next inning is open. No last bats to improve run differential. If the home team is ahead and the clock expires while the visiting team is batting, the game is over after the third out of the top half of the inning.
2. The clock starts at the designated time. If a team is shorthanded, automatic outs are in effect. Under no circumstances can automatic outs be waived, even if both teams are short players. This applies to both female and male players.
3. Tie games remain a tie after seven complete innings or if time expires.
4. No metal cleats.
5. Progressive homerun rule: a team may hit a maximum of two homeruns more than their opponent at any time during the game. If a team hits a third homerun more than their opponent the batter is automatically out. Runners cannot advance on automatic out homeruns.
6. For 7 & 3 coed leagues, there must be at least three females in the batting order throughout the entire game. An out will be declared if either the female player is not available for her at bat or if she is injured

and there are no female substitutes. Teams cannot play with less than eight players. If a team is short a female, she cannot be replaced by a male. If a team is short a male player, he can be replaced by a female. The batting order cannot have two females in a row and no more than three male batters in a row.

7. If teams wish to bat an extra male, they must also bat an extra female. Both 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 automatic outs will be in effect.
8. Teams may pick up players from other teams with the consent of the opposing coach. Any pickup must be registered with SPN prior to the start of the game. (Without being registered with SPN, players are not eligible for insurance.) No pickups are allowed for playoffs.
9. Courtesy runners are allowed from any base at any time. All male players listed on the lineup sheet are allowed to run in place of another runner once per game. Female players may run unlimited.
10. Third strike foul is an out.
11. No bunting.
12. Outfielders are not allowed to throw females out at first base. Relays are permitted.
13. Lead off rule: runners may leave their base when the ball crosses the front of the plate or hits the ground in front of the plate.
14. SPN Walk Rule: any walk to a male batter with a female batter on deck will result in two bases being awarded to the male batter and the female must bat.
15. The 20 foot commitment line along third base is in effect. Runners who cross or step on this line cannot return to third base.
16. Sliding into, touching, crossing over, and running in front of home plate is not allowed and will result in an automatic out.
17. Lineups 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 them). If the names are not legible or do not include last names they may not be noted incorrectly for the player to be eligible for the playoffs.
18. If a team is down 12 runs after five innings of play, the mercy rule takes effect.
19. A player must play at least three regular season games and be on the team's roster to be eligible for the playoffs. This will be monitored throughout the season.
20. Minimum age: a player must be 18 years of age to participate. The SPN Regional Director will consider requests for under age players. But, for safety issues, no exceptions will be made for any player under the age of 16.
21. This is a no protest league. All umpire decisions are final.