

Softball City Administrative Rules for 2022 League Play

Section 1 – Slo-Pitch National

Softball City Slo-Pitch leagues will be affiliated with Slo-Pitch National (SPN) for the purposes of obtaining all updated information on the sport of Slo-Pitch and to allow any of our teams to participate in the Divisional, Provincial and National SPN tournaments.

Section 2 – Player Eligibility

1. To be eligible to play on a sanctioned team, a player must meet the following requirements:
 - a) All players must be 19 years of age or older during the season.
 - b) Government PHOTO ID must be produced within 24 hours during the regular season and upon request during the playoffs. If no ID is produced within the specified time frame the team will forfeit the game.
 - c) Teams can make a written request to Softball City for permission to have players that are 16, 17 or 18 years old on their roster. It will be the final decision of Softball City to allow/disallow the request. A parent or guardian's consent will be required if the player is allowed to play. For safety issues, no exceptions will be made for any player under the age of sixteen.
 - d) Consequences: League and Round Robin games, teams may be penalized regardless of when played. If the player is found to be in contravention of the above, the game will be a forfeit.

Section 3 – Roster

1. A team's roster (copy of the SPN Online Registration Roster) must be completed and returned to Softball City prior to the first scheduled league game of the season.
2. A team may carry a maximum of forty (40) players plus a non-playing coach. A playing coach must be listed as a player. Players can only be listed on one (1) team's roster.
3. Each player MUST be named on the roster. Failure to do so shall constitute an incomplete roster.
4. Inclusion of an individual's name on the roster is an indication that the individual is aware of and will abide by Softball City rules, regulations, and intent.
5. Failure to supply the required roster by the stated date will carry a fine of one hundred (\$100) dollars to the team and forfeiture of all games played until the roster is submitted. After two (2) forfeitures, Softball City will determine the future of the offending team as pertaining to continued membership within the league.
6. Teams may add players if sufficient space exists on their SPN Roster Sheet. The deadline is four weeks after the start of the season. Teams may remove a player from their roster due to an injury to create additional roster space. To add or delete a player, Softball City must be informed in writing and the online roster must be updated.
7. Players may transfer once during the first four weeks of the season from one team to another provided that the team the player wishes to transfer to has space on their SPN Roster Sheet. Softball City must be notified of this transfer. Failure to do so will nullify the transfer.

Section 4 – League Structure

As teams choose the night they play versus playing by a specific skill level, there will be teams of varying ability on each night. For league play, there will be no divisional separation. For playoffs, Softball City will review the standings from league play to determine whether there will be a single division or multiple divisions.

Section 5 – Scheduling

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1. Every effort will be made to meet the requirements of each team. The assignments of diamonds, dates and times will be as fair and as equitable as possible.
2. Play-off schedules will be handled in the same manner.

Section 6 – Standings

Standings will be recorded as games won, games lost, games tied, runs for, and runs against.

Section 7 – Playoff Eligibility

1. Any player listed on a team's roster will be allowed to participate in league playoffs if they have shown a commitment to the league by playing in a minimum four (4) games of their team's games through the league schedule. Each game played as a member of a team's roster will count towards the minimum games required.
2. Teams who forfeit one game during the play-offs will have to reapply the following season.
3. A player who is picked up by a team on which they are not listed may not count that game towards play-off eligibility.
4. A player who transfers to another team during the regular season may count their games played with the previous team towards playoff eligibility.

Section 8 – Playoff Structure

Playoffs will be a double knockout format. Standings from league play will determine seeding for playoffs.

Section 9 – Ties for Positioning

In case of a tie for positioning at the end of league play, the following will be considered, in order listed, to break the tie and determine final standings:

- a) Win/loss/tie record (2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 for a loss).
- b) Most games won.
- c) Fewest games lost.
- d) The record of play between the tied teams (head-to-head).
- e) Most runs scored.
- f) Least runs against.
- g) A coin toss.

NOTE: if three (3) or more teams are tied, the tiebreakers will be looked at in order of listing above until the top team's placement is determined, then the tiebreakers begin at point (a) to determine placement for the remaining teams.

Section 10 - Team Responsibilities Before/During/After Games

1. If a ball is hit foul or a homerun is hit over the fence, the team that hit the ball is responsible for retrieving the ball and bringing it back to the umpire.
2. Teams should remove all garbage from the diamond and dugout areas. If players are chewing sunflower seeds, shells must be spit into a cup/bottle or into the garbage to assist in keeping the park clean.
3. Failure to fulfill any team responsibilities will result in a fifty (\$50) dollar fine for each infraction.

Section 11 – Unacceptable Behaviour

1. A physical strike by any member of the Softball City league as a result of league activities shall result in the suspension of that member for a period of three (3) to five (5) years from the date of

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the incident. Following the suspension, re-admission may only be granted through a written letter to the Softball City management.

2. Any member, who threatens to strike someone as a result of League activities, will be suspended for the balance of the season including playoff games. Following suspension, re-admission may only be granted by the Softball City management.
3. Verbal abuse or general threat will result in a penalty ranging from a warning to a one-year suspension, depending on the extent, the severity, and the nature of the abuse.
4. Drunken players, at the discretion of the umpire, shall be ejected from the game and/or park.
5. Any team member consuming alcoholic beverages at a league sanctioned event which were NOT purchased from the Softball City restaurant or concession, will have the team fined fifty (\$50) dollars. Multiple infractions by a team may result in expulsion from the league.
6. Any team member smoking (this includes vaping) in a non-designated area at a league sanctioned event will have the team fined fifty (\$50) dollars. Multiple infractions by a team may result in expulsion from the league.
7. Any team member smoking marijuana in ANY area of a league sanctioned event will have the team fined fifty (\$50) dollars. Multiple infractions by a team may result in expulsion from the league.
8. Managers/coaches are expected to promote sportsmanlike behavior within our leagues and slo-pitch in general. Failure to do so may result in the manager/coach and entire team placed on probation or expelled from the league.
9. Any player ejected from a game will also be suspended for the next two (2) regularly scheduled games [including second game of a double header].
10. The playing of loud music and/or music containing offensive language will result in the team fined fifty (\$50) dollars. Multiple infractions by a team may result in expulsion from the league.

Section 12 – Suspensions/Fines

1. The Softball City management reserves the right to withdraw the registration of any team or individual who is determined to be acting contrary to the best interests of the game of slo-pitch and/or the Softball City league.
2. Upon request, the Softball City management will consider enforcing suspensions imposed by other sporting organizations and all such suspensions shall be dealt with through the Softball City management.
3. Below is a listing of Fines, along with a short description of the infraction leading to the fine. The complete description of the infraction is within the referenced section.
 1. **Failure to submit SPN Roster Sheet as required \$100 (Section 3)**
 2. **Forfeiture of a game \$50 (Section 2)**
 3. **Failure to complete Team Responsibilities Before/During/After Game \$100 (Section 10)**
 4. **Any drinking or smoking offence \$50 (Section 11)**
 5. **General NSF cheques \$50**

REFUND POLICY

Due to the climate in British Columbia there is a possibility of rain on any given day. If teams complete twelve (12) games (between league and playoffs) then Softball City is said to have substantially fulfilled their commitment to teams to play a certain number of pre-scheduled games. Every effort will be made to reschedule any games that can not be played on the specified game night but if that night is not available, scheduling on other nights or the weekend may occur. If teams play less than twelve (12) games, they will receive a refund as outlined below:

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Play eleven (11) games – Receive \$100 as a refund.

Play eleven (10) games – Receive \$150 as a refund.