

# Slo Pitch

## 1. Age Categories:

- (a) Women 55 to 61
- (b) Women 62 +
- (c) Men 55 to 59
- (d) Men 60 to 64
- (e) Men 65 to 69
- (f) Men 70 +
- (g) Mixed 55 + (teams must have a minimum of 3 women on the field)

## 2. Events:

Men's and Women's Slo-Pitch Softball. . A Wednesday start will depend on the number of teams, available fields, scheduling, etc.

## 3. Participation:

- (a) Each Zone may send unlimited teams. A team must register a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 16. Teams may also nominate a non-playing Coach and/or Manager.
- (b) All participants must have photo ID with proof of age.

## 4. Competition:

The Round Robin draw and Games schedule will be available at least one week prior to accreditation day. Each participant will have a Games schedule in their accreditation package.

- (a) Team Makeup:
  - (i) For (a) (c) (d) and (g) age category teams, there will be 10 players on the field with unlimited batters. All other age category teams will field 11 players with unlimited batters
  - (ii) Under no circumstances will a team be allowed to play with less than 9 players. In such a case the game will be forfeited.

### (b) Tournament Makeup:

#### Men's Teams

- (i) If 7 teams or less enter the competition, the tournament will be a complete Round Robin format, in one division. Medals will be determined with the first and second place teams playing for Gold and Silver, and the third and fourth place teams playing for Bronze.
- (ii) If more than 7 teams enter the competition, there will be 2 divisions, "A" and "B". Each division will play a complete Round Robin format. The first and second place teams in each division will play off for Gold and Silver, and the third and fourth place teams will play off for Bronze.

- (iii) Divisions will be chosen by the previous year's results. "A" will be the top teams of the previous year and "B" will be all new teams and the bottom teams of last year.

#### Women's Competition

If fewer than 4 teams enter a category, the 55 to 61 and the 62+ will be combined with all games counting. Each would use their regular number of defensive players, and the 62+ **may** be given extra runs. (One run per inning for the first 5 innings)

For teams in all categories:

- (i) In the event of a tie after the complete Round Robin has been played, (assuming all tied teams have played each other) the winner (placement for medal rounds) will be decided:
    - 1. By the win/loss ratio for the games played
    - 2. If necessary, win/loss record between the tied teams
    - 3. If necessary, plus/minus record between tied teams
    - 4. If necessary, actual score plus/minus differential
    - 5. If necessary, total runs scored
    - 6. If necessary, total runs allowed
    - 7. If the tie still remains, there shall be a head to head competition to determine placements.
  - (ii) Each team should play no more than 2 games per day, unless scheduling requires 3. There must be a break of at least one hour between games.
  - (iii) Team names and Zone numbers will be posted on all draws.
- (c) Playing Rules:
- 1. Slo-Pitch National (SPN) Rules will be followed, including those that apply to approved bats and balls. A yellow 12 inch COR 44 ball will be used for Men's and Mixed competitions, and a yellow 11 inch COR 44 ball will be used for Women's competition.
  - 2. The pitching mat will be 24 x 36 measured from the end of the mat to the tip of each side that abuts to the backside of home plate. A pitch that hits any part of the plate, including the "V" is not a strike.
  - 3. The pitching distance is 24 inches wide and 50-65 feet from home plate.
  - 4. No base stealing
  - 5. The batter will be called out on a third strike foul.
  - 6. There will be a 5 run maximum rule except for the seventh and extra innings which shall be open.
  - 7. A 15 run "mercy" rule shall be in effect after five innings (4 ½ if the "home" team is ahead).
  - 8. Length of the game shall be 7 innings; no inning shall start after one hour and 15 minutes from start time except for tie games and final games. The 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> innings could be open if time is a factor.
  - 9. Batters must get to 1<sup>st</sup> base before a courtesy runner is allowed. Up to 2 courtesy runners per inning are allowed in (a) and (c) categories, all other categories may have unlimited runners. A courtesy runner may be

assigned to run no more than once per inning. A courtesy runner must be a player listed on the line up sheet.

10. Bunting is not permitted.
11. Bases shall be 65 feet apart for all categories.
12. No tagging allowed between the commitment line and home plate.
13. Players must wear a visible number, a minimum of four inches in height, on the uniform, with no two numbers the same. Metal cleats are not allowed. Helmets are optional.
14. There will be two umpires for medal games, and one umpire for Round Robin games.
15. No sliding is permitted when advancing to a base and any players so sliding will be called "out". A player may slide or dive in returning to a base.

#### **5. Medals:**

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to all players, coaches, and managers on the top three teams in each category.