

KITCHENER COED SLO-PITCH LEAGUE 2019 TOURNAMENT



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Please find attached tournament format, game times and rules. Please read and fully understand the rules attached.

League Executives may be checking all rosters at some point during the tournament. All players MUST have ID with them and MUST be on your team roster. Any player without ID or not on your team roster will not be eligible to play. This is a fun league and it is our intent to keep it that way, we will not tolerate ringers. Please remember all players must have played a minimum of 5 games to be eligible to play as well.

All games are at the Cambridge Sports Park- Diamonds #1, 2 & 3.

The club will setup bases, plates and 150ft markings on all of the diamonds we are using for tournament.

Score sheets are to be presented to the registration table following your game. We will try to keep the scoreboard updated as quickly as possible. You can text message final scores to Kelly (519-496-8782) or Ashley (519-404-3255).

Reminder there is No tailgating, No outside food or beverage and no pets.

Message from the Executive:

Good Luck to everyone in the Tournament. This is a **fun league**, and thus, please ensure that nothing but **polite and courteous** play is maintained at all times. There will be 2 divisions this year so lots of games to be played! The Ice Park will be putting together some food and beverage deals so please encourage your teams to eat at the park.

Thanks for your support as we all made 2018 another successful season - we hope to see you next year!

Ashley Congi
Co-President

Kelly Vanderstelt
Co-President

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Rules:

1. **HAVE FUN, BE COURTEOUS AND POLITE TO YOUR TEAM-MATES, OPPONENTS, THE UMPIRES AND THE EXECUTIVES. ARGUMENTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. If there is a disagreement about a call that was made please discuss it calmly with the umpire.**

2. **Home team in the tournament will be decided by a coin toss.**
During the semi-finals and finals **home** team will be decided by how the team placed in the tournament. The higher ranking team will be **home** team.

ALL games are seven innings with the first 5 innings having a 5-run maximum. Innings 6 and 7 will be open innings and are time permitting. If the home team is winning after the top half of the final inning, the game is declared to be over and the home team will not bat.

Games are a maximum of 1 hour and 15 minutes long (umpire to call game at that time) with no new inning starting after 1 hour of play. Be ready to play at the scheduled time. THE SEMI FINALS and FINALS WILL BE 7 INNINGS. THERE WILL BE NO TIME LIMIT.

3. A **one-inning** tie breaker will be permitted if the game is tied after the seventh inning or time limit. If the game is tied after one extra inning - a tie will stand.
4. **Walk rules are:** If a male batter receives 4 balls and no strikes - he will proceed to second base. The following female has the option to proceed to first base or to bat. If a female batter receives 4 balls and no strikes - she will proceed to first base only and the following male batter must bat. **{Remember that the league promotes the females to bat}**
5. All pitches must have a minimum arc of 6 feet to a maximum arc of 14 (umpires discretion)
6. No stealing - no lead-offs. A base-runner cannot leave the bag until contact is made with the ball. **No sliding.**
7. No metal spikes will be permitted on the diamonds at any time.

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8. Please ensure that base runners are not interfered with during any plays. If there is no play at the base, please clear the way for the base runner. The umpires will be given discretion on whether interference has occurred and may award a base if deemed that interference has occurred. The base runner must be given access to the orange safety bag at first base at all times. This is a fun and safe league.
9. **No tags will be allowed at home plate. An out will be recorded if the catcher has full control of the ball before the base runner has crossed the safe line. A commitment line will be drawn 21 feet from home plate. Once a runner has passed the commitment line, they cannot turn back. Any base runner touching home plate will be automatically out. **Courtesy Rule: Please let your back catcher play the game. The umpires will call this during the game if it becomes an issue.****
10. A total of three pinch runners will be permitted per game. All batters must make it to first base to be awarded a pinch runner. There will be no runners from the screen allowed. The pinch runner must be the last person of the same sex who was out.
11. Home Run Rule - A limit of over the fence home runs will be used at all diamonds. **1** home run per team per game. A batter hitting a ball over the fence in a game in excess of the limit, shall be ruled **a single**. Any ball touched by a defensive player which then goes over the fence in fair territory shall be a four base award and not considered a home run. If a batter is ruled to go to first because of the excessive home run rule, the ball is dead, all players on base, may advance one bag if forced to at the time of the pitch. The team batting the balls over the fence must retrieve the ball - no excuses. If a player hits a home run with players on the bases and the batter does not score as a result of the 5-run rules, this STILL COUNTS AS A HOME RUN! You hit a homerun, however due to the 5 run-limit rule did not score.
12. As usual - the team may be made up of up to 20 roster players. Ten players may play on the field at any time. There must be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 males on the field at any time. Females can be any number making up the remainder to equal a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 players (i.e. 4 to 6). Batting order is alternating male and female - as usual. **All players must be on the roster you submitted. If you are short players please ask other teams if anyone would like to play as they are covered under insurance.**

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13. Tournament standings will be determined by total round robin points. Ties in the standings will be determined by: **SEE ATTACHED**
14. When a batter is up to bat all players in the outfield must be positioned 150 feet from home plate. Fielders cannot move in until the batter has hit the ball. ***NO INFIELDER IS ALLOWED TO PLAY IN THE GRASS*. IF THE FIELDERS ARE INSIDE THE 150FT MARKERS, 1 BASE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BATTER REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE PLAY.**
15. All teams will be permitted to play a walk-up song for players heading to bat that has a maximum playing time of 15 seconds. Any longer will be considered delay of game.
16. Outfielders are not allowed to make a play to first base against the batter. They may make plays to second, 3rd, and home plate only. Exception: Should a fielder catch a fly-ball, they ARE permitted to throw to first in order to complete a double play if the runner was not tagging.
17. All other rules will be determined in consultation with the 2019 Slo-Pitch Ontario Association Handbook. The umpire has the final say in the game. The league executive reserves the right to make a final determination. Disputes with any league executive member will not be tolerated. Any disputes regarding the games will be dealt with the team representative (1 only) and the league executive. No discussions regarding disputes will be held with any other players except the team representative. The league president will have all final say and reserves the right to consult with the other league executive members on any matters.

No illegal bats will be tolerated. All teams should check their bats to make sure they are legal.

SPO BAT REGULATIONS APPLY. UMPIRES DISCRETION.

All bats must be rated less than or equal to 1.2 BFP. Any player bringing these bats into a tournament game will be ejected and the bats will not be permitted for use. (these bats have a tendency to explode creating a health risk for the players and umpires).

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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TOURNAMENT TIE BREAKERS

1. Head to Head
2. Plus/Minus
3. Best Runs Against
4. Best Runs For
5. Regular Season Standings