

# **TIGERCAT/MacDonald Steel SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT RULES 2024**

Play will abide by Slo-Pitch Ontario rules, including the use of illegal bats.

The following game exceptions and modifications will apply:

All games played within your pool shall be 9 innings in length or to the time limit of one hour (whichever comes first). No new inning will be started after 60 minutes. Home team will only have last bat if they are not leading.

Each team must field a minimum of 9 players. There will be a 5-minute grace period at the beginning of each game

In the result of any game forfeit the final score will be the amount of innings played to 0. If the game is not played then the score will be 9 - 0.

Coin flip for home team for each game. The home team is in charge of handing in the score card ( WITH FULL SCORE OF GAME ) with the away team captain's signature to confirm the score is correct. At the end of each game, the Captain is responsible for handing in score sheets to the stats table asap.

A team may exchange players within their batting order (or add players to their batting order) provided that team has not gone through their entire batting order at least once. I.e. if you only have 8 players at the start of a game, you may start playing and add additional players to the batting order (who are on your roster), if they arrive late, provided you have not gone through your entire batting order yet. Note: If a player on the batting order is not present when their turn to bat comes up, they will automatically be an out.

4th strike foul rule applies. A batter will be called out if he/she hits 2 foul balls after he/she has 2 strikes, no extra foul ball.

Players are prohibited from sliding into home plate.

If a player is in the batting order, they must field at least a minimum of 1 inning.

There will be 5 courtesy runners allowed per game per team from a base. They can be used whenever and wherever (except when determining a tie breaker). Unlimited courtesy running from the fence ONLY.

Lead offs are not permitted however a relaxed step or anticipation step from the base is allowed, umpire discretion.

Rovers are permitted given that all players are behind the 175Feet arc.

A maximum of 5 runs can be scored per inning, excluding the last inning. The umpire will call the last inning.

HOME RUN RULE No team shall have more than two (2) homeruns at any time during the game than the opposing team. (e.g. If team A hits 2 home runs in the top of 1st inning, than team 2 may hit 4 in the bottom of inning). Any home runs after team limit will be an "out", and runners will NOT advance.

Mercy Rule: The game can be called if a team is ahead by 15 runs any time after the 5th inning (4.5 if the home team is winning). Home team will always bat in the bottom of inning if down.

Any player ejected from a game will be suspended from play for the duration of the tournament. The ejected player must leave the playing and bench area immediately, and may not interfere in any way, shape or form (i.e. verbally) with the play of the game. If the player refuses to leave or interferes with the game in any way, the umpire may at his/her discretion call the game a forfeit.

Coin flip maybe used if there is any tie breaker to determine who moved on.

The decision of the umpire is final. Any issues that come up during the day regarding tournament format, tie breaking, etc. will be handled by the tournament conveners.