

K-W MEN'S SLO-PITCH RULES & BYLAWS 2025

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE # 13 OF THE CONSTITUTION, "N.S.A." RULES ARE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS.

GAMES:

1. NO GAME IS TO START LATER THAN THE SCHEDULED TIME.
2. ALL TEAMS MAY START GAME WITH 8 PLAYERS. IF AT THE END OF THE BATTING ORDER, 9 PLAYERS ARE NOT PRESENT THAT TEAM WILL FORFEIT THE GAME.
3. A TEAM THAT FORFEITS A GAME WILL BE FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00). SPLIT \$25.00 TO LEAGUE AND \$25.00 TO THE OPPOSING TEAM. IT WILL BE ADDED TO REFUND AT END OF SEASON.
4. ALL GAMES WILL BE 9 INNINGS (TIME PERMITTING) UNLESS THERE IS A MERCY RULE IN EFFECT. ALL DIVISION FINAL PLAY-OFF GAMES WILL NOT HAVE A TIME LIMIT. A GAME WILL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE ANY TIME AFTER 5 INNINGS HAVE BEEN PLAYED.
5. MERCY RULE IS 15 RUNS AFTER 7 OR 8 INNINGS. MERCY RULE WILL APPLY IN PLAY-OFFS. "C" DIVISION WILL HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 7 RUNS SCORED PER INNING IN THE FIRST 5 INNINGS.
6. ONLY THE TWO PLAYERS PRESENT AT THE GROUND RULES MAY APPROACH THE UMPIRE TO QUESTION A CALL. ANY OTHER PLAYER DOING SO COULD FACE EJECTION FROM THE GAME.
7. SOFTBALLS TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE LEAGUE.
8. HOME TEAM MUST SUPPLY ONE NEW AND ONE USED BALL FOR EACH GAME.
9. BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY DELAY A GAME ONE HALF (1/2) HOUR MAXIMUM.
10. BOTH TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO EMAIL THE SCORE IN TO THE LEAGUE. FAILURE TO SEND IN THE SCORE BY 12 MIDNIGHT ON THE FRIDAY AFTER THE GAME WILL RESULT IN A \$25.00 FINE.
11. A SCHEDULED GAME THAT WAS CANCELED DUE TO POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS WILL BE RESCHEDULED AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SEASON IF TIME PERMITS. TEAMS NOT WILLING TO PLAY THESE GAMES WILL BE CHARGED WITH A FORFEIT FINE.
12. THE UMPIRES WILL HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE GAME AND WILL EJECT PLAYERS AS DEEMED NECESSARY.
13. ALL FINES MUST BE PAID AS SET, IF NOT THE TEAM COULD FACE EXPULSION FROM THE LEAGUE.
14. THE HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING BASES AND HOME PLATE WHEN REQUIRED.
15. REGULAR SEASON GAMES AT LIGHTED PARKS WILL BE AT 6:30, 8:00 AND 9:30.
(NO NEW INNING IS TO START AFTER 80 MINUTES FROM START TIME)

RULES OF PLAY

1. HOME PLATE IS TO BE WOODEN PLATE (2X3 FEET) THAT WILL BE SUPPLIED BY EACH TEAM.
2. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN BASES WILL BE 65 FEET IF POSSIBLE.
3. A PITCH MUST HAVE A MINIMUM ARC OF 6 FEET WITH MAXIMUM ARC OF 12 FEET.
4. SUBSTITUTE BASE RUNNERS ARE PERMITTED AT ANY TIME, TO A MAXIMUM OF 5 PER GAME. THE SUBSTITUTE RUNNER MUST BE THE LAST PLAYER WHO MADE AN OUT. IF DUE TO AN INJURY, COURTESY RUNNERS MAY BE USED AFTER THAT POINT WITH PERMISSION FROM OPPOSING TEAM. EXTRA BASE RUNNERS CAN BE USED IF AGREED TO AT THE START OF THE GAME.
- 4.1 A TEAM MAY DECLARE 1 (ONE) PLAYER AT THE START OF THE GAME WHO IS INJURED. THIS DECLARED PLAYER MUST MAKE IT TO FIRST BASE ON THEIR OWN AND CAN NOT GO PAST FIRST BASE. THIS PLAYER MUST PLAY PITCH, CATCH, FIRST OR THIRD BASE. IF THE DECLARED PLAYER DOES HIT A HOME RUN OR GROUND RULE DOUBLE THEY WILL MOVE TO THE PROPER BASE.
5. HOME RUN RULE FOR ALL BALL DIAMONDS WILL BE PLUS 3 RULE. NO TEAM CAN HAVE MORE THEN 3 HOME RUNS MORE THEN THE OPPOSING TEAM. IF A 4TH HOME RUN IS HIT IT WILL BE AN OUT.
6. NO STEEL SPIKES OR STEEL TOECAPS ALLOWED.
7. MORE THAN 10 PLAYERS MAY BE IN THE BATTING ORDER, EACH PLAYER LISTED MUST PLAY AT LEAST 3 INNINGS DEFENSIVELY.
8. A PLAYER CAN BE ADDED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE BATTING ORDER UP TO THE END OF THE FOURTH (4th) INNING.
9. IF THERE IS A TIE IN A PLAYOFF GAME THE INTERNATIONAL RULE USED TO BREAK THE TIE.
10. THERE WILL BE NO TAGGING A PLAYER AT HOME PLATE.
11. THE LEAGUE RULE FOR BATS WILL BE A BAT MUST HAVE A RECOGNISED THUMB PRINT.

ANY TEAMS CAUGHT DRINKING AT THE BALL PARKS WILL FACE LEAGUE EXPULSION

PLAYERS

1. AGE RESTRICTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: "A" DIVISION IS NINETEEN (19) YEARS OF AGE AS OF JUNE 1ST THE CURRENT SEASON. "B & C" DIVISION ARE ALLOWED SIX (6) PLAYERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF NINETEEN (19) AND THIRTY (30), (NINETEEN AS OF JUNE 1ST THE CURRENT SEASON) ALL OTHER PLAYERS ARE TO BE THIRTY (30) AND OVER AS OF JUNE 1ST THE CURRENT SEASON.
2. TEAM ROSTERS MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED TO THE TREASURER BY JUNE 1ST OF THE CURRENT SEASON. FAILING TO DO SO BY JUNE 1ST WILL RESULT IN A \$100.00 FINE. IT NOT BY JULY 1ST \$100.00 FINE. IF NOT BY JULY 15TH EXPULSION FROM LEAGUE.
3. A TEAM MAY CHANGE A ROSTER AFTER JUNE 1ST WITH APPROVAL FROM THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE.
4. A TEAM MAY NOT HAVE MORE THAN TWENTY (20) PLAYERS ON THEIR ROSTER.
5. A PLAYER MUST HAVE PLAYED IN AT LEAST ONE HALF OF THE GAMES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLAY-OFFS. TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO KEEP SCORE SHEETS AS PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY.
6. PLAYERS EJECTED FROM A GAME WILL HAVE AN AUTOMATIC ONE GAME SUSPENSION AFTER THE GAME EJECTION. IF THE PLAYER DOES PLAY WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION THE TEAM WILL FORFEIT THAT GAME AND THE PLAYER WILL SERVE ANOTHER GAME AS WELL AS A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE. TWO EJECTIONS IN A SEASON WILL RESULT IN SEASON SUSPENSION. THIS SUSPENSION CAN BE REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE AND BE CHANGED ACCORDINGLY. THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE WILL BE FINAL.
7. ANY DELIBERATE BODY CONTACT BY A PLAYER SHALL CAUSE HIM TO BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME AND WILL BE DEALT WITH BY THE EXECUTIVE. PENALTY CAN BE SUSPENSION AND/OR FINE AS DEEMED BY EXECUTIVE.
8. PROFANE LANGUAGE AND VERBAL CHASTISEMENT OF UMPIRE, OTHER PLAYERS OR FANS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. THIS WILL RESULT IN A WARNING OR EJECTION.
9. SOME JEWELRY IS ALLOWED. PLAIN WEDDING BANDS, PLAIN NECKLACES FREE OF PENDANTS AND CHARMS WORN UNDER THE UNIFORM, MEDICAL ALERT ID BRACELETS AND NECKLACES ARE LEGAL BUT SHOULD BE WORN OR TAPED TO THE BODY AS NOT TO PRESENT A HAZARD. ALL BODY PIERCING (PERMANENT OR OTHERWISE) MUST NOT BE LOOPED IN ANY WAY. A BODY PIERCING THAT IS "POST" TYPE PIERCING WITH NO DANGLING PARTS, NO LOOPING PARTS AND NO LOOPS WHATSOEVER ARE LEGAL IF JUDGED BY THE UMPIRE TO NOT PRESENT A DANGER TO ANY PARTICIPANT. CASTS (PLASTER, METAL OR OTHER HAND SUBSTANCES), OR OTHER ITEMS JUDGED DANGEROUS BY THE UMPIRE MAY NOT BE WORN DURING THE GAME.
10. A/B DIVISION TEAMS ARE ALLOWED 1 "A", 2 "B" AND 3 "C" RATED PLAYERS. C DIVISION TEAMS ARE ALLOWED 1 "B" AND 2 "C" RATED PLAYERS. RATINGS ARE ACCORDING TO NSA, SPOA OR SPN.

GENERAL

1. ONLY THE TEAM CONTACTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF LEAGUE BUSINESS.
2. EACH TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON PRESENT AT LEAGUE MEETINGS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR \$25.00 FINE.
3. TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE MUST WEAR THE SAME COLORED SHIRTS WHEN PLAYING.
4. TEAM REGISTRATION FEES FOR A & B WILL BE TWO THOUSAND & SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2600.00) WITH FOUR HUNDRED (\$400.00) DUE AT THE WINTER MEETING, 50% OF BALANCE DUE SPRING MEETING AND 50% BALANCE DUE MAY 31. TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (200.00) WILL BE A RETAINER HELD BY THE LEAGUE TO COVER ANY FINES OR FORFEITS IF REQUIRED. THE LEAGUE WILL RETURN ANY UNUSED RETAINER TO THE TEAM AT THE END OF THE SEASON OR HOLD IT FROM YEAR TO YEAR
5. NEW TEAMS COMING INTO THE LEAGUE WILL BE CHARGED A ONE-TIME ADMINISTRATION FEE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00).
6. TEAM STANDINGS WILL BE BASED ON 2 POINTS FOR A WIN, 1 POINT FOR A TIE AND 0 POINTS FOR A LOSS. FOR FINAL STANDINGS IF THERE IS A TIE, HEAD TO HEAD GAMES WILL DETERMINE THE RESULT. IF THERE IS STILL A TIE, TOTAL WINS WILL DETERMINE THE TIE-BREAKER.
7. TEAM FEES WILL INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP WITH NSA.
8. A & B DIVISION WILL HAVE 24 REGULAR SEASON GAMES. C DIVISION WILL HAVE 14 GAMES.
9. PLAY OFF FORMAT WILL BE THE ADJUSTED EACH YEAR ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION. EACH SERIES WILL BE THE EITHER 4 OR 6 POINTS TO WIN. THE FINALS WILL BE PLAYED UNTIL THE TIE IS BROKEN. THE RULE WITH THE LAST OUT FROM THE PRECEEDING INNING GOING TO SECOND BASE TO START EACH INNING UNTIL THE GAME IS WON.
10. ANY COMPLAINTS OR PROTESTS ABOUT PLAYERS, COACHES OR UMPIRES MUST BE IN WRITING OR IT WILL NOT BE INVESTIGATED BY THE EXECUTIVE
11. THE TEAM THAT WINS "B" DIVISION PLAY-OFF WILL MOVE TO "A" DIVISION AND THE LAST PLACE TEAM IN "A" DIVISION WILL MOVE TO "B" DIVISION. THIS IS SUBJECT TO LEAGUE APPROVAL.

**IF THERE IS NO MENTION OF A RULE IN THIS DOCUMENT
NSA RULES WILL PREVAIL.**