

# LADIES OPERATING RULES

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## 1 MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

### 1.1 REGISTRATION

EACH TEAM MEMBER MUST BE COVERED BY SPN INSURANCE.

### 1.2 TEAM ROSTER

THE TEAM CONTACT MUST COMPLETE THE SPN ONLINE TEAM ROSTER BY TUESDAY JULY 21, 2015. TEAMS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY AND RECORDED AS A FORFEIT UNTIL ALL PLAYERS HAVE COMPLETED THE ONLINE REGISTRATION.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS CAN BE MADE TO YOUR ROSTER UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF LEAGUE PLAY. ROSTERS ARE FROZEN FOR PLAYOFFS. TEAM CONTACTS MUST NOTIFY KATHY ORIOLI OF ANY CHANGES TO THEIR TEAM ROSTER; ANY NEW PLAYERS MUST COMPLETE THE SPN ROSTER WAIVER PRIOR TO PLAYING.

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE AS OF JULY 1, 2015. ALL PLAYERS 16-18 YEARS OF AGE (INCLUSIVE) MUST HAVE WRITTEN CONSENT FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND SUBMITTED TO THE LEAGUE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO PLAYING.

[PARENTAL CONSENT FORM](#)

### 1.3 TEAM STRUCTURE

#### 1.3.1 PICK-UPS

LEAGUE PLAY: TEAMS ARE ALLOWED TO PICK-UP A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) PLAYERS FROM ANOTHER TEAM'S ROSTER. NOTE: PICK-UPS MUST BE SPN INSURED; EITHER FROM ANOTHER LADIES' TEAM OR BY COMPLETING THE SPN ONLINE REGISTRATION.

PLAYOFFS: TEAMS ARE ALLOWED ONLY ONE (1) PICK-UP FROM ANOTHER PENTICTON TEAM. ROSTERS ARE FROZEN FOR PLAYOFFS; THEREFORE NO ADDITIONS CAN BE MADE AFTER THE LAST DAY OF LEAGUE PLAY. PLAYERS MUST HAVE PLAYED AT LEAST 3 REGULAR SEASON GAMES BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN PLAYOFFS.

PLAYERS NOT LISTED ON THE APPROVED SPN ROSTER FORM ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PLAY.

## 2 TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

### 2.1 FIELD MAINTENANCE (MANDATORY FOR ALL LEAGUES)

A NOTE TO ALL TEAMS: WE ARE NOT GUARANTEED THE USE OF ANY FIELD THAT WE PLAY ON. IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR OUR LEAGUE TO USE THE FIELDS. WE AS A LEAGUE MUST KEEP LIONS PARK IN BETTER SHAPE THAN ARE EXPECTED OF US. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO USE THIS FIELD YEAR AFTER YEAR. THIS LEAGUE WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IF WE HAD TO PLAY ON FIELDS LIKE QUEENS PARK AND THE LIKE, PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN YOU ARE HOME TEAM.

THE HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAGGING THE FIELD BEFORE THE GAME, SETTING OUT THE REQUIRED BASES AND PROVIDING GAME BALLS. PLAN AN EXTRA 30 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES (TUFS OF ROPE INDICATE BASE PLACEMENT).

## **2.2 LEAGUE STATS AND MEDIA REPORTS**

SCORES MUST BE EMAILED TO CHRIS NEWTON WITHIN 24 HOURS OF GAME PLAYED.  
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REPORTING SCORES TO THE NEWSPAPER AND RADIO STATIONS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WINNING TEAM.

## **2.3 LIQUOR/SMOKING PROHIBITIONS**

2.3.1 LIQUOR OR SMOKING SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE BENCHES, DUGOUTS OR PLAYING FIELD AREA.

2.3.2 ANY OFFENDING PERSONS WILL BE GIVEN ONE WARNING AND THE TEAM MANAGER SHALL BE ADVISED THAT THE WARNING HAS BEEN GIVEN. A SECOND INCIDENT WILL LEAD TO GAME EJECTION.

2.3.3 PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY

## **3 GAMES AND SCHEDULES**

**3.1 GAME START TIMES WILL BE INDICATED BY THE SCHEDULE; A FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE GRACE PERIOD SHALL BE PERMITTED BEFORE THE UMPIRE DECLARES THE GAME FORFEITED.**

**3.2 TEAMS SHALL NOT HAVE INFIELD PRACTICES BEFORE THE GAME ON THE INFIELD**

**3.3 ALL WARM-UPS SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON THE GRASS**

## **4 DISQUALIFICATION**

### **4.1 DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

4.1.1 AT THE DISCRETION OF A COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH TEAM, DISCIPLINARY ACTION INCLUDING FORFEITS, FINES AND EXPULSIONS MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST PLAYER, PLAYERS AND/OR A TEAM FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- A) FAILURE TO SUBMIT A LEAGUE ROSTER BY THE PREDETERMINED DATE
- B) FAILURE TO ACT IN A SPORTSMANLIKE MANNER
- C) VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY ABUSING ANY PERSON THE COURSE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES
- D) FORFEITING MORE THAN ONE (1) SCHEDULED LEAGUE GAME
- E) FIELD MAINTENANCE NOT BEING DONE BY HOME TEAM

## **5 PROTESTS**

### **5.1 RULES**

5.1.1 PROTESTS REGARDING RULE INTERPRETATION MUST BE NOTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PLAY IN QUESTION, THEN PRESENTED TO KATHY ORIOLI WITHIN 48 HOURS FOR RESOLUTION. A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF AT LEAST ONE (1) MEMBER FROM ALL TEAMS WILL BE STRUCK.

### **5.2 RESCHEDULES**

5.2.1 RAIN-OUTS: All games must be played as scheduled. ONLY RAINED OUT GAMES may be rescheduled. Any other games if cannot be held will be forfeited. Both teams must show up at the field and it is the umpire's decision to cancel the game or to play. If only one team shows, then it shall be recorded as a forfeit, for the team that missed. Contact Kathy Orioli at 250-497-1119 or torioli@hotmail.com to reschedule all rainouts.

## **6 RULES OF PLAY**

### **6.1 UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED IN THESE OPERATION RULES ALL RULES OF PLAY WILL BE GOVERNED BY SLO-PITCH NATIONAL (SPN)**

### **6.2 JEWELRY RULE**

6.2.1 AS OF 2013 SEASON SPN HAS ELIMINATED THE JEWELRY RULE. THE UMPIRE DOES HAVE AT THEIR DISCRETION THE RIGHT TO ASK A PLAYER TO REMOVE ANY JEWELRY THAT IS DEEMED AN INCREASED RISK OF INJURY.

### **6.3 EQUIPMENT**

6.3.1 BALLS: THE LEAGUE WILL SUPPLY ALL TEAMS WITH GAME BALLS. HOME TEAM IS TO SUPPLY THE GAME BALLS FOR EACH GAME. BALLS MUST BE THE SAME TYPE SUPPLIED BY THE LEAGUE. NO OTHER BALLS ARE TO BE USED EXCEPT FOR HIGH VISIBILITY.

6.3.2 BATS: LEAGUE WILL FOLLOW THE SPN 2015 BAT POLICY.  
[www.asasoftball.com/about/certified\\_equipment.asp](http://www.asasoftball.com/about/certified_equipment.asp)

6.3.3 UNIFORMS: TEAM UNIFORMS ARE RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT MANDATORY.

### **6.4 PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES**

6.4.1 PLAYING BC 9 RULE: A TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED TO START WITH NINE (9) PLAYERS FROM THE OFFICIAL START TIME OF THE GAME. THE SAME TEAM IS NOT ALLOWED TO ADD A TENTH PLAYER TO THE BATTING ORDER AT ANY TIME FOR THE BALANCE OF THE GAME. THE TEAM WHO STARTS A GAME WITH (9) NINE PLAYERS MUST FINISH THE GAME WITH THE NINE PLAYERS. ANY PLAYER WHO IS LISTED ON THE LINE-UP CARD AS A SUBSTITUTE MAY ENTER THE GAME ONLY AS A SUBSTITUTE.

6.4.2 NOT PLAYING BC 9 RULE: A TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED TO START A GAME WITH (9) NINE PLAYERS WITH AN AUTOMATIC OUT BEING CALLED WHERE THE LAST PLAYER (MISSING PLAYER) IN THE BATTING LINE UP WOULD HAVE BATTED. A TEAM IS

ALLOWED TO ADD A TENTH (10) PLAYER AT ANY POINT FOR THE BALANCE OF THE GAME.

6.4.3 BATTING MORE THAN 10 PLAYERS: A TEAM MAY CHOOSE TO BAT MORE THAN TEN (10) PLAYERS. IF A TEAM CHOOSES TO BAT MORE THAN 10 PLAYERS ALL MUST BAT IN BATTING ORDER, BUT ANY 10 CAN PLAY DEFENSE. DEFENSIVE POSITIONS CAN CHANGE, BUT THE BATTING ORDER MUST REMAIN THE SAME.

6.4.4 RUNNERS: COURTESY RUNNERS MAY BE USED (PROVIDED THE BATTER HAS SAFELY REACHED BASE) TO THE LIMIT OF THREE (3) ONLY. COURTESY RUNNERS MAY BE USED AT ANY BASE. AS PER SPN RULE, ANY PLAYER CAN BE USED AS A COURTESY RUNNER, BUT ONLY ONCE PER GAME. IF BOTH COACHES AGREE AT THE HOME PLATE MEETING GAME MAY BE PLAYED WITH UNLIMITED RUNNERS (RUNNERS CAN STILL ONLY BE USED ONCE PER INNING).

## **6.5 THE GAME**

6.5.1 MERCY RULE: SEVEN (7) RUNS PER INNING; FIFTEEN (15) RUNS AFTER 5 COMPLETED INNINGS OF PLAY

6.5.2 TIE BREAKER: IF THE FINAL SCORE ENDS IN A TIE, IT WILL BE RECORDED AS A TIE

6.5.3 A BATTER IS DECLARED OUT WHEN A FOUL BALL IS HIT AFTER TWO STRIKES.

6.5.4 BUNTING IS NOT ALLOWED

6.5.5 STEALING IS ALLOWED

## **7 LEAGUE STANDINGS**

AT THE CONCLUSION OF LEAGUE (REGULAR PLAY), STANDING WILL BE ESTABLISHED USING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

A) MOST WINS; IF STILL TIED THEN

B) WINNERS OF GAMES BETWEEN TIED TEAMS; IF STILL TIED THEN

C) DIFFERENCE PLUS OR MINUS OF TOTAL RUNS SCORED OF TIED TEAMS IF THEY HAVE PLAYED EACH OTHER TWICE; IF STILL TIED

D) DIFFERENCE PLUS OR MINUS OF TOTAL RUNS SCORED OF TIED TEAMS DURING LEAGUE PLAY; IF STILL TIED THEN

E) COIN TOSS; THIS WILL BE DONE BETWEEN CHANDRA PETRENY AND THE TEAMS INVOLVED.

## **8 PLAYOFFS**

AGAIN WILL BE A WEEKEND TOURNAMENT STYLE SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27, 2015.