



Regular Season Rules

Southside Slo-Pitch; Its Board Of Directors, The City Of Edmonton As Well As The Private And Separate School Boards Are Not Responsible For Any Injuries To Any Person Or Damages To Any Private Or Public Property. Each Person And/Or Team Shall Be Held Responsible For Any Such Damages Or Injuries.

1. Each player must be signed with the National Softball Association (NSA). Moreover, each player must have read and agreed to abide by all rules. Any player who fails to read and abide by these rules will be deemed ineligible to play in Southside Slo-Pitch.
2. No drinking or smoking on the fields.
3. No steel cleats.
4. All bats must have an ASA 2004 stamp or a USSSA Thumbprint.
5. Ten players are required to play with at least four players being women. If during regular season play you can only field 3 women, please have a guy play catcher.
6. Each team will supply a good ball for each game.
7. The team with the double header will be considered the home team.
8. Bases are to be 65 feet apart and are to be set out by the home team.
9. The pitcher's mound is to be 50 feet from the back of home plate.
10. The mat at home plate (cannot be made from wood) is to be 3. feet by 2. feet and is to cover the entire plate underneath. The batter **will not** be called out if they step on the mat while hitting.
11. A game is seven innings long, or until time has elapsed.
12. No lead offs. Contact must be made with the ball; if you lead off, you are out. Example: There is a runner on second and the batter is walked, the runner on second goes to third by mistake. He/she is out; contact must be made.
13. Only women are allowed to bunt
14. A pitch must have a minimum arc of six feet (with no maximum) from the ground.
15. A strike is declared when the pitch has received the proper arc and lands on the mat

16. An infield fly is a fair ball (not including a line drive) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when there are less than two out; first and second, or first, second, and third bases are occupied. The pitcher, catcher, and any outfielder who positions him/herself in the infield on the play shall be considered infielders for the purpose of this rule. When it seems apparent that the batted ball will be an infield fly, the umpire shall immediately declare "Infield fly, if fair the batter is out" for the benefit of the runners. The ball is live and the runners may advance at the risk of the ball's being caught, or retouch and advance after the ball is touched, the same as on any fly ball. If the hit ball becomes a foul ball, it is treated the same as any foul. If a declared infield fly is allowed to fall untouched to the ground and bounces foul before passing first or third base, it is a foul ball. If a declared infield fly falls untouched to the ground outside the base lines, and bounces fair before passing first or third base, it is an infield fly.
17. A commitment line shall be drawn twenty feet from the top left hand corner of home plate, perpendicular to the third base line. Home plate plays shall be considered force plays and no tag is to be made if the runner has passed the commitment line. If the runner has yet to pass the commitment line, a tag may be made and the runner has the option of going home or returning to third. "Passed the commitment line" is defined as any part of the runner's body (head, hand, foot etc.) crossing the line. The team on defense is to use the mat at home plate and the runner is to use the safety mat to the right of the home plate mat. Play at home: no tagging between the twenty foot commitment line and home base. Force Play: defense must have control of the ball and be in contact with the plate and/or the home plate mat before the runner touches the safety mat. (If the runner touches the wrong mat before the safety mat, he/she shall be called out, **by appeal only**.)
18. The safebase will be called. The first base person's base is only in fair territory; he/she cannot use the foul territory base. The batter must use the foul territory base if there is going to be a play at first; if the batter uses the fair territory base then he/she is out. If there is no play at first, the batter may use either base. When a runner is returning to first base, he/she must use the fair side; if he/she uses the foul side and is tagged or a pitch is thrown, they are out. Also, there will be no tagging the runner between home plate and first base. The play must be made on the actual base.
19. Out Of Play: an out of play ball (overthrown) the runner must have the base made before he/she can advance (excluding first base). One base is given to base runners if the ball is brought or thrown out of play by any in or outfielder. If the ball is intentionally taken out of play, the runners shall advance two bases. (Exception - tenth batter all runners shall score.)

20. 7 run max per inning with the last inning open
21. Substitutions - **male for male and a female for female**: When making a substitution, you must substitute a male for male and a female for female in the batting lineup. The umpires and all scorekeepers are to be informed; it does not matter if the field positions change. The players from the starting lineup may re-enter the game, but only in the same position in the batting order that he/she came out of. (The exception would be if an injured player is to be replaced and no other players are available. This is at the umpire's discretion.)
22. PLAYOFFS ONLY, a batter male or female is walked intentionally or is walked on a count of 0 strikes and 4 balls, they automatically receive two bases.
23. Defaults: Two defaults and your team will be ejected from the league (money non-refundable). A default is defined as any of the following:
- a no show
 - less than eight eligible players
 - the fields are closed and your team is playing
 - leaving fields untidy (garbage)
 - vehicles on the fields
 - honking horns or speeding by diamonds

You must notify the opposing team at least 20 hours before your scheduled game time or it will be considered a default.

24. All players listed on your team's NSA insurance form are eligible to play for your team in the playoffs. Twenty players and one player/manager gives each team a maximum of twenty one. The NSA insurance form is considered to be your official South Side Slopitch playoff roster
25. Courtesy Runners: during regular season play, a courtesy runner will be allowed to start from home plate. Inform the opposition of this before the game begins and each time the batter comes to bat. In the playoffs, a courtesy runner may be used a maximum of three times (per team) each game. When the player requiring a courtesy runner is at bat, the same sex player that is farthest away from him/her in the batting order (and not on base) will be the courtesy runner, (even if they had a runner themselves). The batter must have first base made and after time has been called, the courtesy runner may take the field with the umpire's acknowledgment.

Should you need any clarification on any of the above, please contact ssslopitch@shaw.ca and we will be happy to assist.

