

## 2011 Centennial Slo-Pitch Tournament

*Tournament rules will reflect those in the "Slo-Pitch National Softball Inc." rule book.*

### General Rules

1. Equipment
  - A. Titanium bats, labelled or otherwise, and unsafe bats are illegal.
  - B. Male batters will be pitched a regular size ball whereas females will be pitched a smaller sized slo-pitch ball.
  - C. A double base is mandatory for use at first base. All regulations regarding this base as listed in the SPN rule book will apply.
  
2. The Game
  - A. A game shall consist of seven innings. The mercy rule (10 runs) is in affect after 5 or more completed innings.
  - B. A team shall consist of 10 players with a minimum of 4 players being female. Males under the age of 14 or over the age of 59 may be allowed to play in place of a female player.
  - C. A pitch shall be delivered at moderate speed with a perceptible arc no less than 6 feet and no greater than 12 feet from the ground. An illegal pitch will be immediately declared if these limited are exceeded. However, should the batter swing at an illegally pitched ball, the pitch will immediately become legal. The ball is alive and in play if hit by the batter.
  - D. All basic batting rules apply as well as the infield fly rule; whereas, the batter is out if he hits a fly ball with runners on first and second , or on first, second and third bases with less than two outs.
  - E. If a male or female player is walked, he or she will be awarded first base. The next batter must bat.
  - F. A team is allowed three unanswered home runs hit over the fence. The next home run will be considered an out until the opposing team earns an over-the-fence home run.
  - G. A baserunner is out if, when after reaching first base safely, he overruns or overslides that base, and then makes an attempt to start to second base and is tagged before returning to first base.
  - H. A baserunner is out if, he fails to keep contact with the base to which he is entitled, until a pitched ball has reached or passed or bounced in front of home plate or is batted. ie. "leading off"
  - I. A baserunner is out if, he touches home plate or crosses over home plate in fair territory, whether a play is made or not.
  - J. Umpires will be players from another team not participating in the current game and shall have full responsibility for proper conduct of the game.
  - K. Each team is required to record the score of both teams in the game in the score books provided.
  - L. Scored will be reconciled and submitted to tournament personnel after completion of the game.