

AURORA MEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

BY-LAWS

LEAGUE RULES

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AURORA MEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1 - CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 - ORGANIZATION

SEC 1.1 The organization shall be known as the Aurora Men's Slo-Pitch League (A.M.S.L.).

SEC 1.2 The A.M.S.L. is a non-profit organization formed to schedule league and play-off games. The League is responsible for rules and discipline during all league and play-off competition.

SEC 1.3 The League Executive (described in Articles 5 and 6) will be elected every two years at the Annual General Meeting. Voting privileges will be extended to every player on a current roster. The new Executive will take office at the General Meeting. At the call of the President, the Executive will meet at least three times each year.

Should a member of the Executive be unable to complete his term, or be deemed by the majority of the executive to have acted in a manner that is inappropriate or is contrary to the benefit of the A.M.S.L., the Executive shall appoint a replacement, and this appointment should be approved by vote of team Managers at the next subsequent meeting of Managers.

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

SEC 2.1 Teams desiring affiliation with the A.M.S.L. must submit an application and include a pre-registered bond as set by the Executive. Applications must be approved by the League Executive.

SEC 2.2 Team Managers are the persons who are accountable to the League for the conduct and general operation of the team. The Team Manager and an alternate contact shall be registered with the League when the team application is accepted.

The Manager is responsible to ensure that all team members agree to and abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the A.M.S.L. The team Manager may not transfer his team without approval from the Executive Committee.

SEC 2.3 A team Manager must be approved by the Executive of the League, and should be able to demonstrate that he has the support of the majority of players on the team's roster from the previous season.

ARTICLE 3 - ELIGIBILITY

SEC 3.1 All players In "D" Division must be a minimum of nineteen years of age as of May 1st of the current year. All players In "Masters" Division must be a minimum of thirty-five years of age within the current calendar year.

SEC 3.2 All players shall be residents, employees in, or taxpayers of the Town of Aurora unless granted special permission to play in the A.M.S.L. by the Executive Committee. This does not apply to any player on a prior registered roster of a team approved by AMSL executive to continue participation in AMSL.

ARTICLE 4 - AFFILIATION

SEC 4.1 Each year the A.M.S.L. Executive shall weigh the costs and benefits of affiliation with Slo-Pitch Ontario. Based upon the Executive's decision, the A.M.S.L. may affiliate with Slo-Pitch Ontario.

ARTICLE 5 - EXECUTIVE

SEC 5.1 The A.M.S.L. Executive shall consist of the President, Vice-president of "D" Division, Vice-president of "Masters" Division, Secretary, Treasurer, Umpire in Chief and Past-President. Associated positions may include Web Support, Statistician of "D" Division, Statistician of "Masters" Division, Equipment Manager.

The Executive will organize such committees as are necessary to assist in the league operation. At least one member of the Executive will sit on each committee

The committee structure may include:

- 1) Annual Banquet
- 2) Awards
- 3) Tournament
- 4) Rules
- 5) Constitution

A standing Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-president of "D" Division, Vice-president of "Masters" Division and Umpire in Chief will function as prescribed in the League By-laws and in matters of Protest and Discipline as required.

ARTICLE 6 - DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

SEC 6.1 - The President

The President shall be the Chairman of the Executive; he shall serve as the Chairman of all open business meetings of the League. He shall act as the spokesman for the League at all public gatherings. He shall have the authority to call a meeting of the Executive or Team Managers at any time provided each member is given adequate notification (minimum one week) of such meeting.

He shall have the deciding vote whenever there is an equal division on any question. He shall oversee all League operations. He shall be the League representative with Slo-Pitch Ontario. The President will be Chairman of the Protest Committee and the A.M.S.L. Annual Tournament Committee.

SEC 6.2 - The Vice-president of "D" Division

The Vice-president shall assist the President as needed in insuring that the League operation, activities and program are run in accordance with procedures as set forth in the A.M.S.L. Constitution. The Vice-president will report directly to the President. The Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President in his absence. When so acting, he shall have the power of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-president will have the direct responsibility for the day-to-day running of the "D" Division.

SEC 6.3 - The Vice-president of "Masters" Division

The Vice-president shall assist the President as needed in insuring that the League operation, activities and program are run in accordance with procedures as set forth in the Constitution. The Vice-president will report directly to the President. The Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President in his absence. When so acting, he shall have the power of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-president will have the direct responsibility for the day-to-day running of the "Masters" Division.

SEC 6.4 - The Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the League. He shall record the official minutes of said meetings and keep same in the official records of the League. He shall assist the President or Executive in conducting official correspondence for the League. He shall be responsible for supervising the safe keeping of League files, records, etc. He shall be responsible for organising and/or co-ordinating the annual league banquet.

SEC 6.5 - The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all moneys received and distributed by the League and submit a Financial Report to all members at the General Meeting. He shall be responsible for all League fund-raising moneys and moneys attained from the Annual Tournament. He shall ensure the required number of signatures be secured for the withdrawal of any league funds.

SEC 6.6 - The Past-President

The Past-President may attend all League and Executive meetings. He shall vote individually on all matters.

SEC 6.7 - The Umpire in Chief

The Umpire in Chief is responsible for the scheduling of umpires for league, playoff and tournament play. He shall insure that all umpires are qualified and are aware of all League rules, By-laws and the League Constitution. He will attend league and executive meetings and provide assistance to The League Executive. He will sit on the Executive Committee. Candidates for Umpire in Chief shall be submitted by the League Umpires. The Umpire in Chief shall be elected every two years and approved by the AMSL Executive at the Annual General Meeting. Voting privileges will be extended to every player on a current roster.

SEC 6.8 - The Statistician "D" & "Masters" Divisions

The Statistician shall keep an accurate record of results from all games played in his division and provide summaries and a write-up to the League and local media.

SEC 6.9 – Web Support & Equipment Manager

These and other specialty roles will be added to the A.M.S.L. Executive as required and appropriate to provide specialized services that benefit the A.M.S.L. teams.

ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS

- SEC 7.1** The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held in February of each year.
- SEC 7.2** Meetings of the Executive will be called by the President at least three times annually as required.
- SEC 7.3** The President will convene Team Manager's meetings to deal with League business as it arises.
- SEC 7.4** All Executive members and Team Managers or designates are entitled to one vote each at League business meetings. Each voting delegate will cast his own vote.
- SEC 7.5** Any Executive member missing three (3) consecutive meetings without just cause or without notifying the President or Secretary may be asked to resign and be replaced for the remainder of the term (Article 1 - Sec 1.3).
- SEC 7.6** Team Managers or designated representatives are required to attend all scheduled meetings. Failure to attend will result in a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) levied against that team. Unless otherwise agreed, each team will be permitted to send only one representative to a scheduled Managers meeting.

ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENTS

- SEC 8.1** No amendments or alterations shall be made to any part of the Constitution, By-laws or League Rules except at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be filed in writing with the President prior to December 31st. These recommendations will then be presented at the Annual Meeting. Only those amendments receiving majority of the votes cast will be accepted. There will be an opportunity to make minor modifications at the time of discussion. These minor modifications would only be used for clarification purposes, prior to voting.

The A.M.S.L. will operate with two divisions (Masters and D). Each division will have a vice-president in charge of operations who is empowered to make operational changes to their respective divisions and still function under the umbrella of the A.M.S.L. Any proposed operational changes will require a vote within that division (team managers) and must be sanctioned by the league executive prior to implementation.

- SEC 8.2** Amendments affecting rules for a particular division may be submitted. The motion must specify which division the amendment affects. Such amendments may only be voted on by players from the division affected. Only those amendments receiving a majority of votes cast will be accepted.
- SEC 8.3** Emergency Resolutions
An emergency resolution may be submitted in writing after December 31st and presented to the AMSL executive for discussion and reviewed at the AGM or an ensuing Managers meeting for immediate approval if the issue to be resolved effects the fundamental operation of the AMSL.

AURORA MEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

SECTION 2 - BY-LAWS

BY-LAW 1 - MEMBERSHIP DUES

- SEC 1.1** The Annual League Fees shall be set each year by the Executive.
- SEC 1.2** The Annual League Fees shall be paid in full by a date set by the executive and no later than June 1st of each year. Failure to pay annual team affiliation fees may result in forfeiting the application and deposit or such other penalty as the Executive deems appropriate. A team will be deemed to have defaulted any game played after the deadline until such time as all fees have been paid.
- SEC 1.3** All remittances must be by cheque to the A.M.S.L. and not to an individual.

BY-LAW 2 - SPONSORSHIP

- SEC 2.1** Sponsorship of the team shall be the sole responsibility of each team Manager and not the League. However, the League must approve all team sponsors.
- SEC 2.2** Upon changing team sponsorship, the team Manager must notify the President and have the roster list adjusted under the new name.

BY-LAW 3 - ROSTER AND SUBSTITUTES

- SEC 3.1** Each team may have a maximum of nineteen (19) players on its roster. Players may play for only one team in the AMSL (either Masters or D Division but not both) in any one playing season. Players may not move to a new AMSL team after the season has started unless properly released by the previous team and approved by the Executive Committee.
- SEC 3.2** Any player on a current roster is eligible for play-off competition for Masters Division. A player must be on the roster to play in the league and he must have played at least 8 regular season games in order to qualify for the playoffs for D Division.
- SEC 3.3** Any cases of dispute regarding player eligibility shall be dealt with by the Executive.
- SEC 3.4** A full team roster must be submitted to the League Vice-president by a date set by the executive and no later than May 1st, complete with player ID showing age and signature.
- SEC 3.5** Teams may add or change players on their roster following June 1st only if it is approved by the League Executive.

BY-LAW 4 - SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

SEC 4.1 Player(s) who are ejected from a game must leave the playing area, including grandstands and surrounding area. Player(s) ejected may be subject to a further suspension at the discretion of the Executive Committee in consultation with the umpire, player involved and both team managers.

SEC 4.2 Any player, whether or not they are expelled from a game, could be subject to a suspension as submitted, reviewed and determined by the following process:

1. Complaints against any AMSL member (Player, Manager, Executive Member or Umpire) may only be lodged by another AMSL member and must be submitted in writing to the AMSL Secretary using an AMSL Incident Report.
2. The onus shall be on the complainant to establish the probability of the allegations made in his complaint, to the satisfaction of the members of the Complaint Committee, failing which, the complaint must be dismissed. (The benefit of any doubt must be given to the person against whom the complaint is lodged.)

SEC 4.3 Definitions:

1. Mediation: Upon the lodging of a complaint the AMSL President may cause the parties to be contacted to determine whether mediation should be attempted to resolve the complaint, prior to appointing a Complaint Committee.
2. Complaint Committee: This committee comprises a Chairman and two other voting members appointed by the AMSL President in consultation with the Division Vice President. It hears evidence, renders a decision and informs both parties to the complaint and the AMSL Secretary.
3. Conflict of Interest: is deemed to exist when a member has, through his office, influence or knowledge, a real or perceived interest in, or effect on the outcome of any complaint or appeal made under the provisions of this article. No member shall sit, or continue to sit, upon any committee herein for the purposes of Complaints where a conflict of interest exists. Should the AMSL President be the complainant or the person complained against then a League Vice President shall exercise the powers of the president as set out in this section.

SEC 4.4 Timelines and procedures:

1. Complaint must be lodged within 48 hours of the incident.
2. All complaints must be acknowledged by the AMSL Secretary in writing via the AMSL Incident Form and must be immediately brought to the attention of the AMSL President. The AMSL Secretary shall serve a copy of the complaint on the member against whom the complaint was lodged.
3. Within 4 days of receiving the complaint the AMSL President shall appoint a Complaint Committee. In accordance with 3 B, the Complaint committee shall be formed and 2 additional members are appointed as waiting members. Where possible the complaint committee shall be comprised of members of the opposite Division.
4. The Complaint Committee Chairman shall decide upon a date and location for a hearing to be held no later than 5 days after the appointment of the chairman.
5. The complainant and the member complained against must be informed of the date, time and location of the hearing a minimum of 48 hours prior to the hearing. They must also be informed of their right to be heard, to call witnesses and the names of the committee members, including the members in waiting.
6. The Complaint Committee shall hear the evidence in support of the complaint in the presence of the member complained against and his agent (if desired). Both parties, or their agents, (but not both), shall have the right to introduce evidence,

cross examine witnesses and to call witnesses on their behalf. All correspondence relative to the complaint hearing shall be directed through the Complaint Committee Chairman.

7. A record of the proceedings shall be prepared and supported by either a tape recording or, where feasible, a qualified secretary.
8. The decision of the complaint committee shall be forwarded to the AMSL Secretary and served on both parties to the complaint within 48 hours of the hearing. The decision of the Complaint Committee is final.

SEC 4.5 Dispositions: The Complaint Committee may impose one or more of the following:

1. Reprimand (will require a letter of apology)
2. Suspension from AMSL League and/or playoff participation from 1 to 3 games.
3. Suspension from AMSL League and/or playoff participation from 4 to 10 games.
4. Suspension from AMSL League and/or playoff participation for balance of season.
5. Permanent suspension from AMSL League and/or playoff participation.
6. Above suspensions shall be exclusive of any remuneration of participation fees.

SEC 4.6 Withdrawn Complaint: A complaint made may be withdrawn by the complainant at any time during the process by written notification to the AMSL Secretary.

BY-LAW 5 - OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER

SEC 5.1 The Official Scorekeeper for each game shall keep accurate score, marking on the score sheet. He/she will record both team line-ups and sweater numbers on the game score sheet. Line-ups will be provided by the Team Manager or Coach and must be in the hands of the Official Scorekeeper a minimum of five minutes before each game. The following guidelines will apply:

- a. The home team will be responsible for providing a scorekeeper.
- b. The official score sheet must be given to the Visiting Team a minimum of ten minutes prior to the game.
- c. Each player's first and last name and sweater number must appear on the game sheet.
- d. The scorer will insure the game's date, time and location are recorded in the upper right-hand corner of the game sheet and that the sheet is signed by the umpire at the end of the game.
- e. The home team will be responsible for submitting the score sheet in the manner determined by the League. (Current submission process is via the A.M.S.L. equipment boxes.)
- f. The League shall provide each team with Official A.M.S.L. score books.

BY-LAW 6 - CHAMPIONSHIP/CONSOLATION

SEC 6.1 The League shall, insofar as possible, conduct a play-off series to determine the League Champion in "D" and "MASTERS" Divisions.

SEC 6.2 The Executive shall have complete charge of all play-off games and arrangements.

SEC 6.3 The home team in any or all of; round robin play-off games; first and third games of 2 of 3 playoff series; double knockout format tournament games, will be the team which finished higher in the standings in the regular season.

BY-LAW 7 - PROTESTS

- SEC 7.1** A formal protest should contain the following:
- a. The date, time and place of the game.
 - b. Names of the Umpire and Scorekeeper.
 - c. The Rule and Section of the Official League Rules or adopted General Rules under which the Protest is being filed.
 - d. The decision and/or conditions surrounding the cause of the Protest.
 - e. All essential facts involved in the matter.
- SEC 7.2** The decision made on a Protested game may result in:
- a. The protest is found invalid and the game's score stands as played.
 - b. Protest allowed, game resumed at point of Protest, as a suspended game.
 - c. Protest allowed, game forfeited in favour of the team not at fault.
- SEC 7.3** Highly technical protests and those which could or did not have any effect on the playing of the game, or the final results, should be discouraged or disallowed.
- SEC 7.4** Protests must be sent by Special Delivery, Registered Mail or by hand to the Vice-president within forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Sundays, following the event leading to the protest. Protest must be accompanied by a fee of ten (\$10) dollars cash, cheque or money order.
- SEC 7.5** A copy of the protest must be forwarded by the protesting club at the same time to the club or committee being protested.
- SEC 7.6** The club or committee protested against may file with the Vice-president and the protesting club a similar counter-protest or reply within forty-eight (48) hours after receiving a copy of the protest.
- SEC 7.7** If no notice of counter-protest is received by the Vice-president within the forty-eight hour period immediately following receipt of notice of protest then the protest will be dealt with on the basis of evidence on hand.
- SEC 7.8** The protest shall be decided by the Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-president of "D" Division, Vice-president of "Masters" Division, and the Umpire in Chief. If the protest is not upheld, the team may forfeit the protest fee. An alternate will be used if any of the above are involved in the protest.
- SEC 7.9** Under no circumstances will the League consider a protest made in any way but the above manner, nor will it consider itself liable for any claim arising from any cause whatsoever.

BY-LAW 8 - RAIN-OUTS

- SEC 8.1** At the umpire's/umpire in chief's discretion, games may be cancelled individually or as a block.
- SEC 8.2** Once a decision has been reached, the following people must be notified:
- a. Umpire in Chief
 - b. Managers of the teams concerned
 - c. Scheduling co-ordinator (Vice-president of Division)

BY-LAW 9 - EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

- SEC 9.1** Teams must supply all personal equipment such as bats, gloves, etc.
- SEC 9.2** Only regulation softball bats may be used. On deck batter is responsible for clearing bats if the team does not have a bat boy.
- SEC 9.3** The A.M.S.L. will provide balls and bases for all league and play-off games.
- SEC 9.4** All players on a team must wear uniforms alike in colour, trim and style. An official uniform shall consist of matching numbered sweaters and pants/shorts of like colour (stirrups and/or ball caps are optional but, if worn, must be similar colour to the uniform). Colours for team uniforms must be registered with and approved by the League Executive. Uniform rules will be enforced stringently.

BY-LAW 10 - TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- SEC 10.1** All trophies remain the property of the Aurora Men's Slo-Pitch League.
- SEC 10.2** All trophies must be returned to the League one month prior to the Awards Banquet.

BY-LAW 11 - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

- SEC 11.1** Upon dissolution of the A.M.S.L., no part of the income or assets will be made available to any individual but will be transferred to an organisation of similar nature.

BY-LAW 12 - GENERAL

- SEC 12.1** Contents of the Constitution, By-laws and League Rules become effective immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

AURORA MEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE

LEAGUE RULES

NOTE: The Aurora Men's Slo Pitch League follows the basic rules as described in the Softball Canada Rules (revised every 2 years, information available at www.softball.ca) and as interpreted and expanded in the Playing Procedures section of the Handbook of the Slo-Pitch Ontario Association available at www.slopitch.org The following AMSL rules describe situations not covered by Softball Canada and SPO or situations that the AMSL has determined through established procedures to handle differently from Softball Canada and SPO.

SECTION 3 - LEAGUE RULES

RULE 1 - DEFINITIONS

- SEC 1.1** A BALL is a pitch that does not land on the target mat or home plate, nor conform to the fairly delivered pitch stipulations, and is not struck at by the batter.
- SEC 1.2** A COMMITMENT LINE is a line drawn 6.40 m (21 ft.) from the back of home plate and perpendicular to the third base line. When a runner crosses this line (i.e. one foot completely over the line and touching the ground) but does not reach home plate, he shall be called out when the ball is legally held by a defensive player who is in contact with home plate or mat. No tag is necessary or allowed. Runners who have not crossed the line or runners who have crossed the line but must tag up on a caught fly ball may return to third base with liability to be put out.
- SEC 1.3** A SAFE LINE is a line drawn in foul territory starting at the front corner of home plate closest to third base and perpendicular to the third base line. It shall extend 3.05 m (10 ft) from the third base line into foul territory. When a runner touches or crosses this line (i.e. one foot touching the ground) prior to the defensive player legally holding the ball while in contact with home plate or mat, the runner shall be declared safe. A runner is out if he touches home plate or the mat or passes home plate in fair territory whether or not a play is being made. All plays at home plate become force plays once runner crosses COMMITMENT LINE.
- SEC 1.4** STRIKE ZONE: If a pitched ball strikes the Mat (including home plate,) it is a strike.

RULE 2 – AMSL UNIQUE RULES

- SEC 2.1** THE CHOICE OF FIRST OR LAST BAT in the inning shall be made by the League (scheduling committee).
- SEC 2.2** A REGULATION GAME shall consist of seven innings, unless otherwise listed below.
- a. A game that is TIED at the end of seven innings shall be considered a regulation game.
 - b. No new inning to start after 1 hour and 10 minutes of start time.
 - c. A game called by the Umpire during regular season play which cannot be resumed within 30 minutes, may be regulation if four or more innings have been played, or if the home team has scored as many or more runs during the incomplete fourth inning, or after three full innings, than the visiting team has scored in their four complete innings.
 - d. A regulation game shall be declared if the score is TIED when the game is called, after four or more completed innings, or if the team second at bat has equalled the score of the first team at bat, while batting during any incomplete inning.
 - e. The game sheet must be signed by the Umpire to make it a regulation game.
 - f. SEC 4.3 (B-C). The Umpire is empowered to call a game at any time because of rain, darkness, panic or for any other cause which puts the Umpire, the players or the patrons in peril. League VP will reschedule games.
 - g. No games are to be rescheduled unless identified by other By-laws or Rules.

- SEC 2.3** A FORFEITED GAME shall be declared by the Umpire in favour of the Team not at fault in the following cases. The score will be 7-0 in favour of the Team not at fault.
- a. If a team fails to appear upon the field, or being on the field, refuses to begin the game for which it has been scheduled, 10 minutes past assigned game time. The Team causing the forfeit must reimburse the League \$50.00 for a first offence and \$100.00 for a second offence. Upon a third offence a team may be suspended from further play in the A.M.S.L., subject to a ruling decision by the League Executive Committee, and will not be entitled to any refund of league fees.
 - b. Other forfeiture rules as listed in the Softball Canada Rule Book.

SEC 2.4 A PROTESTED GAME can result when there is a difference of opinion on the field between the protesting Team and the Umpire regarding the application or interpretation of either Official Printed Playing Rules, or Specially Adopted ground Rules. When a Protest, not involving the Umpire's judgement, is registered with the Umpire on the field immediately, and before any succeeding Pitch, the game assumes the status of the Suspended Game, until the Protest is either allowed or disallowed.

- a. Conditions governing acceptance of Protests during playing of a game (see By-Law #7.)
 - 1) Based on an umpire's judgement such as whether a batted ball was Fair or Foul, a pitched ball was a Ball or Strike, a base runner was Safe or Out, or when any other situations wholly within the Umpire's Scope, to make the decision, is not to be accepted for consideration.
 - 2) Based on alleged misinterpretation or application of the playing rules should be accepted for consideration and decision.
 - 3) The intention to Protest a Rule must be made known by the Manager or Captain of the Protesting Team to the Umpire immediately and before the next Pitch is made to a batter. This is to enable all concerned, Umpires, Scorekeeper and the opposing Team, to take notice of exact conditions prevailing on the Field at the time of the Protest. For information on Protest procedure, see By-law #7.
 - 4) Any Rule Protests made after a pitch has been made to a next batter shall not be considered.
- b. Protests that arise, other than during the playing of the game, must be filed within a reasonable time (see By-law #7).
- c. Highly technical protests and those which could or did not have any effect on the playing of the game, or the final results, should be discouraged or disallowed.

SEC 2.5 A TEAM shall consist of at least eight players and a maximum of ten fielders, whose positions shall be designated as: 1) Pitcher, 2) Catcher, 3) First Baseman, 4) Second Baseman, 5) Third Baseman, 6) Shortstop, 7) Left Fielder, 8) Left Centre Fielder, 9) Right Centre Fielder, 10) Right Fielder, and may have Additional Hitters to a maximum of nineteen total players.

- a. Other than the Pitcher and Catcher, players in the field shall be stationed anywhere they choose on fair ground, as each pitch is made.
- b. The Pitcher, in delivering the ball, must be in the Pitcher's Box.
- c. As each pitch is delivered, the Catcher must be in the Catcher's Box, or if no box is drawn, must be in the area behind home plate.

SEC 2.6 A TEAM must have at least eight (8) players to start or continue a game.

- SEC 2.7** A PLAYER shall be officially in the game when his name has been entered on the Official Score sheet, and in possession of the Official Scorer. There shall be unlimited substitution; everyone bats and must play a minimum of three innings in the field. Players joining a game in progress must in the umpire's judgment have an opportunity to play 3 innings defensively based on current inning and time elapsed. Only players listed on the "Team Roster" are eligible to play.
- SEC 2.8** If a Player has to leave the game, he is scratched from the list and the next batter hits. A player can be scratched from the list at any time due to an injury which is apparent to the umpire, or before the first pitch is thrown in any inning provided the player completed 3 complete innings defensively.
- SEC 2.9** Home Run Rule: A team can only exceed the opposing team in total home runs by two at any point in the game. For "D" Division, additionally in the bottom of the 7th inning the Home team can only match but cannot exceed the number of home runs that the visiting team has had.
Consequence: A batter hitting a home run over the fence, untouched by the defensive team, being either the third or more such home run in excess of the number of home runs that have been hit by the opposing team at any point in a game in either Division, or for a "D" Division home team in the bottom of the seventh inning being any home run in excess of the visiting team, shall be awarded:
* Masters Division, a one base hit. The batter shall advance safely to first base, all other runners shall advance one base only if forced by a runner on a previous base.
* "D" Division, an out. Play is dead and runners may not advance from the base they held previous to the out.
- SEC 2.10** BASE STEALING, LEADING OFF OR ADVANCING IS NOT PERMITTED AS A RESULT OF ANY PITCHED BALL NOT HIT:
Note: Base runners must keep contact with their base and may leave it ONLY when a pitched ball is contacted by the bat. Stealing is not allowed in Slo-Pitch.
- SEC 2.11** COURTESY/SUBSTITUTE RUNNER:
D Division: A substitute runner shall be allowed a maximum of three (3) times per game. This substitute runner can be any player (not necessarily the preceding out) listed on the game roster and at any time. If a substitute runner is on base and his turn at bat comes about, a runner may be used in his place and be counted as one of the three allowed. If a substitute runner is on base when his turn to bat comes about and three runners have been used then that player, only on appeal by the opposing team, will be declared out. If the allowed three runners have been used and a player is injured while on base then that player may request a "Courtesy Runner" and if the opposing team allows, then a "Courtesy Runner" may be used for the injured player. That runner must be the last out.
Masters Division: A substitute runner shall be allowed a maximum of four (4) times per game. This substitute runner can be any player (not necessarily the preceding out) listed on the game roster and at any time. If a substitute runner is on base and his turn at bat comes about, a runner may be used in his place and be counted as one of the four allowed. If a substitute runner is on base when his turn to bat comes about and four runners have been used then that player, only on appeal by the opposing team, will be declared out. If a player is injured while on base and has to leave the game, then an "Injury Substitute Runner" may be used for the injured player. That runner must be the last out. This "Injury Substitute Runner" does not count towards the total (4) of Courtesy runners allotted to each team/game.