**NCAA Slo-Pitch Tournament 2022**

## Thursday May 26, 2022 (Rain date May 27th) McCaffery Park, 61 Vansickle Rd, St.Catharines

Players and coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which reflects positively on their school, on the game of Slo-Pitch and on themselves. Profanity will not be tolerated. Any profanity or inappropriate behaviour directed at the convenor, umpires, spectators or opposing players and coaches will result in an automatic suspension from the tournament and may be reported to your school’s administration. Please refrain from arguing with the umpires. They have been instructed to be objective, fair, and non-biased. Mistakes may be made. Set an example of good sportsmanship for your teammates and fellow ball players.

**COST TBD for umps/fields- Chris will collect from financial secrertaries**

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

* 3 games guaranteed in round robin play. Top two teams cross over to semi’s and Finals. Games are 1 hour long - max.
* We are on a time frame of 1 hour. You must ensure that your players are ready to play according to the times on the schedule. No new inning can start after 40 minutes from the first pitch. Both coaches and the umpire should note the time of the first pitch.
* We don’t have very long breaks between games so have your team ready to play. Please note: An extra break has been added around lunch.
* Please bring two or three new (or relatively new) 11” regulation balls for your games and clearly mark your school’s initials on the balls so that they are returned to your team afterwards.
* Convenor(s) have the right to shorten any game if necessary.
* Please provide your team with uniforms, or at least with shirts of the same colour.
* Washrooms are available on site. Please keep them tidy. Any damage to the park washrooms or park facilities should be reported immediately.
* Pack your own lunch. The snack bar may not be open. If necessary, there is a plaza with an Avondale and The Pie Guys Pizzeria at the corner of Vansickle and MacTurnbull.
* Please encourage your players to pick up their own garbage and water bottles.
* NO DOGS allowed at the park.

**WE WILL USE THE NCAA TIE BREAKER TO BREAK TIES.**

**NCAA Slo-Pitch Tournament 2019 Rules**

### GENERAL RULES

* 4 balls 3 strikes
* If the batter hits a foul ball while she has 2 strikes, she is OUT
* There is a “commit” line between third base and home plate and one at home plate
* No tagging at home plate, as runners do not cross the plate (cross line only)
* No stealing or lead offs. Anticipation step is permitted at umpire’s discretion on a swing only.
* No sliding, but the runner can dive back to the base; if you slide feet first you are automatically out
* Any foul tip caught by the catcher is an OUT, regardless of how high it goes
* All jewelry must be removed. Piercings may be taped if they cannot be removed.

### GAME

* A coin flip will determine the home team
* Each team should verify the score after each inning
* All games are a maximum of 5 innings with the exceptions listed below
* **Maximum of 5 runs per inning. Last inning is open.**

### Mercy of 10 runs after 4 innings or 15 runs after 3 innings.

* If a game is tied after 5 innings or at curfew, the game remains a tie in round robin play
* **Curfew**: No new inning can begin after **40 minutes** from the first pitch. Teams are encouraged to hustle on and off the field so the complete game can be played
* Warm-ups to begin a game, pitcher is allowed 5 pitches and the team is allowed to throw the ball around
* Warm-ups between innings, pitcher is allowed 2 pitches and the team is not allowed to throw the ball around
* If home team is winning in last inning, they do not take their last bat

### PITCHING

* Pitcher must throw a ball in an arc of which it must be over the batter’s head, to a maximum of approximately 12 feet. The Umpire should call “illegal” if the pitch is too low or too high. Batters may swing at an illegal pitch if they wish.
* If the ball hits the mat (2 feet x 3 feet) it is a strike
* The rubber is 45 feet from the home plate
* The pitcher MUST start the wind up with one or both feet on the rubber. You cannot start behind the rubber and walk up to it.

### SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

* Each team MUST have a minimum of 10 girls in the batting rotation. If less than that number appear then an automatic out will be recorded for each batter less than 10 when they were to appear at the plate.
* You can have more than 10 girls in the batting order if you wish
* If a girl leaves the game for any reason, she must be replaced in the batting order with another girl. If a substitution is not available an automatic out is recorded when she was to appear at the plate.
* Pinch running is not allowed. If a girl needs a pinch runner due to injury while running the bases, the last out will run for her. If a sub is not available to replace her in the rotation, an automatic out will be recorded the next time she appears at the plate
* There shall be 10 players on the field. Unlimited substitutions in the field after each inning.
* Players do not have to be in the batting lineup to play the field.

### REGULATION

* Bases are 65 feet apart
* Pitching 45 feet
* Please bring two or three new (or relatively new) 11” regulation balls for your games and clearly mark your school’s initials on the balls so that they are returned to your team afterwards.
* Bats must be on the ASA SPN Certified Bat List available at: [http://www.slo-pitch.com/](http://www.slopitch.com/)
* The catcher MUST always wear a catcher’s mask
* All batters and base runners MUST wear a helmet
* Batters are not to throw bats; first offense = warning; second offense = automatic out.