**NCAA Slo-Pitch Tournament 2022**

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

**COST $157 for umps/fields- Chris will collect from financial secretaries**

**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 50 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.

**NCAA Slo-Pitch Tournament 2022 Rules**

### GENERAL RULES

Four (4) Balls

Three (3) Strikes

If the batter hits a foul ball while she has two (2) strikes, she is **OUT**.

There is a “commit” line on the third base line.

No stealing or lead offs.

No sliding, but runner can dive back to the base. If you slide, you are automatically out.

All plays at home plate must be force plays. Tagging at home plate is **NOT** permitted.

Any foul tip caught by the catcher is an **OUT**, regardless of how high it goes.

A coin flip determines which team bats first.

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 6 innings with the exceptions listed below

Mercy of ten (10) runs after four (4) innings.

Three (3) Points for a win, One (1) for a tie and Zero (0) for loss.

If a game is tied after six (6) innings or at curfew time it will remain a tie score and each team will be awarded a point.

**Curfew:** No new inning can begin after fifty-five (55) minutes for the first pitch time.

Teams must hustle on and off the field so complete game may be played.

If the home team is ahead in the last inning, it **DOES NOT** take its last bat in the bottom half of the inning. The game is **OVER** even if your team does not have maximum run differential. The run differential will revert back to the last **FULL** inning. This will not be a problem if your team wins all of its games.

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 to pinch run, then she is out of the game. 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 comply with the current Slo-Pitch Ontario Association (SPO) rules
* 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.

1. TIE BREAKERS

* The first (1st) tie breaker is the head-to-head winner.
* The second (2nd) tie breaker will be a run differential. (i.e. runs for minus runs against. HOWEVER, the maximum number of differential runs for any game is +6 or -6. This will eliminate MERCY or LARGE SCORE run ups. The largest or biggest differential will advance or be placed ahead.
* The third (3rd) tie breaker is least number of runs scored against during all games.
* The fourth (4th) tie breaker is a coin flip.
* All playoff round, quarter final, semi-final and final games are six (6) innings without a curfew. All playoff round games must have a winner. If the game is tied after six (6) innings a tie breaking rule of the last out starting at 2nd base to begin extra innings will be in effect. The mercy rule will be in effect for the playoff round, quarter, semi-final and final games.

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| **Diamond** | **Diamond 1** | **Diamond 2** | **Diamond 3** | **Diamond 4** |
| 9:00am-10:00am | Notre Dame vs Saint Paul | Lakeshore Catholic vs Saint Michael | Denis Morris vs Blessed Trinity | Saint Francis Practice |
| 10:15am-11:15am | Lakeshore Catholic vs Saint Paul | Denis Morris vs Saint Francis | Notre Dame vs Saint Michael | Blessed Trinity Practice |
| 11:30am-12:30pm | Blessed Trinity vs Saint Francis | Notre Dame vs Lakeshore Catholic | Saint Michael vs Saint Paul | Denis Morris Practice |
| 1:00pm-2:00pm | North 2 vs South 1 | South 2 vs North 1 | South 3 vs North 3 |  |
| 2:15pm-3:15pm | Finals |  |  |  |