

DAWSON CITY LABOUR DAY CO-ED SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT 2020

GROUND RULES

The tournament director is Dawn Kisoun, UIC is _____.

1. A LEGAL TEAM AND AGE REQUIREMENT

A team must have a minimum of 10 players to start the tournament. A maximum of 18 players will be allowed on the roster. All players registered to play in the Labour Day Tournament must be a minimum of 15 years old in the year of the tournament

2. STARTING COUNT, SOFTBALL USAGE, PITCHER RULES

1. All players will start with a count of 1 ball and 1 strike.
2. Men will be using the 12" ball and women will use the 11" ball. Pitch Arc 6' to 12'. A pitcher may stand up to ten feet directly behind the pitcher rubber and pitch.

3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO A ROSTER

Changes can be made (players added or deleted) up to the start of your first game only by the individual designated to do so. After the start of your first game, no changes will be permitted to your roster, except as noted in rule 4. Players listed on rosters do not have to be present at first game.

4. ADDITIONAL PLAYERS (INJURY ONLY)

May be picked up, but only on approval of the Tournament Director or their appointee and only under the following circumstances:

- To replace a player(s) injured during a game or player(s) not arriving in Dawson.
- The pick-up player must not be on the roster of a team playing in the tournament.

5. BATTING ORDER / PLAYERS

A team can start the game with 9, 10 or 12 players. Five (5) male and five (5) female players will be considered a "normal" line-up for Co-ed but either team may use EH or extra hitters, for a total of 6 and 6. Both a man and woman must be used if this happens.

1. A team may have more females in the line-up than males, but never more males than females, except during shorthanded play, Rule 21.
2. The batting order for Coed slo-pitch must always alternate sexes with the exception that three (3) females may bat consecutively, (A female may be substituted for a male and a male may be legally substituted or reentered into that position in the batting order.)
3. Teams can use a maximum of six (6) females defensively.
4. Men and women can play anywhere at any time they choose on defense.

6. BATTER-BASERUNNER- A WALK

If a male batter is walked, intentionally or otherwise, he will be awarded first and second bases and the next batter, the female, must bat unless there are two outs, then it is her option to either hit or walk.

7. BASERUNNING /SCORING LINE/ COMMITMENT LINE

1. There is to be no sliding while attempting to cross the scoring line at any time. There will be no sliding at first base due to the safety bag. **EFFECT:** A player is to be called

out if he or she slides while attempting to touch the scoring line or first base. Sliding may occur at all other bases except first and home.

2. A base runner that touches the commitment line with one foot or places one foot on the ground past the commitment line, must continue on towards the scoring line.
EFFECT: a player who has touched and/or crossed the commitment line as described above and attempts to return to third base shall be declared out.
3. A base runner may be tagged out between the commitment line & scoring line and base path rules apply.
4. All base runners attempting to score a run, must do so by touching the scoring line, in order for it to be counted as a run. Runners are out if they touch home plate, whether a play is made or not or if it's a homerun (all preceding runs score if it's the 3rd out of the inning). The base runner should avoid all collisions or be subject to ejection, based on the umpire's judgment.
5. In event of a tie after 7 innings or time limit, international tie breaker rule will be followed. The last person declared out in the previous inning will be placed on 2nd base to start each new inning for each team until the game is completed.

8. COURTESY RUNNERS

Courtesy runners may be used (provided the batter has safely reached base) a maximum of ONCE per inning per team. All players listed on the line-up card or team roster are eligible to be courtesy runners and it DOES NOT have to be a different person each time. If a courtesy runner is on base when that player is up to bat, an out shall be declared and that player will hit. **Note:** Where a courtesy runner is used, a male must be placed for a male, a female for a female, or a female for a male.

9. GAME FORFEITURE

In the case of a double forfeit by the scheduled teams in the elimination rounds, the winner will be decided by a coin toss. **If a team forfeits two games it will be dropped from the tournament.**

10. GAME TIME

RR games will be 60 minutes. DE Tourney games will have a 60 minute time limit, except the championship game, which there will be no time limit. Games will start exactly on time or as close to the scheduled time as possible in the event of games extending past the anticipated completion time.

GAME TIME IS GAME TIME: NO GRACE PERIOD IS PERMITTED!

11. HOME RUN RULE

The home run rule will be 2 and progressive. Excessive home runs will be outs. Teams hitting the home runs will be responsible to retrieve them.

12. HOME TEAM

A coin toss will be used to determine home team for all games of the tournament, except for the finals, where the **undefeated** team will have the option to be designated as home team.

13. ILLEGAL BATS

Beginning 2012, Slo-Pitch National is recognizing and accepting the new USSSA bat testing methods for use in the SPN program. All USSSA approved bats must carry the **"NEW" USSSA**

stamp. SPN will also continue to use the ASA and ISF Approved Bat List.



NOTE: It should be noted that some bat manufactures are not properly labeling the bats and, as a consequence, it is the position of Softball Yukon that the use of any bats not properly labeled may, however, be unsafe and Softball Yukon cautions and recommends against their use. Softball Yukon will not be responsible for any problems of any nature whatsoever caused by the use of such bats and all Slo-Pitch players are put on notice that they are playing or attending any game or event at their own risk on this issue. The up-to-date Bat Policy can be found on the SPN website. www.slo-pitch.com. It will be umpires discretion on old bats or very worn bats without stickers. **EFFECT:** ILLEGAL BAT if the batter uses an illegal bat, he will be declared out, all other outs count, runners returned.

14. ILLEGAL PLAYER

All players must be listed on the team's approved roster. An illegal player is a player that is not on the team's approved roster.

EFFECT: Any team that is found to use an illegal player will forfeit the game.

15. LINE UP CARDS (This rule applies only if line up cards are available)

All players eligible to play in a game must be listed on the line-up card submitted to the umpire. All substitute players eligible to play in a game must be listed on the line-up card submitted to the umpire. **EFFECT:** Failure to list a player on the line-up card submitted to the umpire results in the player being ineligible to play in the game.

16. MERCY RULE

The mercy rule is 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings and 10 runs after five or more complete innings (or 4 1/2 innings, if the home team has scored the 10 runs to mercy).

17. PROFANITY OUT RULE

The batter directs or utters profanities at an umpire, another player or participant, and/or utters profanities whereby the spectators can hear it; OR if he is the first batter up after a member of his team when playing defensively, was guilty of an infraction under the profanity rule, **after** both teams have received a mutual warning for the first occurrence of profanity by either team. **NOTE:** The first occurrence of profanity by any coach and/or player of either team will result in a warning to both teams. A second occurrence would result in the offending player being called out if he is the batter, batter-base runner, or base runner, OR the next batter on the offending team will be called out if the infraction was by a batter, batter-base runner, or base runner, coach, a defensive player or by a player on the bench.

EFFECT

Delayed dead ball call. If the batter is put out as a result of the play, the out will be enforced with the following batter in the batting order. If the batter reaches base safely then he alone will be called out for the use of profanity when the umpire calls 'Time'. If the violation occurs in the bottom of the last inning, where the defensive team may not bat again, the Ejection

rule will apply. If a team has an eligible substitute, the game can continue. A casual profanity-unsportsmanlike language out, may end a game.

18. PROTESTS

All protests will be handled by the protest Committee (tournament director and UIC) or their appointees at the time of the protest. Protests are allowed on rule interpretation only. Judgment calls cannot be protested. The protest must be given to the plate umpire before the next pitch or ump's have left the field. Any situations or procedures not covered by the above will be clarified and ruled upon by the Tournament Protest Committee in close co-operation with the organizing committee. In this context, any decision rendered by the Protest Committee is final and cannot be appealed.

19. RESCHEDULED/MODIFIED GAMES

If for any reason games must be rescheduled, the tournament committee will do so, there will be no protest allowed for the rescheduling of games. The tournament committee will attempt to have all scheduled games played, however, there will be no refunds of tournament fees once the tournament has begun. The Committee also may shorten games or modify the games/schedule in order to complete the tournament in the event of extreme bad weather.

20. SCOREKEEPING

No Official scorekeepers will be provided. The home team will be responsible for keeping score and be the official book. It is the responsibility of each team to be aware of the game score and the umpire will verify the game score with each team several times during the game BUT in cases of disagreement, the home book will be official.

21. Short Handed Rule

STARTING THE GAME

A team will legally be allowed to start a game with 9 players from the official start time of the game. The same team is allowed to add a tenth player to the batting order at any time for the balance of the game. The missing player's spot must be listed at the bottom of the lineup in either the 9th or 10th spot. An automatic out will be recorded where the last player in the batting line-up would have batted.

INJURY/BLOOD RULE

Any team that is unable to field a tenth player at any time during the game due to injury, will be allowed to complete the game with the nine remaining players. The player's position shall be recorded as an automatic out each time that player is due to bat. A player that is removed from the game as a result of being injured OR requires treatment to stop bleeding is eligible to re-enter the game at any subsequent time after appropriate treatment is applied.

EJECTIONS

Any team that has a player ejected or removed from the game for anything other than injury, can enter an eligible substitute and the game can continue. If they do not have a legal substitute, the game will be forfeited.

22. SHOES

The use of shoes with metal cleats or exposed metal or toe pieces is PROHIBITED.