

## READ OVER THESE RULES

They will also be included with your score book. If you have any concerns, please let me know.

### Niverville 6&4 COED MAT SLO-PITCH BASIC INFORMATION

#### 2015 – RULES & REGULATIONS

League executive reserve the right to revise these rules at their discretion and as they see fit. If this occurs, all team captains will be notified. Any rule not covered herein will be covered in the SPN Rulebook (find online) Please note: The below are rules specific to our league. KEEP IT FUN and FAIR.

- Game starts at 7pm SHARP
- One 7 inning game per week is played against the team as listed on the schedule
- Must always have a minimum of four (4) females and a maximum of six (6) males defensively and offensively
- Teams ump their own games (Ump from team that's up to bat)
- If tie game, it remains a tie
- Bases - responsibility of home team to pick up and set up, and return. Use blue string on diamond for distance of bases.
- No altered bats, no steel cleats
- There are 10 balls provided in each bag, 5 for practice, 4 new game balls. Please return them to their bag
- Each bag has 3 bases, 3 pins for the bases, 10 balls, 1 bat, 1 rubber strike mat - Please ensure these are all packed and returned. One bag has a first aid kit.

**MAX RUNS PER INNING:** A maximum 7 runs will be allowed per inning. Last inning is open (no limit).

Make up games may be made up the following Sunday at 5:30. Contact [nivervilleslopitch@gmail.com](mailto:nivervilleslopitch@gmail.com) to book.

Teams are permitted to play with a minimum of 8 players. Automatic outs must be recorded for any missing players.

#### LINE-UP:

**BATTING ORDER:** 10 batters. Females must bat in spots 2, 5, 8 and 10 in the batting order.

**COURTESY RUNNERS:** unlimited runners may be used per team, per game. If a courtesy runner is required from home plate, a team may start a courtesy runner touching the backstop behind the plate directly down the third base line. The runner may not leave the backstop until contact is made by the batter. Guy for guy, girl for girl. Must be playing in line up.

No bunting / Yes Home runs = Over the fence = No limit

**PITCHING:**

**STRIKE ZONE:** If a ball strikes any part of the "strike mat", it shall be deemed a "strike". Any pitch that does not strike the "strike mat" shall be considered a ball. The white plate on the strike mat is considered part of the "strike mat". Balls and strikes may not be contested.

Pitch from pitching rubber

Pitch between 6-12 feet height (if outside of that height range, it will be considered a ball)

**FOUL STRIKE:** Every foul ball is recorded as a strike.

**WALKING:** If a male batter is thrown 4 straight balls (4-0) while batting before a female, the male shall gain 2 bases for the walk.

**BASE RUNNING:**

**SAFE-BAG:** All first bases are safe bases, please use the orange when running through bag.

**NO LEADING OFF:** Batter must make contact with ball before runner leaves bag.

**NO STEALING:** Batter must make contact with ball before runner leaves bag.

**COMMITMENT LINE:** 20ft. in front home plate is commitment line. Once touched or crossed, runner cannot return to 3rd base. Once runner has crossed commitment line and before the scoring line, they will be called out if the ball is caught on home plate.

No-touch home plate. Players that touch or physically cross home plate will be called "out".

Run past the scoring line behind home plate to score.

**BATTER-BASERUNNERS ARE OUT** under the following circumstances:

A. When he is hit by his own batted ball in fair territory, after leaving the batter's area.

B. When he drops the bat in fair territory and it makes contact with a fair ball, by moving into the ball

C. When a fly ball is legally caught, providing no part of the fielder's body is touching in "out of play territory" at the time of the catch.

D. When, after a fair ball is hit, he is touched with the ball by a fielder prior to first base, while off the base.

E. When, after a fair ball is hit, a fielder holds the ball on first base before the batter-baserunner touches or passes the base.

F. 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.

G. When he runs out of the three foot line and interferes with a fielder taking a throw, or making a play at first base

**INFIELD FLY** is a fairly batted fly ball (not a line drive) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort when first and second, or when first, second and third bases are occupied with less than two out. Any defensive player, who positions himself within the infield area, will be considered an infielder for the purpose of this rule.

**NOTE:** A foul ball is not an infield fly and if the ball falls untouched to the ground in fair or foul territory prior to first or third base and subsequently rolls into foul territory, it is just a foul ball.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:**

**PROFANITY:** Anyone using profanity, despite where it is directed, is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

**UMPIRE ABUSE:** There is zero toleration for any verbal or physical abuse of umpires or acting umpires. All umpire decisions are final.

**THREATS:** Any threats issued towards opposing players and/or umpires will lead to player ejection and/or suspension from the league and/or facility.

**DRESS CODE:** Dress appropriately for family-friendly environment. If something being worn is deemed offensive or could cause injury, umpires and/or park officials may ask for it to be removed or covered. If request is not fulfilled you will be asked to leave the facility and further action may be applied.

**LEAGUE COMMUNICATION:**

**BASIC COMMUNICATION:** All basic communication will be done through email or Facebook.

Contact **Jen Morin** for any questions:

**EMAIL:** nivervilleslopitch@gmail.com

**FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nivervilleslopitch/>

**WEATHER CANCELLATIONS** we will make a daily game calls at 4:00pm based on whether diamonds are "playable" or "not playable". In the event of potential "not playable" days due to weather, all players are to view facebook or email.

**HAVE FUN!**