

# Sturgeon Valley Mixed Slopitch League



# League Rules 2016

1. Players must be eighteen (18) years of age or older to play
2. Each team will field ten (10) players consisting of no less than four (4) females. A team will be allowed to play with a minimum of eight (8) players providing that three (3) of them are females. The missing player(s) must be listed as such in the line-up and will be an automatic out(s)
3. An extra player (EP) is allowed, male or female. In order to use an EP, a team must field ten players at the start of the game. No EP is allowed to be inserted once the game has started. If the EP is used he/she must be used the entire game. If any player is injured during play with no substitute available you may continue with an automatic out. The starting EP can re-enter. If an EP is used, all eleven (11) players must bat and any ten (10) can play defence. Defensive positions can be changed, but the batting order must remain the same.
4. Teams may start with a 6:5 or 5:5 men to women ratio. A man can be subbed in for the extra woman provided the 7:4 or 6:4 is adhered to. EP rules apply.
5. Team captains must make a mutual decision to allow a player to re-enter more than once due to an injury.
6. No pregnant players are allowed to play.
7. Each game will consist of seven (7) innings. A seven (7) run rule will be in effect for all innings. Two (2) points will be awarded to the winning team. A new inning cannot start after one (1) hour and twenty (20) minutes. A mercy rule is in effect if a team is ahead by fifteen (15) runs after five complete innings and eight (8) runs after six (6) innings. A tie after seven (7) innings will remain a tie, no extra innings. One (1) point will be awarded to each team.
8. Rainout games will be determined by the City of Edmonton rainout line and will be re-scheduled by the league. In the event of rain during play, the game will be considered complete after five (5) innings. If the home team is ahead in the bottom of the fifth, the game is done. If called before the fifth it will be replayed from the beginning. All players are responsible for checking the league website as well as the City of Edmonton rainout line. (780.496.4999)
9. All games will have a ten (10) minute grace period. The team that shows up late will not be allowed an infield warmup; the game must start as soon as the later player(s) show up.
10. Each team will be granted three (3) courtesy runners per game (this includes males and females combined). There will be no exceptions.
11. If a team does not show up or cannot field a team and has to default a game, the opposition will have the choice to take a win, loss or tie. The teams must have the umpire sign the score sheet. If a team defaults more than twice in a season their spot in the league the following season will be at the executive's discretion. Each default will result in a \$50 fine being deducted from your team's Good Samaritan pool. (The fine is a result of having to pay for the umpire). If a team is aware of the fact that they will be defaulting, they may email the opposing team and the secretary 48 hours prior to the game and the \$50 fine will be waived.

12. If both teams cannot make a scheduled game then it will be awarded a tie. The game will not be rescheduled. Default fines still apply to each team.
13. The winning team is responsible for entering the score on the website. The score must be entered within 12 hours of the game played. Teams are not required to submit a score sheet, however it is recommended that each team fill out the information on the score sheet including team names, date, time and final score, have it signed by the umpire and keep it for their records. The losing team is responsible for verifying the score and if a discrepancy occurs, you must contact the secretary in writing within one (1) week of the date of the game played. In this event, both teams will be required to submit their score sheet for review. The executive will review all information submitted and make a final ruling.
14. In playoffs, the international tie breaking rule will apply if a game is tied after seven (7) innings or when last inning is called. One (1) full extra inning will be played. When the team is up to bat, the last batter from the previous inning is placed on second base, starting with no outs. Once the winning run crosses the safe line (bottom of inning) the game is over.
15. If a male batter is pitched four (4) consecutive balls in the first four (4) pitches (whether in fact it was intentional or not) and a female follows the batter, the male batter is awarded second base. The female has the option of taking her turn at bat or taking an automatic walk and proceeding to first base.
16. A female player will have the option of using the small ball or large ball for each time at bat. The ball selected cannot be changed during a single at bat.
17. Metal cleats are not permitted on the field by any players. Any player entering a field of play with metal cleats will be suspended for the remainder of that game with no substitute allowed. His / her batting position will become an automatic out.
18. Bunting is not allowed.
19. Leading off is not allowed. The bat must contact the ball before a player may advance from a base. Failure to keep in contact with a base until the ball has been hit will result in an out.
20. A foul ball on the third (3rd) strike is an out.
21. A pitched ball must have a six (6) to fifteen (15) foot arc and must hit the board in order to be a strike (home base is not included in the strike zone). Any pitch that has no arc or is considered too high (umpire's discretion) will be considered to be a ball (no pitch) with the batter having the option to take it.
22. The pitcher must start 50 - 60 feet from home plate and has the option to move within one (1) foot from this center starting point.
23. There is a commitment line and "no tag" at home is allowed. It is like a force play where if the ball beats the runner home, the runner is out. It becomes a forced play once the runner steps on or across the commitment line. The catcher can play the home plate or the mat when catching the ball, while the runner must cross the safe line at home. Any intentional contact by the runner on the catcher will be an automatic out.
24. If the official umpire does not show up for a game, the team captains can agree to play using a mutually agreed upon substitute. The game will stand as played and no appeal will be heard for errors made by the stand-in umpire.

25. All teams must email the secretary an electronic player roster (template to be provided) prior to the first game of the second round of the season. The player roster should consist of no more than twenty-five (25) players. The players listed are the only players eligible to play in the second round and playoffs. A player may not be listed on more than one team's roster. Teams have the right to request identification if they question a player's eligibility during a game. If a team is found to be using an "illegal" player, the win will be awarded to the other team. Any issues should be reported in writing to the secretary.
26. Alcohol is not permitted on the playing field. Player(s) can be ejected from the game if under the influence of alcohol at the umpire's discretion.
27. Team captains will have a plate discussion with the umpire prior to the start of each game to clarify any uncertainties.
28. Each team is permitted four (4) over the fence home runs until the other team has hit four (4). After that, 1 for 1 is permitted. Once a team has reached the limit and the other team has not and a player hits a home run, it will be considered an illegal home run and will be an out. No base runners can advance on an illegal home run hit. The rule does not apply to in-the-park home runs. The rule does not apply if a fielder makes contact with the hit ball that ends up going over the fence. The hit ball must clear the fence completely to be considered a home run. All teams are responsible for retrieving their hit balls.
29. No large dangling earrings, watches, bracelets or rings will be allowed unless concealed and / or taped.
30. If a player is ejected from a game (by an umpire), the player will be suspended for the next game. The player(s) in question will be suspended until a decision is handed down by the executive. If the player(s) plays for their team while under suspension, the team will forfeit all games that the player(s) in question played. When a player has been ejected from a game, the team captains from each team will be required to meet with the executive to discuss the suspension or if further suspension is required. If a player is ejected and refuses to leave the diamond, it may result in a one (1) year suspension.
31. Complaints regarding the league or the conduct of other teams, individuals or umpires must be submitted by email to the secretary. These will be reviewed by the executive to determine if any remedial or disciplinary action is required. Verbal complaints will NOT be accepted.
32. The league will follow the ASA banned bats guidelines. Each team is responsible for checking the website for an update on banned bats. The executive will have the right to make additions to the list. All team contacts will be notified of any additions. If a player enters the batter's box with an illegal bat, the player will be suspended for the remainder of the game with no substitute allowed. Their batting position will become an automatic out. In the case of a first offence for the team, the player using the banned bat will be immediately ejected from the game and the player and team captain will each serve a three (3) game suspension. In the event of a second offence for the team, the team will not play until the executive has reviewed the incident.
33. Any player using a doctored bat will be ejected from the league
34. Please take a couple of minutes after each game to clean up your area around the diamond and parking lot. This includes any fans that are out to cheer you on, whether or not they're seated on or around your bench. Please use the garbage and recycling bins provided. Glass bottles are NOT permitted at the Henry Singer park or Shriners.

35. Dogs are NOT permitted at Henry Singer or Shriners diamonds
36. Players and fans are expected, at all times, to show respect for Henry Singer & Shriners diamonds and surrounding property and for other people using the facilities at the same time as our league.