



## WOMEN'S SLOW-PITCH LEAGUE RULES 2010 SPRING/SUMMER SOFTBALL SEASON

### 1. HOME RUN RULE:

There will be a progressive home run rule in effect at all fields, in all classifications. EXAMPLE: Team X hits an "over-the-fence" home run in the 3rd inning. Team X cannot hit another "over-the-fence" home run until Team Y hits one (1) "over-the fence" home run. If Team X does, it will be counted as a ground rule double.

### 2. BAT YOUR ROSTER:

Teams in all leagues/divisions may bat their roster. However, if you have players show up after the game has started, as long as you have not batted through your batting order you may add the late comers to the end of the batting order. If you have already hit through the order the late players must be substituted into the game.

### 3. UNIFORM RULE:

Uniforms are not required for league teams. They will now be optional. If you choose to wear uniforms they must consist of matching shirts with six-inch (6") numbers on the back.

### 4. BALLS:

When scheduled as the home team you are responsible for providing a new game ball. When scheduled as the visiting team please have a good used balls available. The required ball is an optic yellow 11" red-stitch softball. Please look for an ASA certified red-stitch 44 cor.375 compression ball.

### 5. GAME FORMAT:

Spring/Summer league along with tournaments will be using the 3-2 count format in which you will come to the plate with 1 ball and 1 strike (**NEW: There will be an extra foul ball allowed in the count**).

**Game Times: No new innings will start after 1 hour. Games will be scheduled every one hour and five minutes.** With the exception of the first game slot in which a team may have a 10 minute grace period (which will cut into the scheduled game time), game time is forfeit time so please encourage your team to be at the scheduled field 15 minutes prior to game time.

### 6. PITCHING DISTANCE:

Pitchers will have the option of pitching from either a minimum of 50 feet to a maximum of 56 feet. The Pitcher must have one foot touching the pitching box. All other pitching rules apply. Fields will be lined with 6 foot lanes, starting at the pitchers mound and going back toward 2<sup>nd</sup> base. The pitching arc is to be between 6ft. and 10ft.

### 7. LINEUPS:

Lineups must be submitted to the other scorekeeper prior to the start of the game. Home team is responsible for keeping the book. Umpires are responsible for reporting the final score to the sports office.

### 8. COURTESY RUNNERS

A Courtesy Runner is allowed -- one per inning. The last available player must be used as the courtesy runner. If the person comes up a second time in the inning then no courtesy runner is permitted.

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**9. SHORT-HANDED RULE**

Teams will be allowed to start and finish a game with 9 players. When your 10<sup>th</sup> player arrives she must be inserted into the 10<sup>th</sup> spot of your line-up. She may play any defensive position but she must be placed in the number 10 batting position.

In WSP and MSP only you will not have to take an out for that 10<sup>th</sup> batter. If you start with 10 and there is an injury that causes the 10<sup>th</sup> player to drop from the game an out will be recorded for that 10<sup>th</sup> position.

**10. STEALING-**

Stealing will be used in any WSP ASA National qualifying tournaments. **It will not be used during league play.**

**11. RUN A-HEAD RULE:** 20 after 3innings, 15 after 4 innings and 10 after 5 innings.

**12. FORFIETS**

**Forfeits must be called in before 3:00 PM for weekday leagues.** This allows us enough time to contact the opposing team and the scheduled Umpire. Please call the Softball office at 503-823-1656, 503-823-5124 or 503-823-3112. A team with more than two (2) forfeits is subject to league disqualification with no reimbursement.

Game time is forfeit time- Please show up to your scheduled field 10-15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The only exception to this rule is the first time slot, in which a 10 minute grace period can be given, although, the game once started will end at the scheduled end time.

**13. TIED SCORE AT THE END OF THE TIME LIMIT**

If the time limit is up after you have completed that inning and the score is tied, teams will be allowed two additional innings to break the tie. The International tie-breaker rule will be used. See ASA Rule book for interpretations of this rule. A drop dead time of one hour and 15 minutes will also be used.

If the game is still tied at the completion of the additional two innings, the game will terminate at that point and a tie score will be reported in the standings.

**14. UMPIRES**

**For NO-SHOW Umpires- Call Tom Hill at 360-931-1793.** The umpire scheduler will try to find an alternate umpire so that your team may play the scheduled game.

**15. STANDINGS**

Standings will be posted on the web page at [www.portlandsoftball.com](http://www.portlandsoftball.com). If you should see a discrepancy in your team's standings please email Angie at [abonneville@portlandsoftbal.com](mailto:abonneville@portlandsoftbal.com)

**16. RAINOUTS**

On questionable days the rainout line will be updated at 3:30pm weekdays and 1pm on Sundays. Please call 503-823-3020; option 3. Rainout/Make Up schedules will be played between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half of league play. Depending on the number of games rained out please note, that you may be scheduled to play more than one game in a given day or week and days to avoid may not pertain to rainout schedules in order to finish the 1<sup>st</sup> half of league play.

**17. ALCOHOL:**

Alcoholic beverages are illegal in all parks by City Ordinance. If a player or team is observed consuming alcoholic beverages during their game and the police arrive, they can be ticketed as well as put on probation for the remainder of the season. If caught by site supervisors at the WVO/Complex with outside alcohol your team will automatically be put on probation for the remainder of the season. If caught a second time inside or outside the complex your team will be suspended from play until a divisional meeting can be held to decide a final penalty. At the WVO Softball Complex beer can be purchased at the concession building, however, players may not take beer into the dugouts or outside the complex.

## **SLOWPITCH TIME LIMIT POLICIES 2010 SPRING/SUMMER SOFTBALL**

### **TIME LIMITS ON LIGHTED FIELDS**

On all lighted fields, no inning shall start after one hour from the scheduled starting time of the first game.

**Teams playing the first game of the evening** have **10 minutes** after the scheduled game time to begin play.

**Teams playing the second, third or fourth games on the field** must be ready to play at the scheduled time or the game will be forfeited.

### **SINGLE GAMES ON UNLIGHTED FIELDS**

Teams will play the allotted 1 hour and 10 minutes and/or darkness will rule in the case of the game.