

ROTARY MIXED (3-PITCH) SLO-PITCH RULES

PLEASE NOTE: Playoff format: We have two Conferences of 16 teams.- the first place teams in each Conference division will playoff in a championship round and the second place teams in each Conference division will playoff in a consolation round. There will be a champion and consolation winner in each Conference. All games will be completed on Sat. night.

1. **ALL INFELDERS MUST BE BEHIND THE BASELINE UNTIL THE BALL IS HIT.**
2. The Ontario Mixed Slo Pitch rules will apply unless set out below. **Only ASA 2004 approved bats are allowed.**
3. Games will be played with **Worth Hot Dot Balls** – Grey Dots or any other balls will not be permitted. Balls will be supplied to teams.
4. Each team will pitch to its own batters. Three (3) pitches are allowed to each batter. If the batter does not get a hit, he or she is out. If the pitcher touches the batted ball, the batter is out.
5. **Safety Concerns for the Pitchers: Should your pitcher want to wear a helmet and/or mouth guard while pitching, this is acceptable. As an extra precaution, please ensure that pitchers are standing on / or within the vicinity of the pitcher's mound, located in the middle of the infield. As a safety concern, please make sure your pitchers are standing far enough away from the batter that they can safely get out of the way when a ball is hit.**
6. The length of the game is 7 innings or 55 minutes. The next game will start on the hour – please ensure that the game is finished and the field is available for the next game. Please have your team at the field 10 minutes before game time. All games start on the hour and all teams are asked to be at the field and ready to start on time.
7. There will be no new inning started after 45 minutes. The horn will blow at that time and will blow twice to signal the end of the game. If you are starting a new inning, (all play from previous inning is over) when the first horn sounds, you start the new inning. If an inning is not completed when the horn sounds for the second time, the score will revert to the previous inning.
8. There are 9 players (Four infielders, 3 outfielders, 1 rover (TO BE IN THE OUTFIELD), 1 catcher per team with a minimum 4 females on the field. **Outfielders must not stand on the infield until the ball is hit.**
9. When running to first base the base runner must use the orange safety bag and the first baseperson must use the white bag if there is going to be a play at first base.
10. Outfielders may not throw to first base to attempt an out. The play must be relayed by an infielder.
11. No bunting allowed.
12. No stealing or lead offs. Sliding is allowed at 2nd and 3rd bases only.
13. If the runner passes the commitment line between 3rd base and home he or she must go home and must run behind the plate-- if the runner touches home plate he or she is out. The catcher to make an out, must be standing on the plate with the ball before the runner crosses the line-- if the catcher tags the runner the runner is safe.
14. A courtesy runner may be used (provided the batter has safely reached first base) a maximum of three times per game. Only players listed on the line-up card are eligible to be a courtesy runner. The courtesy runner does not have to be the last out. When a courtesy runner is used, a male must run for a male; a female for a female. Time must be called before the exchange takes place.

15. All players must bat. You cannot have 2 males batting consecutively in the batting order.
16. If the catcher catches a foul ball that has a height greater than 10 feet the batter is out.
17. No metal cleats.
18. The inning is over after 3 outs or 10 batters. The 10th batter must be announced before he or she bats and the ball must be thrown home and the catcher must touch the plate if there are less than 2 outs
19. Team captain or designated team member will be the umpire-each team will umpire for his or her own team when at bat. Any disputes will be resolved over a cold beer or a cup of tea.
20. The home team will be decided by a coin toss.
21. The first two teams of each division move on. Any ties in record will be resolved by 1st Record Head to Head and then 2nd by Runs For-Runs Against. (if still tied a coin toss.)
22. **ONLY TWO HOME RUNS PER GAME ARE ALLOWED FOR EACH TEAM-IF ANY MORE HOME RUNS ARE HIT BY A TEAM IN THE GAME THE BATTER IS OUT. ON FIELDS ONE AND TWO IT IS A HOME RUN IF IT IS HIT OVER THE FENCE---ON FIELDS THREE AND FOUR IT IS A HOME RUN IF IT IS HIT INTO THE DITCH OR IF THE BATTER REACHES HOME WITH NO ERRORS AS DETERMINED BY THE UMPIRE**

FIELD 3 GROUND RULE: IF A BALL IS HIT ON THE GROUND INTO THE DITCH IN RIGHT FIELD, IT IS A GROUND RULE DOUBLE-IF THE BALL IS HIT IN THE AIR INTO OR OVER THE DITCH, IT IS A HOMERUN.

For all the teams playing at 6 p.m. on Friday, please have your team there for registration at 5:15 *so we can begin opening ceremonies at 5:30.*

NO DRINKING ALCOHOL ON OR AT THE FIELD!!!!!!

There will be a beer and refreshment tent on Friday and Saturday and a dance on both nights. All are welcome, even people not playing ball.

Please inform your teams that all players will require ID to enter the beer tent, especially the 19 to 25 age group. For us old cronies it will be obvious.

The silent auction will be ongoing throughout the weekend with the bidding ending at 5:15 on Saturday. A bid # will be available to all for a toonie.

All pledges raised online will go directly to the West Parry Sound Health Centre Foundation for support of local Cancer Care.

All proceeds from the Tournament Event will go to the Rotary Club of Parry Sound to be distributed to Support Local Cancer care and other Rotary Projects. Any funds specifically directed to WPSHC Cancer Care during the Tournament weekend will be donated to **WPSHC Foundation - Cancer Care**.

ENJOY THE WEEKEND