



## **Elevated Softball Association 2024 Rules**

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1. The SPN/PlaySlopitch rules and the Elevated Softball Association Rules of Play govern this League
2. <https://www.slo-pitch.com/rulebook>
3. No protests are allowed: the umpires' decision is final.
4. Any rule, situation or incident not covered will be reviewed and decided by the Umpire in Chief/Commissioners.

### **5. Players**

- All players must be registered online and Photo ID or Birth Certificates or Health Cards must be available upon request.
- The penalty for ineligible players is expulsion of the player or team from the league. (commissioner's discretion)
- Players may enter and exit the game defensively at any time and in any position.
- No metal spikes permitted. Steel and Plastic toe caps must be removed for base running
- All registered players will bat in rotation every game
- Teams must start each game with 9 players and cannot play with fewer than 8
- If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line up provided you have not gone through the complete batting order.
- In the event of an injury or illness resulting in a player being removed from the game, there shall be no "out" when the player is due to bat and they are skipped over.
- In the event a player is ejected from a game, an "out" shall be recorded each and every time the player's spot in the batting rotation comes up.
- All players must wear Team jerseys that are matching (including number on back). If a player is not wearing a matching jersey there is a fine of \$100 which must be paid by the next game.
- Jersey rule is not in effect for emergency players
- In the event of a team forfeit a fine of \$150 is placed which must be paid before the next game.
- If a team is planning on Forfeiting a game, an advanced notice of 24 hours is required for the fine not to be placed
- In the event of a forfeit the game will result a score of 7-0 for the winning team
- Players must play 10 games to qualify for playoffs



- In the playoffs all players must wear a matching jersey.

## 6. Ejections:

- Any coach and or player ejected from a game as a result of their conduct must leave the ball park within five minutes. Failure to leave within 5 minutes will result in the disqualification of the entire team. The ejected coach or player will automatically be required to sit out of their next scheduled game.
- If a coach or player is ejected from a game, they may seek the League Convenors approval in order to coach or play in the next scheduled game. The convener has the right to apply a one game suspension or a league depending on the reason why the coach or player were ejected in the first place.
- Fans may be allowed to be ejected by an umpire. Fans are the responsibility of the Head coach/Captain. Harassment and / or misconduct by fans will result in a warning followed by the ejection of the Head Coach/Captain, if the warning is not heeded. If a coach/captain is ejected they may seek the league Convenors approval in order to coach/play the next scheduled game.
- Any player or players involved in the consumption of any drugs or alcohol near the playing area, that player and team shall be ejected. and the team will be fined \$150.
- Fighting or any unwanted behaviour done by Coaches, Players, Fans/supporters is unacceptable. If an altercation occurs there will be investigations placed which may result in suspensions, fines or expulsions from the league and police may be contacted.
- ESA committee has final say on any league matters/rules that are not explicitly listed on this page. Rules are subject to change without notice by ESA to maintain the integrity of the league**

## 7. Weather

- All games will be played even if it's raining. A game will be called off if there is lightning. (Umpires/Commissioner's discretion)
- Make up games will be made during or at the end of the season before playoffs, Team captains/representatives will be contacted for updates.

## 8. Game

- Pitching distance for our league is 50 feet
- Bases distance for our league is 65 feet



- The umpire will keep the official time and will call out the official start time with the first pitch
- During the regular season No new inning after 65 minutes or 7 innings whichever comes first
- A game suspended by the umpire because of rain or darkness will be considered a regulation game if 4 innings (or 3 ½ if the Home Team is ahead) have been completed in round robin play. For championship or consolation games a regulation game will be 5 complete innings (or 4 ½ if the Home Team is ahead).
- All playoff games will be No new inning after 75 Minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first .
- All at bats will start with a count of 0-0
- An infield ball is permitted only while the pitcher is warming up.
- Home teams are to be decided by a flip of a coin with the umpire presiding.
- The mercy rule is in effect for all games in the regular season ( 15 runs after 5 complete innings).
- A mercy rule will apply a maximum of 6 runs per half inning, the last inning will be open
- Only 7th inning is Open or the final inning called by the umpire. Game can not end during an inning
- Maximum of 3 Courtesy runners will be granted per game, any player can be a courtesy runner
- A 3 home run differential is in effect. Exceeding the limit is an OUT
- A pitched ball must have a minimum height of 6 feet and a maximum of 12 feet, as per the judgement of the Umpire
- Managers are responsible for throwing away all litter/garbage in and around the dugout at the end of each game. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine.
- Home plate is part of the strike zone. Players must stand on home plate to make an out at home. No player can be tagged out at home plate. Player will be called out if he touches the home plate or strike zone matt while coming around to score a run

## **8. Base running/Lead Off Rule**

- Stealing is not allowed.
- Anticipation is acceptable but lead-off is forbidden. Runner(s) may leave a base only if the ball is hit, crosses home plate or hits the ground. Anticipation rule is in effect.
- USA supports commitment line
- Sliding is permitted except at home plate



## **9. Infield Fly Rule**

- Rule is in effect

## **10. Bats / Ball**

- All bats must meet SPN/Playslopitch requirements. - ESA league will use the 12" Ball (Worth- Hotdot) - Softball Canada Standard

## **11. Bunting**

- Bunting is not allowed

## **12. Overthrows - Out of Play**

- All runners, including the batter-runner, will be awarded 1 bases based on the position of the runners when the ball is thrown.

## **13. Scores / Standings**

- Scores / Standings will be kept for each game for all divisions.
- 2 points per win. 1 point for a tie - If the Home team is leading or goes ahead in the bottom of the 7th the inning or the last inning the game is over.
- League standings will be determined by points. Ties will be broken based on head to head, then run differential and then runs against divided by innings played, and then if necessary, Flip a Coin

**International Tie Breaker Rule** will be used with tie score in extra innings or any inning past the time limit. The inning will be started with the last batter as a base runner on second base. The inning will be started with one (1) out. (as per SPN rules). Note that this is used for playoff games only and regular season games can end in ties.

## **14. Cheering**

- Positive cheering only. The conduct of the team, its spectators and the coaches are the responsibility of the team coaches/captain. In the event of harassment or derogatory remarks originating from the players, coaches or fans, the umpires will issue warnings. If these warnings are not heeded, it will lead to the ejection of the individual(s) involved, and the umpire may call the game awarding the non-offending team with a default win.