

SLO-PITCH

All participants must be at least 55 years of age by December 31 of the year of the Games.

AGE CATEGORIES / EVENTS:

AGE	EVENTS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER PROVINCE/TERRITORY
55+	Mixed Teams	4 teams of 10 min./16 max.
55+	Open Teams	2 teams of 10 min./16 max.
65+	Open Teams	2 teams of 11 min./16 max.
70+	Open Teams	2 teams of 11 min./16 max.
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER PROVINCE/TERRITORY = 160 (max)		
Note 1: Each mixed team must include a minimum of three (3) women with at least two women playing at all times on a 16 person team.		
Note 2: Open teams may have any combination of men and women on the team, and can be all men or women.		
Note 3: If a team has a non-playing coach, this person <u>is not</u> included in the 16 player team roster.		

Slo-Pitch National Rules will apply, as modified by the rules below.

The following take precedence, if needed, over all others:

1. Safe-t-base to be used at first.
2. Runner commitment line to be in effect on third base line (designed to reduce collisions at home plate). At home plate, a small plate to be placed on run-by line. Player running home from third must touch the small plate to be called safe.
3. A home plate made of rubber or some other suitable material, and measuring 2 feet by 3 feet, is to be used.
4. A medical examination two months prior to the Games is strongly recommended.
5. Metal cleats will not be allowed.
6. Teams are not required to wear uniforms; however, all players must wear a number while playing.

7. A game tied after seven innings will continue until a winner is declared, using the International Tie Breaker Rule.
8. Titanium bats and those labeled Miken Ultra 11 will not be allowed. The A.S.A list of illegal bats will apply. Bats must be labeled 1.20 BPF and have one of the ASA Certification marks with the 2000, 2004 or 2013 shield.. Bats will be inspected prior to the start of each game. Type of ball for Slo-Pitch is the .44 cor.
9. There is to be no tag by the catcher or other defensive player between the commitment line and the safe line or the small plate.
10. If the runner touches the strike plate he is an automatic out.
11. A safe base at first is mandatory. A runner must touch the outside of the safe base (orange) at first base. If there is no play at first, the first baseman is to give the runner the inner part of the safe base (white) regardless of whether the runner is proceeding to second base.
12. If a runner steps off any base after the ball crosses the plate or hits the ground, and no contact of the bat with the pitched ball is made, the runner is NOT called out.
13. The five run rule per inning is in effect, except for the last or extra innings, which are open innings.
14. A legally delivered ball striking any part of the strike plate before it touches the ground is a strike – regardless of the direction the ball deflects.
15. To be called a strike, the minimum height of a pitched ball shall be 6 feet and the maximum height shall be 12 feet.
16. The bases are to be 65 feet.
17. Pitchers may pitch from 50 – 60 feet from the point of the original home plate.
18. There is no run-by at second and third base.
19. A player on the line-up can be removed and inserted once during a game.
20. A courtesy runner can be used once per inning and must be on the line-up sheet.
21. Courtesy runners from home can be used if both managers agree.
22. **Each team must have ten (10) eligible players ready to play.** The 65+ and 70+ Open teams are allowed to field 11 players. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE. No coach / manager may be under the age of 55 and MUST be registered as a participant.**

23. All age categories may have one extra player on the batting line-up card and are allowed unlimited substitution with this player.
24. For the mixed teams, when a male batter who is batting before a female, is walked, intentionally or otherwise, he will be awarded first and second bases and the next batter, the female, must bat.
25. There will be no sliding, however a player may slide or dive in returning to a base.
26. Bunting is not allowed
27. Carded umpires should be used.

PLAYOFFS

28. A round robin should be played, however the exact system to be used will depend on the number of teams entered in each age group.
29. In the case of two teams tied after the round robin, the winner of the game between the two, in the round robin, will receive the higher placing.
30. If a three, or more - way tie exists, go to:
 - (a) Who beat who in round robin play among those tied, and,
 - (b) Total points (runs) for/against, in the round robin.
31. Medal winners will be determined by the results of the round robin and ties will be broken in the same manner as discussed above.

NOTE:

The Host will hold a mandatory Managers / Coaches meeting including the Technical Director preferably the night before the start of competition.