

October-Fest "Dash for the Cash" - Tournament Rules

Small Ball - Big Ball Tournament

- Format 7 & 3:** (E.H. Bat 10 or 12) 12 Batters = extra guy & girl (8 & 4). A minimum of 3 women playing field. If you decide to Bat 12 and lose a batter, that spot becomes an Auto Out! A team may proceed with extra females, however at no time a team may field more than 7 males. Maximum 12 batters in the batting order!
- Rosters:** Must be Handed in by the end of your second game! Teams who do not hand them in at all, will not be eligible for the playoffs or any prizing! Roster forms available at the tournament kiosk or download online.
Entry Paid Tickets: Must be handed in to umpire at your first RR Game. Umpire will ask for them. Entry Ticket is to ensure all teams paid entry! If not paid, game will not start until entry is paid, with game time continuing on!
- No Stealing or lead offs & No Bunting:** Runners may advance on a caught fly ball.
- A team may field 9 players, 10th batters position is an automatic out, unless SPN B.C. 9 Rule is applied. *(SPN B.C. 9 Rule! A Team who starts with 9 players must finish with 9 players & there is no auto out)*
- A Team that forfeits a game, less than 9 players, will lose by a final score of 12-0 | 10 min. grace time allowed!
- Game/Time:** 7 Innings - During Round Robin play, 1.15hr/75 minute time limit. Open inning called by umpire at 55 min. In Playoffs 1.30hr/90 minute time limit, open inning called by umpire at 1.10hr/70 minute. Innings already in progress will be completed. Finals there is no time limit!
- Maximum 6 runs per inning:** 7th open inning, unless open inning called by umpire.
- Round Robin Play:** Games that end in a tie, stay as a tie. Round Robin results determines playoff seeding!
- Visitor Team Cap Rule:** 7th or open inning called by umpire. Visitor cannot go up on the home team by more than 12 runs (mercy). Home team still bats bottom of the inning if behind. Cap Rule conserves game time & prevents sandbagging "running up the score" on the home team. If Umpire calls open inning in the 5th or 6th inning, and the visiting team is up by 12 or more runs, home team bats out only, visitor does not bat! Playoffs no cap rule!
- Substitutions:** Any player may be substituted for at any time (does not have to play field first). The umpire and other team must be notified of the substitution. Sub's must bat in the batting order of the person they substituted for. **Starter Re-Entry Rule:** A starting player, if re-entered, must occupy the same position in the batting order, and can only be re-entered once. Both the starting player and substitute cannot be in the line-up at the same time.
- Batting Order:** No more than 3 males in a row. If a 4th male in a row mistake is made, there will be an auto out in place on the 4th male in a row for that game! 4th male in a row appeal play must be made by the opposing team, Umpire's Discretion! Watch from bottom to top, and when making substitutions!
- Pitching:** Ball must have a perceived arc of **6-15feet**. Pitching Distance is 50-60ft max. No Quick Pitch allowed! Once set, the pitcher may take one step with the free foot in a direction of his/her choice.
- Strike Mat/Plate:** If the ball lands anywhere on the mat or the plate will be called a strike. Strike Mat 22"x40". Note: A ball that is hit on the mat & stays on the mat is live!
- Batter's Area:** No Contact Zone - Batter cannot step in front of the plate during contact (moving closer to the pitcher), batter is out. Stepping on the plate/strike mat during an at bat, batter is out.

15. **Walk Rule:** If a male batter is walked with the **First 4 Pitches** (no strikes thrown) male batter awarded 2nd base, runners forced accordingly; If the male batter is followed by a girl, girl has the option to hit or walk. Defensive team may walk a male batter intentionally without pitching, batter goes to 2nd base, runners forced accordingly.
16. **Home Plate Safe Line:** A 6 foot line drawn from home plate perpendicular to 3rd base from the top left hand corner of the plate is established to prevent any contact at home, a player who touches home plate whether or not a play is made will be called out. Tagging the runner at home is allowed between the commitment line and Scoring line.
17. **'Courtesy Runner' Rule:** Max. 3 per game. Teams may use up to 3 DIFFERENT courtesy runners in a game. Must be female for female, male for male, or female may run for a male also! Use your courtesy runners wisely!
18. **Home Run Rule: +3 over +3 an out!** (Teams cannot be up more than 3 home runs) Girls Unlimited Home Runs! Bottom of the 7th inning/or open inning called, match play for the home team, home team cannot go up home runs on the visitor. **Walk Off Home Run:** On any fair-batted ball hit over the fence untouched for a home run, the batter & all runners are credited with the score. Batter & any runners do not run the bases, but go directly to their dugout. If a 4 base award is called (ball touched), runners & batter must touch all bases!
19. **Mercy Rule (+12 Runs):** Is in effect after 4 ½ innings if Home & 5 innings if Visitor, including the 6th inning. Mercy rule does not apply in an open inning called/7th inning.
20. Winner of Coin Toss selects home or visitor during Round Robin play. Higher seeded team is home team in the playoffs all the way through the finals, including head to head matchups.
21. In playoffs the international rule will apply after 7 innings complete. (Last batter batted is at 2nd with 1 out) Format is a **Modified Double KO** including the finals!
22. **Approved Bat Stamps:** ASA 2004 Cert Stamp, New USSSA Stamp(thump print), NSA Stamp.
23. Small Ball- Big Ball Tournament: Female has the option to hit the big ball, must notify umpire before first pitch of each new at bat or the small ball will be used!
24. **Scorekeeping:** Score-sheets must be turned in by both teams no matter if a win or a loss, signed by the umpire, filled out properly & reflect the same score to be recorded. This is Mandatory! (no score sheets turned in = loss) Tournament provides official score-sheets & lineup cards, you cannot use your own as they won't be accepted!



SPN Slo-Pitch Rules... cover anything that is not listed in the tournament rules!

Rules may be subject to change - This is an SPN Sanctioned Tournament with SPN Carded Umpires!

No Alcohol is permitted in the dugouts, players caught can be automatically ejected...Umpires Discretion! Please Support our beer gardens we provide for your convenience. No Metal Cleats allowed & no protests will be heard!

Disputes: Tournament Convener cannot overrule an umpires call or make a call, can only advise! Head Umpire (Tournament UIC) must make the final ruling! Verbal abuse of our umpires will not be tolerated, you can be ejected! Have a fun & safe tournament, and know your rules!