

## **League Rules 2010**

### **Please Note:**

**Deadline** for completion of online NSA roster is **April 30, 2010**. If **not completed** by this date, **you will forfeit your spot in the tournament**. Additions or deletions can be done at later dates if need be. <http://www.nsacanada.ca/leagues/roster.php>

The league fee of \$525 includes a **\$100 refundable deposit** that serves several purposes:

**Attendance to the wind-up tournament.** If notice is given to the league by June 25<sup>th</sup> that your team cannot attend the wind-up tournament on July 9, 10 & 11, 2010, you will get your deposit back (less any money deducted because of forfeited games during the regular season – see below). Deposits will be refunded after your first tournament game when score-sheets are handed in. If notice is not given and your team does not participate in all its tournament games, then your team will forfeit all/part of the deposit. For each individual game missed/can't field a team in final tournament, we will take \$25 off the deposit. We have to schedule fields and book and pay for umpires so we need to know.

**To deter the late cancellation of, or not showing up for league games.** If you cannot field your team for a game, you must let the other team know by the Saturday (at least). Friday, in the case of Saturday Icebreaker games. You will still forfeit the game (a win for your opponent), and \$10 is deducted from the deposit. Score sheets must still be handed in by both teams explaining the "Forfeit" and note when contact was made.

- If you do not call by Saturday (Friday for Saturday Icebreaker games) and do not show up, or do not field a team (minimum 8 players including 3 women), then you "No Show". "No Show" means you forfeit the game (win for opposition) and \$20 for each game to your opponent(s). A "No Show" win means that \$20 would be added to a team's refunded deposit. Score sheets still must be handed in by both teams explaining the "No Show".
- This is being done to encourage the common courtesy of letting your opponent know well in advance if you cannot make a game. It is also to offset the cost incurred through league fees for the opposing teams' field fees. We are all adults and I do not want any disagreements after the scheduled dates that games were "Forfeits" vs "No Shows".
- For both "Forfeits" and "No Shows", your opponent(s) are allowed to list their players on their score-sheets as games played as part of the six games needed to qualify for the wind-up tournament.

**Penalties/fines.** This money may also be used towards penalties incurred by teams/players acting outside the rules/tenants of the league. This will be at the discretion of executives. (Examples may include fighting/drinking alcoholic beverages/lewd and or rude behavior)

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SEMSLS provided score sheets **must be used** and **attached requirements** followed correctly.

**All teams will be checked frequently in the tournament for player eligibility**

The League will abide by the current NSA published slo-pitch rules (<http://www.nsacanada.ca/rules/rule-book.php>) with **these exceptions:**

1. 10 players on the line up: 6 males and minimum 4 females.
  - Teams can use a maximum of 2 auto outs, **only one of which can be female**
  - Teams may have more females in the line up than males
  - A team must have a minimum of 8 players to field a team to avoid forfeiting the game. For Example: the smallest team that can be fielded legally would be 3 ladies, 5 men with 2 auto outs.
2. **No additional players, not registered with the league, are to be used.**
3. No players under the age of 16 years of age.
4. **No restrictions** on senior/junior and/or Commercial/Industrial Fastball players.
5. There is no specific uniform required by the league.
6. Strike-mats will be used for all games.
  - Each team supplies these.
  - Size 2' by 3' and fits under the V at the back of the plate.
  - Any part of the ball hitting the strike mat or the black portion on the back of home plate is considered a strike.
7. Sliding will be allowed.
  - No sliding at home plate (see Rule exception #8).
  - Any attempt to intentionally injure or knock down a player while sliding will be ruled as an automatic out.
8. A safety line at home will be used to avoid collisions at home plate.
  - Touching home plate will result in an automatic out, even if a collision would not have occurred.
  - A strike mat is considered part of home plate; a player must cross the safety line only.
  - There is no tagging of runner between commitment line and home plate.
9. Anticipation: Runners can leave base only after the ball has crossed the plate.
  - No stealing

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- Must return to original base if ball is not connected by bat
- Leading off is **illegal**

10. Unlimited substitutions.

- Players may be removed from the game and return later.
- Players returning to the game must field prior to batting.

11. Balls and strikes will be called. Each team must supply their own umpire(s).

- A walk shall only advance batter/base runners **one** base regardless of sex

12. Bases must be 65 feet apart and pitcher must **be at least 50ft from home plate.**

13. There is **NO** "Up the middle" rule in effect anymore. This rule has been overturned by a league wide vote.

14. Commitment line will be used between 3<sup>rd</sup> base and home plate (20 feet from home plate) **No tagging is allowed between commitment line and home plate.**

15. Please check the NSA website for allowable bats (make sure your bat is on this list before using it) <http://www.nsacanada.ca/bats/approved.htm>

16. Any good ball agreed upon by both teams can be used in the league. Demarini safety balls will be used in tournament play. (**Respect your opponents, this is a fun and safety oriented league, please reframe from using harder compression balls**)

17. Team Captain is responsible for the actions of his/her players.

18. Infield fly rule is in effect.

19. Score sheets must be correctly filled out with date, field, tier, team name, player's **First and Last Name**. They must be turned in to the designated locations **before the Thursday** following the game to allow for reporting to the media. **Failure to do so** will result in a **loss** being awarded and player's **will not being given credit** for the games played. Certain stats people will be assigned to each tier (See Executive list) some people accept scans or faxes of score sheets. Please arrange with this individual if going this route.

20. Pitchers and catchers may be any gender. IE: Both Pitcher and catcher can be female.

21. Females are **NOT** allowed to bunt.

22. Suggested home run rule for short fields: Match +2 then strike. This means when a team has 2 home runs more than other team any ball hit over the fence will be a strike. This rule is only in effect for balls hit over the fence. Any "in the park" home run does

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not count towards this rule. (Please keep track of home runs on score sheet → HR +1, HR +2 ETC) This rule can be used with both teams agreement at beginning of game.

### Note:

- Each player must have played **six** leagues games to qualify for the league tournament. Every attempt possible will be made to enforce this. A player can only appear on one team roster in league and one during the tournament.
- Although not recommended, **games may be rescheduled** but only in exceptional circumstances. Finding two alternative dates and fields is the responsibility of the requesting team and teams involved will incur any cost imposed by city.
- Absolutely **no alcohol or foul language** is allowed on either the ball diamond or on the area surrounding the diamond. Report violations to any of the League Executives. Any infraction of this clause may result in the offending team's removal from the league.
- Please respect those people around you and keep the cigarette smoking off the playing fields.
- Home teams for Icebreaker and league games are determined by coin toss. It is the responsibility of the team that is staying on the same field for both games to put out bases for that diamond. You will require a safety base for 1<sup>st</sup> base, and a strike matt for home plate. As well as a normal 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base.
- **We do not have fields to 5:00pm, so if other associations are using the fields when you arrive please respect their rights. If this means you may have to play an inning or 2 less, then so be it. Give them their space and be courteous.**
- Please respect time limits for games, if starting an inning 15 min before end of time slot please call it open inning. All games will remain in a tie after the end of the open inning. Please do no play out games to break a tie. This includes if you called 6<sup>th</sup> inning open and tied after that inning the game will remain a tie, DO NOT PLAY the 7<sup>th</sup> inning in this case.

### **\*\*\*\* Field notes \*\*\*\***

For all fields requiring travel please remember to leave yourself enough time to commute even if it means cutting it an inning short to get there on time. All fields are max 5 min drive from other one. Travel fields include: Arthur Stevenson – Westsyde Centennial Park, Kay Bingham – Parkcrest Elementary, and Bert Edwards – Bantam 1.

**Please use common sense on all fields. Any damage done to private or public property is the responsibility of the person inflicting it. If hitting a ball over the fence will lead to smashed vehicles or other damage DON'T DO IT. Any intentional damage will lead to player being ejected from league.**

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### **Arthur Stevenson**

We are only using field 3 at Arthur Stevenson School in Westsyde. Field 3 is marked on backstop. It is the field closest to the school along Soldier Rd. For the visiting team you will be traveling to Westsyde Centennial Park for matching game.

### **Bert Edwards**

Please use the field at the corner of York and Windsor. It is furthest from school to prevent damage. It is paired with Bantam 1 at MacPark.

### **Kay Bingham**

This is the field about half way down the alley. **DO NOT PARK IN ALLEY!** Bylaws will ticket you if caught. – Matching Field is Parkcrest Elementary.

### **Parkcrest Elementary**

Please use field closest to Playground (West Field).

### **Exhibition Park**

Field 1 is closest to Lorne Street; Field 2 will be upper one. Parking at new water plant for Exhibition 2. For main parking lot at Charles Anderson **\*\*park at your own risk\*\***. If for some reason the Stadium is being used, it is a short field and very prone to fly balls landing in parking lot or on your vehicle!!

### **Rae-Mor (Rayleigh)**

I have attached a map to this field. It is about 5 minutes drive from corner Halston/Yellowhead highway.