

# Slo-Pitch Diamond INFORMATION SHEET

## FULL TEAM Player Handbook



### CSSC Slo-Pitch Diamond Line-up

The Calgary Sport and Social Club (CSSC) rents all Slo-Pitch diamonds from the City of Calgary Recreation department. Overall, the CSSC uses over 50 different ball diamonds that are spread throughout all quadrants of the City.

### CSSC Diamond Maintenance

The City of Calgary Parks department will mow the grass on the diamonds that we rent, however, they are not responsible for the grooming of the shale infield, the lining of the diamond, or other maintenance. Therefore, the CSSC employs two full-time field workers who groom and line diamonds throughout the season. Diamonds are groomed on average once every 1-2 weeks, and lined 2-3 times per season.

### Game Format and Diamond Permit Times

During certain parts of the season, when sunlight permits (Weeks 3-8), the CSSC will schedule two games in a row on the same diamond. The reasons for this are as follows:

- The CSSC wants to use the best quality diamonds possible and that means scheduling more than one game on the better diamonds.
- The CSSC wants to use the best located diamonds possible and that means scheduling more than one game on the diamonds that are located more centrally throughout the City.
- The CSSC diamond maintenance schedule can be improved by using the same field for two games in a night, and individual fields can be groomed or lined more times throughout a season.
- There is a limited number of ball diamond inventory throughout the City, and in order to continue to grow our slo-pitch leagues we need to continue to schedule two games on a diamond in a night in certain cases. This will allow us to continue to expose new teams to the sport and meet the current demand in Calgary.

Teams will notice on their Spring schedule they have a note indicating when they are playing on a diamond that is being used for two games in a night. In this scenario, they can be either the early game, or the late game.

### Policy for Diamonds with Two Rotations

The early game is scheduled to start at the time posted on the CSSC Schedule. Each game will be allotted 1.5 hours to play their entire game. In regard to the early game;

**“Regardless of what inning the game is in, no new inning may be started with less than 10 minutes to go in the 1.5 hour time slot.”**

The early timeslot starts at the CSSC scheduled time, whether or not the early teams have all of their players ready to play at that time. Early teams are expected to respect the policy as they need to be off the diamond in time to allow the late rotation to play for 1.5hrs before darkness sets in.

### Tips and Tricks for Two Rotation Schedules

- If you are in the early rotation, plan to leave for your game earlier than normal and ask your teammates to do the same in order to avoid rush hour and late arrivals.
- If you are in the early rotation, start the game on-time, whether or not teams have a full roster. You can easily bat and/or field with the minimum of 7 players present.
- Maximize playing time by keeping a good pace throughout the evening. The main method of playing all 7 innings on time is to reduce the between inning breaks, such as warming-up in the field each inning, or taking a rest. As well, when you are batting, have your on-deck batter ready in order to maintain a good pace to the game.
- For the late rotation, arrive at least 15 minutes early and check-in with one of the teams from the early rotation to see what inning they are in, and remind them of the policy if they are approaching the final 10 minutes of the time slot.
- For the late rotation, be patient and allow for a few minutes of extra time in the case that a new inning was started with more than 10 minutes to go, but the inning is not quite over at the exact scheduled start time for the late rotation.
- If a team is not abiding by the policy, please remind them in a polite manner, and contact the CSSC if necessary.

