



SLO-PITCH *Cheat Sheet*

ROSTERS

- A full team on the field consists of 10 players with a minimum of 3 females
- The minimum number of players required to avoid a default is; *7 players including at least 2 females*

GAME PLAY

- A game is 90-minutes in length, or 7-innings
 - A new inning cannot be started with less than 10 minutes remaining in the timeslot
- **Regular Season:** Ties are allowed
 - **Playoffs:** Ties are not allowed, an extra inning will be played
 - Additional extra-inning(s) will use the 'International Scoring Rule'
 - The final out from the previous inning will start as a runner on 2nd base
 - All Slo-Pitch games are self-officiated / umpired (the batting team supplies a home plate umpire)
- **Scoring:**
 - A team can score a maximum of 7 runs in an inning, with the exception of the last inning
 - Mercy will be called if one team gains a 20-run lead
 - **New Fall 2018:** Teams are limited to a maximum of 5 home runs per game
 - Subsequent home runs will be recorded as an **out**
 - **"1-up" Rule:** If both teams have reached the home-run limit, each team is permitted to hit further home-runs, as long as they never go more than '1-up' on the other team
- **Pitching:**
 - All pitches must be thrown underhand and between 6 and 12 feet high
 - A ball that touches any part of the strike mat (not home plate) is a strike
 - If a male batter is walked on 4 straight balls and a female batter is on-deck, the male will automatically 'walk' to 2nd base - the female batter has the choice of walking to 1st base, or batting
- **Batting:**
 - All players playing in the game must be listed in the batting order
 - There is no limit to the length of the batting order, as long as the male-female ratios remain intact
 - 3 females must appear within the first 10 players in the batting order
 - If only 2 females are present, every 3rd female spot is an automatic out
 - 3 male batters in a row may only appear in a row once in the batting order
 - A batter who hits a foul tip with two strikes is 'out'
 - Bunting is not allowed, a full-swing attempt must occur
- **Baserunning:**
 - Pinch runners are only allowed for injured players – the runner should be the last player out (same gender)
 - Lead-offs or stealing bases are not permitted and result in an out
 - When running to 1st base the batter must touch the orange safety base
 - Runners coming home cannot turn back once passed the commitment line
 - Runners coming home must not touch home plate or else they are 'out'
 - Sliding is only permitted at 2nd and 3rd base
- **Fielding:**
 - Fielders must remain behind the respect line until the batter makes contact with the ball
 - For infielders, the respect line is the base path
 - When making an out at home plate, fielders cannot tag the runner
 - On an overthrow where the ball rolls out of play, all runners advance one base beyond the base they were travelling towards at the time of the overthrow