



By-Laws for 2026

1. All regular season games will be seven (7) innings or 90 minutes.
 - a. In the case of rain or other unplayable conditions which may occur during a game or if the game cannot be completed, five (5) completed innings, 4.5 innings if the home team is winning, will constitute a complete game.
 - b. No regular season game last inning is to start after eighty (80) minutes from the scheduled start time of the game.
 - c. If a regular season game has to be called due to time constraints, due to poor weather conditions or unsafe field conditions, then the game score will revert back to the last complete inning.
2. An inning shall consist of three (3) outs or seven (7) runs are scored, except the last inning which will be either the seventh (7th) inning or the last inning as called by the umpire. The inning will then be played until there are three (3) outs or the game time limit has been reached. In such event, By-Law 1(C) above will take effect.
3. Bases will be seventy feet (70) within all Divisions. The pitching mound in all divisions of the league will be fifty feet (50) from home plate.
 - a. The home team on each diamond for the first game of the day, is responsible for putting out the first, second and third bases from the storage bins located at the diamonds.
 - b. The home team for the last game of the day, is responsible for putting the first, second and third bases back into the storage bins located at the diamonds. They are also responsible for locking the storage bins with the lock that is supplied with the storage bins.
 - c. If the bases are not picked up by the home team at the last game of the day as stated above in item (B), any fines or cost handed to the Oshawa Slo Pitch League by the Permanent Base Consortium, will be the responsible of the home team who did not put the bases away. Failure to pay any associated fines, will result in the team forfeiting future games until fine is paid.
4. An approved safety bag must be used at first base. Bases shall be provided by the Permanent Base Consortium. Bases will be stored at the diamonds in locked bins.



5. If the scheduled home team fails to supply strike mat for game, they will lose home field advantage and be subject to a \$20 fine. They will still be responsible for supplying game balls for the game. As of 2026, the OSPL will be using strike boards on a rental agreement from another league. Any damage to these boards, to any board not being put away after the last game of the evening, the home team will be responsible for all fines that come to the OSPL.
6. Statistics will be kept in regards to seasonal play to determine the standings at the end of the season. Results of games will be as follows:
 - a. Two (2) points awarded to winning team.
 - b. One (1) point to each team for a tie.
 - c. Runs for and against for the entire season will be recorded to establish a plus/minus record for the season.
 - d. In the event two or more teams are tied at the end of the season with the same number of points, the following system will be used to break the tie:
 - i. The team finishing with more wins in the regular season will be used first. EXAMPLE: Team #1 and Team #2 are tied with the same number of points for fourth place, however Team #1 had 7 regular season wins while Team #2 had 6 regular season wins, Team #1 would be awarded fourth place and Team #2 would be awarded fifth place.
 - ii. The results between the two teams during the regular season will be used second. EXAMPLE: Team #1 is tied with Team #2 for fourth place. If Team #1 beats Team #2 twice during the regular season then Team #1 would have finished in 4th place.
 - iii. If the teams split the games between them during the regular season and are tied in points, then the following system will be used to break the tie.
 - iv. The plus/minus record for the entire season will break the tie. EXAMPLE: Team #1 and Team #2 are tied with the same number of points for the fourth place. During the regular season they each won a game against each other. However, Team #1 has a plus/minus record of +20. Team #2 has a plus/minus record of +10. Therefore, Team #1 would be awarded fourth place.



- e. There will be no maximum runs FOR in any one game. EXAMPLE: Team #1 beats Team #2 by a score of 20 to 10. Team #1 would then have a +10 for that game. Team #2 would then have a -10 for that game.
 - f. All teams will proceed to the playoffs at the end of the current OSPL season. Teams will be ranked in their division by the regular season final standings. This will determine the round robin play down bracket for the playoffs.
7. A) Any team defaulting a game for whatever reason, WILL AND MUST pay to the league, a fee of \$75.00 for umpire fees and diamond costs. Failure to pay fine will result in enforcement of By-Law 20.
- B) The default fine will not apply to teams that notify a member of the OSPL Executive by midnight Wednesday prior to the Sunday of their default game.
- C) The only exception to this is when a team is scheduled to play at 9:30pm and they have notified an Executive Member by the Wednesday before their scheduled game a default fee will not be charged. This exception shall also apply to make up games for rainouts.
8. Coaches, managers and contacts for the team are responsible for the following:
- a. The behavior of their team during and after the game while at the ball diamond complex reserved by the Association. This includes, but not limited to, diamonds, parking lots, areas between the diamonds or any areas as outlined by the City of Oshawa.
 - b. Ensuring that each player knows the Constitution, Code of Conduct By-Laws and Rules of the League.
 - c. Ensuring that there are NO alcoholic beverages being consumed on the players bench by any of his/her players during the game. Ensure that no spectators associated with his/her team are consuming any alcohol during the game. Ensure that NO alcohol is being consumed in the parking lot before and/or after completion of the game by any of his/her players or spectators associated with his/her team. There is a zero-tolerance policy with regards to Alcohol Consumption. Any team who violated the policy will be expelled from the League.
9. A player can only play on one (1) team in the Men's Division, one (1) team in the Co-Ed Division and one (1) team in the 35+ Division of the league. If the player decides to play on multiple teams, there will be no adjustment made to the regular season or playoff schedules to try and accommodate the player.
10. All teams may have a maximum of twenty (20) players on their team roster.



11. Each team is required to submit the following information to the League.

Team Contact Sheet containing the following information:

- a. Team's name (example Bandits)
- b. Uniform colours
- c. Captain's name and phone number
- d. Alternate Captain's name and phone number
- e. An e-mail address of at least one of the captains
- f. A mobile number for League text alerts

12. Team Rosters:

- a. Team rosters are to be submitted online directly with the League Affiliation by the date given by the OSPL executive. This information will then be directly available to the Oshawa Slo-Pitch League and the City of Oshawa.
- b. Online rosters must be completed by the date stated in your Welcome Package. Any teams failing to complete the online form by this date will not have insurance for all injuries that may result during a played game during the OSPL season or playoffs. The team representative is responsible for ensuring that each team member has logged onto the league affiliation website and accepted the waiver. This will add the team member to the roster and grant insurance for that player.
- c. If there are non-roster players being used after the Rosters are handed in, there will be a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine imposed on such a team and such team will lose the game.
- d. If a team uses a non-roster player three (3) times or more, those games in which the non-roster player was used will be counted as defaults and By-Law #7 and By-Law #19 will be in effect.
- e. If a question as to whether a player is a roster player and eligible to play, the following system shall be used:



- i. Have the player in question sign the game score sheet. A refusal to sign the score sheet shall be deemed as an admission of an ineligible player, and Clause's "B" and "C" will come into effect.
 - ii. Complete the ball game.
 - iii. The player in question must produce a valid photo id.
 - iv. A decision of the player's eligibility will be made by the Executive and is final.
 - v. If a player fails to produce a valid photo id within an hour, the player is deemed ineligible, and the win will go to the protesting team.
13. Effective January 1, 2004, all Teams shall have number identification on their jersey's that will be a minimum of 4" in height. Placement of numbers is at the discretion of the Team.
14. You must have a photo ID on you at all times when playing any scheduled game by the Oshawa Slo-Pitch League. The only time a player would need to show the ID is when there is a challenge about a player's eligibility as per By-Law 12 e).
15. A player who is registered with the Oshawa Slo-Pitch League and on a team's online roster from the same division can play on another team to help a team avoid a default game.

The team that would be defaulting can only use one additional player to make 9 players. The team cannot add a 10th player and the player from the other team must bat for the team he/she is playing on and not their own team.
16. If teams are unable to use a diamond where the League has a scheduled game (i.e. no lights, tournament games, etc.):
 - a. They may agree on another unoccupied diamond. In this case, please note the difficulty with the diamond when entering your score online in the comments section.
 - b. If a diamond is not available, an attempt will be made to reschedule the game.
 - c. Should rescheduling of the game be impossible, the game will be considered a rain out.
 - d. If there are no lights, please note when entering your score online in the comments section. The Vice President will contact the City of Oshawa on the Monday so that the League will not be charged for the lights.



- e. The responsibility for Clauses (a) and (d) will be that of the home team.
17. Should an umpire not show up for a game, or be late arriving at the game, please note as such when entering your score on-line in the comments section so that the Executive can be notified. If an umpire does not show up for the game, the game can still be played if both teams agree on any person or persons being delegated as the umpire for that game. This person or persons will be given the respect of a real umpire.
 18. Both teams (Home and Visitors) are responsible for updating the league website for all regular season games by no later than midnight Monday. Both teams are responsible for keeping their signed copies of the score sheets. If neither team updates the league website by midnight Monday, then no points will be awarded to either team, and the game will be considered a scoreless game. Any team(s) not updating the league website by midnight Monday will be fined \$20.00.
 19. Any team defaulting three (3) or more games, for whatever reason, may be excluded from the league the following season. A meeting will be held with such team(s) by the OSPL Executive to determine how to proceed with the defaulting team(s).
 20. All teams commit themselves to playing in the league playoffs at the end of the season. Any team not showing up for the playoffs will be dealt with by the Executive on a case-by-case basis.
 21. Any team not wanting to stay in the 35+ Division after one (1) year can move into the regular division. The division will be decided by the Executive Officers.
 22. The City of Oshawa is enforcing the City By-Law with respect to drinking and smoking in the parks. All leagues operating in the City of Oshawa are required to have rules instituted to discourage drinking alcohol and smoking when using permitted diamonds. Therefore, the following applies:
 - a. Where a letter of Warning is sent to the Association naming a team being found consuming alcohol or by anyone causing such a letter to be sent, the President or his/her designate will notify the named team that the Association has received such a letter.
 - b. Zero Tolerance as per By-Law 8 c). Each team representative will be responsible to ensure each team member on his or her team signs the waiver form and said waiver form is to be submitted to the OSPL executive by the date given in the welcome package.



23. All fines MUST BE PAID by cash or by EMT (electronic mail transfer), within two (2) league games of the fine being imposed. Any fines not paid within the two (2) league games, that team will be suspended from the league until the fines are paid and that team will be liable for the default fines during the suspensions. Any fines imposed within two (2) league game window before playoffs, these fines must be paid prior to playing in the playoffs. If you want to protest a fine, please contact a member of the Executive before your fine is due otherwise the fine will stand.
24. The Executive has the authority to place Teams within Divisions at their discretion. This procedure is to be performed on an annual basis prior to the beginning of the season. Modifications to a Division may occur after the commencement of the season.
25. If the Oshawa Slo-Pitch By-Laws, Regular Season Rules, Play-off Rules or Code of Conduct does not address a Rule or Condition, then the Provincial Governing Body's Rules shall be in effect. For example, Oshawa Slo-Pitch has no rules regarding jewelry so the Provincial Governing Body's Rules on jewelry would apply.
26. League affiliations have now adapted a **"Blood Rule"** for all players during a sanctioned game. OSPL will follow the league affiliation for all rules pertaining to blood and the player safety.
27. League affiliations have now adapted a **"Concussion Rule"** for all players during a sanctioned game. OSPL will follow the league affiliation for all rules pertaining to a concussion of any player for their safety.
 - a. This decision of a concussion is at the umpire's discretion based on incident and observation of player(s).