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1. NO arguing with the umpires.
2. Bases will be sixty-five feet (65) within all Divisions. The pitching mound in all divisions of the league will be fifty feet (50) from home plate.
3. 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) one (1) point for each team in the event of a rain out.
 - d) runs for and against for the entire season will be recorded to establish a plus/minus record for the season.
 - e) in the event two 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.
 - 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.
 - f) there will be no maximum runs FOR in any one game except in the case of a rain out.
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.
EXAMPLE: (Rain Out) each team would be given a point and since a game consists of eight (8) innings, then each team would be granted eight (8) runs and would show a +8 for that game.
 - g) all teams are in the playoffs at the end of the season
 - h) the format of the playoffs will be Tournament, with the top two (2) teams from the Tournament playing a championship series which will be the best two (2) out of three (3).
4. All regular season games will be eight (8) innings or 90 minutes.



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- 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 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 then the game score will revert back to the last complete inning
5. An inning shall consist of three (3) outs or ten (10) batters, except the last inning which will be either the eighth (8) inning or the last inning as called by the umpire. The inning will then be played until there are three (3) outs.
6. Any team defaulting a game for whatever reason, WILL AND MUST pay to the league, a fee of \$50.00 for umpires fees and diamond costs. Failure to pay fine will result in enforcement of By-Law 20. 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.
7. 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 Master's Division of the league. If the player decides to play on multiple teams there will be no adjustment made to the schedule to try and compensate the player.
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 reserved by the Association.
 - b) Ensuring that each player knows the Rules and By-Laws 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.
 - d) Ensure that no spectators associated with his/her team are consuming any alcohol during the game.
 - e) Ensure that NO alcohol is being consumed in the park after completion of the game by any of his/her players or spectators associated with his/her team.
9. All teams must have a minimum of fifteen (15) and a maximum of twenty (20) players on their team roster.
10. Each team is required to submit the following information to the League.
1. Team Contact Sheet containing the following information:
 - a) Team's Name (example Bandits)
 - b) Uniform Colours
 - c) Captains Name and phone number
 - d) Alternate Captains Name and phone number
 - e) An E-Mail id of both or at least one of the captains
 2. Team Roster containing the following information:
 - a) Player's name
 - b) Player's date of birth



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- c) Player's street address
 - d) Player's city
 - e) Player's postal code
 - f) Player's telephone number
 - g) Player's signature
11. Team Rosters:
- a) Team rosters will be made available at every season and playoff game.
 - b) Roster and Insurance forms must be handed in ½ hour prior to your scheduled game as per the date stated in your Welcome Package. Forms will be handed in at Oshawa Slo-Pitch Headquarters. Any teams failing to hand in the Roster and Insurance forms shall forfeit all games until they are handed in. Any team that has not handed in their Roster and Insurance form will also be stopped from playing by an Executive the day the Rosters and Insurance forms were due. There is also be a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fine imposed for not handing in your Roster and Insurance forms on time.
 - c) If there are non-roster players being used after the Rosters are handed in, there will be a twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar fine imposed on such a team and such team will lose the game.
 - d) If there is a non-roster player being used in any game as defined in Section "C", all accumulated points will be forfeited.
 - e) 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 #15 will be in effect.
 - f) 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 Clauses "B" and "C" will come into effect.
 - ii) his signature will be compared to the signature on the team roster.
 - iii) complete the ball game.
 - iv) have the score sheet with the player's signature sent to the Executive who will have copies of the team roster and a comparison of the signature on the score sheet will be made to the signature on the team roster.
 - v) a decision of the player's eligibility will be made by the Executive and is final.
 - vi) should the signature be ruled as forged, then Clauses "C" and "D" will be in effect.
12. If teams are unable to use a diamond where the league has a scheduled game (ie.: no lights, tournament games, etc.)
- a) They may agree on another unoccupied diamond.
 - b) In this case, please note the difficulty with the diamond when entering your score on-line in the comments section.
 - c) An attempt will be made to reschedule the game.



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- d) Should rescheduling of the game be impossible, the game will be considered as a rain out and By-Law #3, Section (f) will apply.
 - e) If there are no lights, please note such when entering your score on-line in the comments section. The Treasurer will contact the City of Oshawa on the Monday so that the League will not be charged for the lights.
 - f) The responsibility under Clause (e) will be that of the home team.
13. 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 Treasurer 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.
14. 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 scoresheets. 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.
15. Any team defaulting three (3) or more games, for whatever reason, will be excluded from the league the following season.
16. 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 suspended from the league the following season.
17. An approved safety bag must be used at first base.
18. Any team not wanting to stay in the Masters Division after one (1) year can move into the regular division. The division will be decided by the Executive Officers.
19. The City of Oshawa is enforcing the City By-Law with respect to drinking in the parks. All leagues operating in the City of Oshawa are required to have rules instituted to discourage drinking of alcohol on permit diamonds. Therefore, the following rules apply:
- 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) The named team may respond in writing explaining the situation to the President.
 - c) A record of letters will be kept by the Secretary.
 - d) First Offence: written warning to the Team.
 - e) Second Offence – which will mean the Association has received a letter of Suspension. Therefore, the following steps will be followed:
 - i) President or designate will notify the named team that the Association has received a Letter of Suspension.
 - ii) The named team MAY apply for an appeal hearing with the City.



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- iii) If a team is appealing a Suspension letter, written explanation must be given to the Association and the Association will arrange for the appeal hearing with the City.
 - iv) A fine of \$100.00 will be assessed against such team which MUST be paid.
 - v) If there is an Appeal Hearing and judgement is ruled in favor of the named team, the fine will be refunded.
20. All fines MUST BE PAID by cheque, no cash, within two (2) league games of the fine being imposed. Please ensure that your cheque contains your team name and that the cheque is handed to an Executive member or your divisional Convener. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted. 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 or your divisional Convener before your fine is due otherwise the fine will stand.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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 11 f.
25. A player who is registered with the Oshawa Slo-Pitch League and on a team's 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.