



2010 League Policies

- ~ Milton Coed Slo-Pitch League is a non-competitive recreational league. **We are here to have FUN!!**
- ~ **NO ALCOHOL or DRUGS:** The league has absolutely no tolerance for alcohol consumption or drug use prior to, during or after a game. There is to be no alcohol or drugs in the park, on the bench or in the field. A player found to be intoxicated, consuming alcohol or illegal drugs will receive one warning with a corresponding one-game suspension. It is the responsibility of the Team Rep to uphold the one-game suspension. Any subsequent incidents will result in the players removal from the league without a refund of the registration fee.
- ~ **Rainouts:**
 - **The Home Team Rep must Email or Call Shelley Speck-Catto (shellcats@hotmail.com) within 24hrs**
 - Teams must show up and be ready to play, and a call will be made after 20 min.
 - If fields are unsafe to play on, game will be called. Games will also be called if there is lightning, heavy rain, or fog.
 - Teams will be assigned a rainout game date.
 - Failure to comply will result in a Loss for the home team.
- ~ **Game Rescheduling:**
 - If a team is unable to field sufficient players for a regularly scheduled game, they must advise the opposing Team Rep and the League Scheduler a minimum of 10 days prior to the game.

- The League Scheduler will reschedule the game with the Town of Milton and advise both Team Reps of the date and location of the rescheduled game.
- Each team will be allowed a maximum of 2 game reschedules throughout the season. Each subsequent cancellation will be considered a forfeit.
- If a game cannot be rescheduled due to a lack of diamond availability, each team will be awarded a tie for the game in question.
- **League Scheduler – Shelley Speck-Catto**
shellcats@hotmail.com.

~ **Minimum Age:**

- ~ All players must be 18 years of age or older prior to season start.

~ **Stats Submissions:**

- Submit your scores through the website. [HTTP://www.miltoncoedspl.ca](http://www.miltoncoedspl.ca) and to go Team Stats page for more details.
- Please ensure all score sheets are signed off by both Team Reps at the end of each game for use in the case of a score discrepancy.

~ **Team Shirts:**

- The league no longer subsidizes shirts. It is each teams' responsibility to have matching jerseys.

~ **Roster Additions, Pregnancy and Insurance:**

- All players must be on the roster submitted to SPO prior to their first game played.
- Roster changes will be submitted to SPO weekly on Fridays until the end of May. If a player pays and registers mid-week, they will be unable to play until the following week as they will not be covered by insurance. It is the Team Reps

responsibility for enforcing this league policy and notifying Michelle Barclay (baseballmichelle@hotmail.com) of ALL roster changes.

- Only 2 roster changes per team ending June 15 or as indicated on the SPO website.
- Any player who knowingly plays while pregnant will be banned from the league.

~ **Equipment:**

- There are equipment bins located at the following fields: Brookville, Lions #1, Lions #3, Drumquin #1, Drumquin #2, and Omagh.
- All equipment bins have been keyed the same. The key must be returned to the League Executive at the end of each season on the final tournament weekend.
- Balls will be available in the equipments bins. There will be 2 buckets in each bin – one containing new and one containing used balls. Please start the game with one new ball and use the used ball should additional balls be required.
- The stats submission form now includes equipment requirements. Please examine equipment at the end of a game so that there is enough time to replace equipment before the next game. This will be forwarded to the Equipment Manager.
- If you arrive at a game and notice the equipment in the bin is damaged or missing, please contact the Equipment Manager to arrange for replacements. (equipment@miltoncoedspl.ca)

~ **Payments & Refunds:**

- No refunds after season start.

~ **Registration:**

- Please refer to the website for registration process and information. http://www.miltoncoedspl.ca/registration_idx.html



League Banned Equipment

~ **Metal Cleats**

~ **Bats:**

- Please visit <http://www.usssa.com/usssa/usssa-general/LegalBats.asp> for a valid list of bats.
- Milton Coed Slo-Pitch League follows the SPO rules in regards to legal equipment. They refer to USSSA for their rulings.



League Rules of Play

Diamond Setup:

- Pitcher's mound min 45' from home plate
- 1st base 65' from home plate, red bag on foul side of foul line
- 2nd base is 91'11" from home plate
- 3rd base is 65' from home plate, bag must rest along inside of foul line
- Commitment line is 21' from top left corner of home plate
- Pylons along foul lines at 150' from home plate.
- Home plate safe line is from the top left corner of plate; parallel to the right foul line
- Courtesy runner line is from top right of plate parallel to the left foul line
- Once lights are on do not turn them off. They are on a timer system and will not come back on.
- The Home Team is responsible for setting up the diamond however, to avoid potential game delays it is encouraged the first team reps in attendance begin preparing the diamond.
- The Home Team Rep must ensure the FIRST AID KIT is on the bench during the game.

~ Team Setup:

- Minimum 4 girls on the field
- If a team is short female players, the team is required to prepare a separate batting order for the females and males. The girls will alternate batting so there are no more than two males batting in a row. Female batters will not always follow the same male batter. An out is required in the batting order

only when all female batters are unavailable to hit (ie. on the bases). The team is also required to play with one less fielder for every girl they are short. As per softball rules, a team will have to forfeit if they have less than 8 players. Therefore, a team is required to forfeit the game if they have less than two female players.

- Maximum 2 males in a row in the batting order.
- Subs: Maximum 4 subs allowed to bring roster up to a maximum of 12 players. No more than 2 of the 4 subs can be male.
- Game start time as per the schedule is **8:30pm**; however, the permits for the field do not start until **8:45pm** to allow sufficient time for other leagues to clear the field and our league to set-up the diamonds. A 15 minute grace period is provided for teams short players; should there be insufficient players at **8:45pm**, the game will be considered a **forfeit**.
- Should an early game of another league run late, please advise both the League Scheduler; Shelley Speck-Catto and the League President; Melanie Wallhouse so the issue can be dealt with appropriately.

~ General Rules of Play:

- Pitch height 6ft to 12 ft UNLESS batter allows otherwise.
 - Pitch height outside of this approximate range is to be called "**ILLEGAL**" within a reasonable time frame to alert the batter they have the option not to swing and the pitch be counted as a ball.
- Calling "**NO PITCH**" indicates pitch is not counted and ALL PLAY must STOP IMMEDIATELY.
- Maximum 5 runs per inning; runs unlimited in innings 8 & 9.
- **MERCY RULE: 10 run differential after 7 innings constitutes a complete game. Teams are permitted to**

scrimmage the final 2 innings if agreed by both teams, however, the score at the end of 7 innings is final.

- NO INFIELD FLY RULE!
- No outfielder can make a direct play against a batter to first base as per SPO rules.
- Only the catcher can play home plate.
- Any ball hit fair that leaves the playing field unassisted is ruled a "Ground rule double".
- Defensive player must always use the white portion of first base or it is considered interference with the runner.
- A run is scored when a runner safely crosses the home plate line (foot on ground).

~ **Courtesy Rules:**

- Home run hitter to retrieve ball.
- No intentional walking of a batter; this is a fun, recreational league.
- Outfielders must start play at 150ft, which will be marked by pylons, and must not advance past this line until the ball is hit. This rule applies to all outfielders, including the Rover.
- Infielders must start play behind base line and on the gravel.
- Unlimited substitute runners for batters with injuries. Sub runner is not required to be the last out however, must be same gender as batter.
- If opposing team provides a catcher, the two teams must decide in advance if the catcher will play home plate. If No, there is to be no play at home plate. Another defensive player is not permitted to play the plate. The offensive team must stop running at 3rd when play is halted.

~ **Batting/Running Rules:**

- The ball is dead and a strike recorded if the hit ball makes contact with home plate.

- On the batter's first attempt at first base, they must use orange portion of the safety base. Once the batter has safely reached first base, they must now use the white portion.
- 4 straight balls to male batter who is followed by a female batter: Male takes 2nd base and the female player has the OPTION to take 1st or hit.
- 4 straight balls to any other batter will advance to 1st base.
- Runners may overrun first base and safely return to the base provided they do not turn into fair territory towards 2nd base.
- When the ball is overthrown and goes out of play, runner advances 1 base.
- A batter is out, the play is dead and no runners may advance if the batter:
 - Illegally hits the ball (BUNTS)
 - Hits a fair ball with a foot on home plate
 - Hits the 2nd home run in that inning.
 - Hits the 4th strike foul.
- Defensive player CANNOT TAG RUNNER ON WAY TO 1st base; the white bag must be played.
- A runner is out and the play is dead if :
 - On a pitched ball, they leave the base before the ball has been in contact with the batters bat. (NO LEAD OFFS or ANTICIPATION)
 - While off the base, they are hit by a fair batted ball; other runners advance one base.
- A runner is out and the play is live if:
 - They carry their bat and touch 1st base.
 - The runner slides into 1st base or home plate.
 - The runner touches home plate.



League Roles & Responsibilities

~ President:

- General management of the League
- Supports Executive Committee and Team Reps
- Signing Officer
- Volunteer Appreciation

~ Treasurer:

- Budget preparation
- Day-to-day accounting activities
- Signing Officer
- Financial Reporting

~ Schedule Manager:

- Preparation of season and tournament schedule
- Handle scheduling conflicts and rainout rescheduling
- Liaise with the Town regarding scheduling and diamond issues
- Member of Tournament committee

~ Registration Manager:

- Create and manage registration timeline
- Facilitate registration with players and team reps
- Complete registration with SPO
- Manage ongoing roster changes and ensure updates are submitted to SPO as required
- Manage waitlist and registration requests

~ Communications Manager:

- Schedule and coordinate team rep and executive meetings
- Coordinate all communications to league Players, Team Reps and the Executive Committee
- Handle all mailings
- Coordinate and compile annual newsletter
- Prepare agendas and minutes
- Compile and distribute Team Rep binders

~ Equipment Manager:

- Order balls, keys, bases and spikes for season start
- Prepare ball bags for team reps
- Order supplies and stock up the first aid kits
- Monitor the equipment bins for graffiti and clean/repaint as required.
- Stock up the first aid kits and check equipment every 3 weeks for safety and replace supplies as required

~ Web Manager:

- Responsible for updating information on the website
- Publish all provided information by the Executive
- Manage league statistics
- Manage general email inquiries

~ Vice President/Conflict Resolution Management:

- Manage league issues and conflicts
- Coordinate and enforce league policies and procedures
- Coordinate issue resolution with Executive Committee

~ **Banquet Manager:**

- Organize Banquet Committee
- Plan the annual banquet
 - Prizes/Awards
 - Food
 - Location
 - Set-up/Clean-up
- Banquet Management

~ **Team Rep:**

- Encourage and demonstrate sportsmanship and fair and safe play
- Support registration process
- Communicate equipment issues, statistics, rainouts, feedback/suggestions, conflicts, etc. to appropriate Executive Committee Member
- Communicate info to Players as required
- Uphold league policies and procedures
- Coordinate substitute players as required
- Manage conflict resolution

~ **Players:**

- Demonstrate sportsmanship
- Uphold league rules, policies and procedures
- Complete registration as per defined timeline
- Have Fun! Be Safe!
- Respect Team Reps, Executive and other Players
- Be prompt/arrive at games on time