



**2010 CITYWIDE SPORTS ADULT CO-ED SLO-PITCH  
 SPRING/SUMMER REGULAR SEASON PLAYING RULES  
 (UMPIRES' SUMMARY)**

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Umpires MUST BE in official SPN colors; IN GOOD STANDING with SPN and VSUA to officiate (regular season and/or playoff). ALL GAMES MUST BE TIMED, USING A PROPER STOP WATCH. ENSURE THE LAST INNING (OR LAST POSSIBLE INNING) IS ANNOUNCED TO BOTH TEAMS. BATS MUST COMPLY WITH SPN AND ASA'S 2010 CURRENT BAT POLICY GUIDELINES.

TEAMS ARE ALLOWED TO REFER TO THEIR COMPLETE COPY OF THE 2010 CITYWIDE SPORTS LEAGUE RULES AT A LEAGUE GAME. IN CASE OF DISPUTE, THE FOLLOWING RANKING OCCURS: (1) LEAGUE RULES TAKE FIRST PRIORITY; (2) SPN BC POLICY TAKES SECOND PRIORITY; (3) SPN RULE BOOK TAKES THIRD PRIORITY

<b>TIME LIMITS:</b>	<b>ALL SINGLE GAMES:</b> NO NEW INNING MAY START AFTER 80 MINUTES <b>DOUBLE-HEADERS AND MULTI-GAMES:</b> NO NEW INNING MAY START AFTER 70 MINUTES
<b>ARRIVING AT GAME:</b>	ALL BASES MUST BE PROPERLY SECURED ALL EQUIPMENT MUST BE SET UP – PRIOR TO STARTING A GAME.
<b>ILLEGAL SHOES:</b>	PER SPN RULEBOOK (NO WARNINGS ALLOWED OR ACCEPTED!!!)
<b>PREGNANCY AND NO-JEWELRY RULES:</b>	<b>ANY WOMAN KNOWINGLY PREGNANT</b> IS INELIGIBLE TO PLAY (SPN PREGNANCY RULE IN EFFECT) <b>NO-JEWELRY RULE (EXCEPT FOR MEDIC-ALERT BRACELETS):</b> EXAMPLES INCLUDE: ANY TYPE OF EARRINGS; NOSE STUDS; NOSE RINGS; BELLY-BUTTON RINGS; EYEBROW RINGS, ETC. JEWELRY ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED; SECURELY TAPED OR COVERED. OTHERWISE, IF ANY INJURY RESULTS, AN INSURANCE CLAIM MAY BE CONSIDERED NULL AND VOID.
<b>PRIOR TO START OF GAME:</b>	<b>GRACE TIME OF TEN MINUTES:</b> TEAM HAVING LESS THAN NINE PLAYERS AT THE SCHEDULED GAME START TIME (MODIFIED BC NINE CO-ED RULE IN EFFECT). GRACE TIME IS FACTORED IN ALLOTTED GAME TIME (IS NOT ADDITIONAL TIME). ONCE GRACE TIME HAS REACHED FIVE MINUTES, THE OFFENDING TEAM WILL BE PENALIZED WITH FIVE RUNS AGAINST, AND GAME STARTS AT THE SECOND INNING.
<b>6&amp;4 CO-ED PLAYING RATIO:</b>	<b>MODIFIED BC NINE RULE:</b> TEAM MUST START WITH MINIMUM OF NINE PLAYERS, WITH A MINIMUM OF THREE WOMEN. AN AUTO OUT IS RECORDED IN THE 9 <sup>TH</sup> OR 10 <sup>TH</sup> BATTING POSITION. TEAM IS ALLOWED TO ADD MISSING PLAYER TO THE BATTING ORDER AT ANY TIME (ONLY IF THE PLAYER WAS LISTED ON THE LINE-UP CARD AS A SUBSTITUTE OR STARTER PRIOR TO THE GAME START TIME).
<b>DURING THE GAME:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO INFIELD OR OUTFIELD WARM-UP BALLS</b> AFTER 1ST INNING</li> <li>• <b>SPN CO-ED WALK RULE:</b> SPN RULEBOOK</li> <li>• <b>SLIDING:</b> ALLOWED AT ANY BASE (<b>NOT AT HOME PLATE OR SCORING LINE</b>). NO BASE RUNNER MAY INTENTIONALLY SLIDE TO ATTEMPT TO INJURE ANOTHER PLAYER OR BREAK UP A DOUBLE-PLAY.</li> <li>• <b>RE-ENTRY/SUBSTITUTION RULE:</b> SPN RULEBOOK</li> <li>• <b>BASERUNNERS' ANTICIPATION:</b> IS PERMITTED</li> <li>• <b>COURTESY RUNNER RULE:</b> SPN RULEBOOK (CO-ED RULE)</li> <li>• <b>EJECTIONS:</b> MUST VACATE THE PARK LOCATION WITHIN ONE MINUTE IN A TIMELY FASHION OR THE GAME WILL BE FORFEITED TO THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM. <b>AN INCIDENT REPORT MUST BE WRITTEN AND FORWARDED TO BOTH CITYWIDE SPORTS AND VSUA WITHIN 24 HOURS OF INCIDENT.</b></li> <li>• <b>ONLY FORCE-OUTS AT HOME:</b> A RUNNER MAY NOT BE TAGGED OUT BETWEEN THE COMMITMENT LINE AND THE SCORING LINE</li> </ul>
<b>GAME SCORE:</b>	<b>MERCY RULE:</b> SPN RULEBOOK <b>INNINGS AFTER, AND INCLUDING THE 6<sup>TH</sup> INNING (OR LAST DECLARED INNING BY THE UMPIRE):</b> ARE OPEN, WITH UNLIMITED RUNS TO BE SCORED. OTHERWISE, ALL INNINGS ARE FIVE RUNS MAXIMUM PER TEAM.
<b>END OF GAME:</b>	BEFORE LEAVING, THE UMPIRE MUST SIGN THE WINNING TEAM'S SCORESHEET FOLLOWING GAME COMPLETION TO MAKE OFFICIAL. IF A TIE GAME, THE DESIGNATED 'HOME' TEAM'S COPY IS SIGNED.
<b>BATTING ORDER MUST MEET ALL CRITERIA (6&amp;4 CO-ED PLAYING RATIO):</b>	<b>TEAMS MAY BAT AN UNLIMITED BATTING ORDER (MAXIMUM OF 16 TOTAL PLAYERS):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AN AUTO OUT IS RECORDED FOR ANY MISSING PLAYER OR POSITION</li> <li>• MALE CAN BAT FOR A MALE; FEMALE MAY BAT FOR A FEMALE; AND A FEMALE MAY BAT FOR A MALE. A MALE MAY NEVER BAT FOR A FEMALE.</li> <li>• AN AUTO OUT IS RECORDED WHEN ANY PLAYER(S) [LISTED ON THE BATTING ORDER - WHO ARE EITHER NOT PRESENT OR HAVE TO LEAVE THE GAME - PROVIDED THAT THERE ARE NO MORE ELIGIBLE PLAYERS AVAILABLE TO PLAY]</li> <li>• IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BATTERS BEING USED IN A BATTING LINE-UP EXCEEDS TEN, THERE MUST BE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF MALES AS FEMALES (<b>NO EXCEPTIONS</b>)</li> <li>• A MALE PLAYER MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR A FEMALE PLAYER TO MEET THE 6&amp;4 CO-ED PLAYING RATIO (MAY NEVER EXCEED 6&amp;4 - i.e. 7&amp;3; 8&amp;2; OR 9&amp;1)</li> <li>• THROUGHOUT ANY PART OF THE BATTING LINEUP, NO MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE MALE BATTERS</li> </ul>