



## 2019 SPO MIKEN ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT

# RULES

1. Absolutely no one shall be permitted to consume any alcoholic beverages outside of the licensed area (i.e. parking lot). Any one drinking outside the Licensed Areas will have their team suspended from the tournament. All Coaches should make sure you impress this upon your Team and fans.
2. **Smoking/Vaping** - No smoking or vaping will be allowed on any part of Slo-Pitch City, in accordance with the **Smoke-Free Ontario Act** and its Regulations.
3. All Players must register (sign-in) at the Registration Desk prior to their first game. Players arriving late are responsible to find the SPO Registrar. Players are ineligible until they have registered.
4. I.D. must be presented at Registration and may be checked at any time during the tournament. Players must have sufficient proof of identity (two pieces - one with a photograph) with them at every game. NO I.D. - NO PLAY!
5. Coaches of the winning team are responsible for reporting the score to the Headquarters within 15 minutes of completion of the game (unless playing back to back games). (Coaches are to retain score sheets until the conclusion of the tournament. Last names must be on score sheet). If there are any questions regarding results, no argument will be accepted if the score has not been reported via this procedure.
6. **Teams must be prepared to play a minimum of 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time.** Teams not ready to play at the start of the pre-game meeting (no grace period) will lose home team advantage. A second occurrence during the Tournament will result in the forfeiture of that game.
7. Home team will be decided by the flip of a coin. Their scorecard will be official. Undefeated team will be Home in first game of the final.
8. No practice on the infield before the game. Between innings, one practice pitch and no infield ball.
9. Lineup cards will be used for all games. Only Players listed (starting lineup and substitutes) will be eligible to participate in that game. The lineup card becomes official upon presentation to the Umpire at the pre-game meeting.
10. Profanity Policy will be used.
11. Proper softball apparel is expected. Minimum uniform requirements for all teams are matching uniform tops with unique numbers no less than 4 inches in size.
12. All bats must have the USSSA "Thumbprint".
13. All bats must be out of the bags and on the fence prior to inspection by the Umpire. Bats left in bat bags will not be permitted. If you are not going to use a bat, it is to be left in your vehicle.

14. ***Protective Equipment*** – Protective face gear is mandatory for all pitchers. Protective headgear with face protection is strongly recommended. In the interest of player safety, we would also encourage all batter/base runners to wear helmets.
15. A Temporary Runner is to be used for a pitcher who is on base with two out.
16. Games suspended by weather or darkness will continue from where they are left off. If the game cannot be resumed within 2 hours of the stopping time, decisions will be made in the best interests of the tournament.
17. Any Player or Team Representative ejected for unsportsmanlike behaviour from a game will be immediately suspended for a minimum of one (1) additional game. If the behaviour is flagrant, the Player will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, with further review by SPO.
18. All other rules will be governed by the Softball Canada Rule Book and the Amendments to that book by Slo-Pitch Ontario and the Slo-Pitch Ontario Tournament Operating Rules and Guidelines and Super Series Rules and Guidelines.
19. All Team Members and supporters shall follow and abide by the SPO Code of Conduct.
20. SPO reserves the right to make any decisions perceived to be in the best interest of the tournament.
21. Ball Retrieval Policy will be in effect.