

Abbotsford Mixed Slo-Pitch League
Rules and Regulations 2009

Section 1 - League Representation/ Purpose/ Affiliation

1. The purpose of the league is to promote the game of Slo-Pitch.
2. The league subscribes to and is associated with Slo Pitch National.

Section 2 - Annual General Meeting

1. The A.M.S.L. will hold one Annual General meeting per calendar year. This meeting will be held after all league play is completed.
2. Two representatives from each team having competed in league play in the preceding year, are requested to attend the annual general meeting. These representatives must be able to make decisions on behalf of the team they represent.
3. Any decision pertaining to the A.M.S.L. requiring a vote will be made at the Annual General Meeting. These decisions include the following, and any others deemed necessary by the executive of the A.M.S.L.

Nomination and election of the League Executive as follows:

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| 1. President | 5. Umpire Liaison/Equip |
| 2. Vice-President | 6. Statistician |
| 3. Secretary | 7. Div. Coordinators |
| 4. Treasurer | |

Section 3 - Coordinators

1. The elected coordinators of the A.M.S.L. will be responsible for their respective category of competition in the league. All team managers will be notified of the names of the coordinators appointed to the various divisions of competition in the league. All questions must be directed to the coordinator in charge, who will discuss the concern with the elected executive.

Section 4 - Playing Rules

The A.M.S.L. will at all times abide by SPN rules with the following exceptions:

1. Courtesy runners (male for male, female for female) as per new SPN rule. A team cannot use the same runner as a courtesy runner more than once in a game. This will keep the ruling consistent in all divisions of ball.
2. All walks are awarded 1 base only.
3. When a female player is at bat, there will be a 150 foot encroachment line for all of the outfielders.
4. A team will consist of five (5) male and five (5) female players. Minimum number of players required to start a game will be nine. No male player may substitute for a female and no female can substitute for a male. If a team starts with nine players and goes through their batting order once, the tenth player arriving late will not be allowed to enter as the tenth player, but may enter as a substitution. The tenth position will be an automatic out.
5. If a Coed team uses the unlimited batting rule, and a player leaves the game for any reason and the team doesn't have a substitute for them, the following player does not have to leave the game as well. The game will continue as long as they don't drop below 10 players in the game. The batter leaving the game with no substitution will be deemed an out.

6. When a player is injured during league play and there is no substitutional player, if the injured player leaves the game then they would be an automatic out. The injured team could play out the game with nine players.

Section 5 - Team and Player Registration

1. Registration fees will be established annually by the league executive. Fees cover cost of umpires, balls, trophies, improvements to the fields, and miscellaneous other items. All registration fees are due and payable to the A.M.S.L. on or before the registration date set at the AGM each year.

2. All teams registering with the A.M.S.L. will be required to post a \$90.00 bond prior to the start of the season. This bond will be held on deposit with the league until season end. If all commitments have been met by the team, the bond will be retained by the A.M.S.L. in trust for the next year, unless a written request for a refund is submitted to the Treasurer within one year of season end. Failure to meet League requirements will result in withdrawal of money from bond.

3. Failure to submit all necessary registration fees will result in dismissal from any further League play. This includes the following:

- Team bond
- Team registration fee, as set out by the League Executive.
- Registration fee to SPN, which covers additional medical, dental and liability insurance.

4. Existing teams and new teams will be placed in the designated division by the League Executive.

Section 6 - Player Rosters

1. For the purpose of A.M.S.L. rules and bylaws, a final roster form will be given to each team. This roster form must be filled out and handed in to your Div. Co-ordinator on the executive before your first league game, with changes and additions being permitted until May 15th. You must submit your additions or deletions directly to the Secretary of the League **and** SPN via fax (604) 465-5613. All changes must be submitted on the proper roster. Only players listed on the roster are eligible to play in any A.M.S.L. game or tournament. Any team that does not hand in their roster on time will forfeit all games played until the roster is handed in.

2. Both men and women can play in any league or for any team they choose with the following guideline:

1) They may only be on one A.M.S.L. roster.

2) Women can play in any division.

3) Men can only play their own caliber. e.g. If a man plays "1" in the Abbotsford men's league he may only play "A" in the mixed league. If he plays "2" in the men's league he may play either "A" or "B" in the mixed league. If a man plays "3" or lower in the men's league or masters he can play in any division of the mixed league. Men choosing to play in another mixed league rather than men's must also follow the same caliber restrictions.

4) **In the case where a team is caught playing with a player who plays in a higher division, (ie: A Mens Division 1 player playing Coed C) even when the player in question is on the team's roster, the teams will forfeit the game. After the third forfeit, the team will be ejected from the league. The AMSL Executive will not be responsible for policing this rule. It will be up to the opposing team to file an official protest and contact their division coordinator within 24 hours of the game in question.**

3. Each coach must carry a copy of their SPN roster at every game and each player must carry photo identification. The coach may carry copies of their players ID and this would qualify as proof of eligibility along with a copy of the team roster.

Any roster contentions must be addressed on the day of the game and can be made at anytime during the game.

If the player in question is unable to produce ID the player will be ejected from the game, and the game may subsequently forfeit if the team in question is left with less than nine players. The division coordinator must be contacted the night of the game in question.

If a team is caught playing with an illegal player the player in question shall be suspended from any/all AMSL league play, playoffs and tournaments for a period of one year. The coach of the team in question will also be suspended for one year from any/all AMSL league play, playoffs and tournaments.

A letter will be issued to SPN informing them of the roster infraction.

See page 57 of Tournament Guidelines and Operating Rules of the SPN Rule book.

Section 7 - Scoring

1. Teams tied after seven complete innings will remain tied.
2. There will be a maximum of five runs per inning. The *last* inning will be open.
3. The umpire is responsible for phoning in the accurate score. The score must be phoned in the night the game was played.
4. Ten runs difference after five (5) innings of play constitutes a mercy.
5. **Home runs will be match + 2 for all divisions.**

Section 8 - Forfeiture of Games

1. A team that is unable to fulfill its commitment according to the schedule will forfeit the game. A \$30.00 fine will be drawn from the team's bond for the first offense. A second forfeit during the season will result in another \$30.00 penalty. A third forfeit during the season will result in the remaining money being withdrawn from the bond, and dismissal from any further league play.

Section 9 - Rain Delays

1. No games will be canceled during the season for lack of players. Adverse weather conditions will be the only factor governing the cancellation of league games. The decision to cancel a game in progress must be made by the Umpire.

2. Pre-game rainouts will be at the discretion of the League Executive or Umpires.

3. The Executive will re-schedule all rained out games with due consideration given to all teams affected.

Section 10 - Uniforms on the Field of Play

1. All players on the field of play shall wear uniforms similar in color. Teams may wear a combination of shorts and pants.

2. If, in the judgment of the Umpire, a player's uniform is not similar in color, the player shall not be permitted on the field of play.

Section 11 - Umpires and Umpire Remuneration

1. The A.M.S.L. Executive will ensure that all Umpires officiating league and tournament games are registered SPN Umpires. Umpires will be paid a fee to officiate the game. At all 6:30 pm games failure of an Umpire only to appear by 6:40 pm will mean the cancellation and rescheduling of the game.
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2. Problems with umpires
 - put the complaint in writing with the date of the game, time and name of the other team as well as the umpire's name
 - have the other coach sign the note
 - address the note to DJ Gibson - Umpire Liaison
 - complaints not put in writing with all required information will not be accepted.

Section 12 - Alcohol At Playing Fields

1. Consumption of alcoholic beverages at the playing fields, parking lots, or any surrounding public property is prohibited by Municipal By-laws. Managers of teams are urged to assist in policing this matter.

THIS LAW WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH BOND FORFEITS.

Section 13 - Suspensions

1. Players will be suspended from league play for the following reasons:
 - fighting on fields. Fighting will result in automatic suspension for the duration of the playing year, including playoffs, and league sponsored tournaments.
 - unnecessary roughness. Umpires will report players involved to the Umpire-In-Chief.
 - abuse to Umpires. Striking an official on or off the playing field will result in the player being suspended indefinitely at the discretion of the League Executive.
 - drunkenness. Umpires will report players involved to the Umpire-In- Chief.
2. If a player's name has been reported to the Umpire-In-Chief, it will be dealt with by a Standing Trial Board. The Standing Trial Board will consist of a combination of coaches involved in league play selected by the Executive.

3. Appeals and suspensions will be handled by the League Executive.

Section 14 - Rules and Bylaws

1. The rules and bylaws committee will be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Umpire in Chief and three (3) other people appointed by the Executive of the A.M.S.L.
2. All complaints addressing the officiating by Umpires must be directed to the Umpire-in-Chief in writing.
3. Any proposals for rules or bylaw changes must be submitted in writing to the Executive of the A.M.S.L. on or before Play-off weekend, and will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 15 - Year End Standings/ Playoffs

1. At seasons end, teams finishing in the top six of each division of league play will proceed into a true Double Knock Out Tournament. Teams will be notified as to their position by their Division Coordinator. Teams with the best season record will get home team field advantage.
2. All players participating in the League Playoff Tournament must have played a minimum of 5 league games with your Playoff Team.
3. If there are teams tied in points at the seasons end for any of the positions, the following tie breaker rules will apply (in order):
 1. win / loss results between each tied team.
 2. total runs scored during the season play between the tied teams.
 3. total overall runs.
 4. plus / minus on runs scored during season.
 5. single game decider to be played.

Section 16 - Money Allowance

1. Teams traveling to National and Provincial Championships who are representing the A.M.S.L. can apply for traveling expenses. Only teams that support the league and have no penalties against them in the current year will be considered for this funding. Deadline for applications will be July 1. The amount of the allowance will be determined by the executive based on the funds available and the amount of teams applying for them as well as the distance of travel with a maximum amount of \$200.00 for provincials and \$500.00 for Nationals. For an application to be considered, the distance traveled must exceed 500 Km.

Section 17 - Basic Ground Rules For Fields

1. For games at Exhibition Park, Mouat, and Matsqui Village there are no specific ground rules.
2. If a ball hits the power lines at Clearbrook Park, it will be considered a dead ball, and a no pitch.
3. For the left field hill on Diamond #2 at Clearbrook park, if a batted ball is hit onto the hill in the air, the batter will be awarded a Home Run.
If a batted ball bounces or rolls onto the hill, the batter will be awarded a ground rule triple.