

BMSPL Tournament Rules – Highlights Sheet

Note: This document provides only a select list of rules. It is designed to assist the umpires with some of the league-specific rules. The full list of rules can be found here:

[Rules - BARRHAVEN MIXED SLO-PITCH LEAGUE](#)

BMSPL follows the SoftBall Canada Slo-Pitch Rules except where overridden below.

1. PLAYERS

- a) A team must have a minimum of eight (8) players. If a Team has less than eight (8) players the game is forfeited.
- b) At least three (3) of those players must be female.
- c) Teams may request spares
- d) *Tournaments only: Teams must have a minimum of six (6) players from their regular team, or the game is forfeited*
- e) Ten (10) players are allowed on the field at one time. Maximum of six (6) men on the field.

2. ROUND ROBIN GAMES

- a) Duration of a game shall be 7 innings or 60 minutes after the scheduled start time, which ever comes first.
- b) Maximum 6 runs per inning
- c) No new inning will commence after 50 minutes from the schedule start time.
- d) Unfinished innings will be unrolled, and the score reverted to last complete inning.

3. SEMI-FINAL AND FINALS GAMES

- a) Ties will be resolved by the International Tie Breaker rule starting in the 8th.
- b) Home team will be determined by coin-toss (winner chooses)

4. PITCHING AND BATTING

- a) Offensive (Batting) team pitches to their teammates. Three (3) pitches per batter.
 - i. Pitcher self-defense of a batted ball resulting in interference will be considered No Pitch and pitched again with no penalty.
- b) Men may not bat 'back-to-back'. At least one (1) woman must bat between men.
- c) A bunted or chopped ball shall be considered dead and runners will not advance.
- d) A batted ball that does not travel beyond 5 feet 8 inches (2 bat lengths) shall be considered dead and runners will not advance.

5. BASE RUNNING

- a) Sliding is not allowed and is an automatic out.
- b) Stealing or leading off is not allowed and is an automatic out.
- c) Base runners may not lead off intentionally, however accidental stepping off of the bag is allowed. Any step where the back foot has left the base and has made contact with the ground without touching the base is deemed intentional and the runner is out.
- d) Maximum of 3 Courtesy Runners per team per game.
 - i. Courtesy runner must be the last batter out and of the same gender

- ii. Courtesy runner may not be used from home plate

6. FIELDING

- a) BMSPL does not utilize the Infield Fly rule.
- b) BMSPL utilizes three (3) outfielders and a maximum two (2) rovers.
- c) Outfielders must start each at bat beyond the fielding line. Rovers start each at bat on the grass.
- d) Throwing to First Base
 - i. Rovers starting an at bat on the grass but not beyond the fielding line may throw to first base
 - ii. Rovers starting an at bat beyond the fielding line and outfielders may throw to first base in order to prevent return to the base.

7. RUN RULES

- a) Maximum of six (6) runs per inning until the final inning, which will be unlimited.
- b) A team trailing by twelve (12) or more runs may end the game after five (5) innings.
- c) BMSPL uses the Match Plus One Home Run Rule.