**RULES FOR THE OGOPOGO SENIORS TOURNAMENT**

1. 2025 SPN Rules to apply unless otherwise stated here. Some SPN rules are restated here for clarification.
2. **ALL participants must sign the waiver form and bring the completed form to the registration desk BEFORE playing your first game.** This can be downloaded from the tournament website, <http://www.ogopogoseniorslopitch.com>, using the SPN, Risk & Liability link. Only players registered on the team roster PRIOR to the start of the tournament are eligible to play. A player may play for only one team in the tournament.
3. A team will be able to bring THREE players that are NO MORE than two years younger than the division the team is entered in. For example, a team in the 70’s bracket of the tournament may have THREE players on their roster that would be 68 years old by December 31, 2025.
4. All ladies’ teams will play with 11 players on defense. Ladies will use the smaller softball.
5. Men's 60’s teams will play with 10 players on defense; while 65’s 70’s, and 75’s teams will play with 11 players on defense.
6. If a team plays down one division, they will receive 5 runs (1 run per innings 2 through 6) and if a team plays down two divisions, they will receive 10 runs (2 runs per innings 2 through 6).
7. Please turn scores (winning team to hand in scores of their game) into tournament officials that will be setup behind backstop of field #2.
8. NO infield warm-ups after the FIRST inning---3 warm up pitches each inning for pitchers---let’s keep the ball game moving along and get all 7 innings in, thank you.
9. Batters will start with 1 ball and 1 strike count. Batter will have 1 foul ball as a mulligan to give with 2 strikes.
10. May use the “FLIP FLOP” rule “IF” the visiting team is ahead by 8 runs or more after 6 innings, no new innings will be started after 1 hour and 5 minutes.
11. FLIP A COIN before the start of each game to determine HOME TEAM for that game. Visitors team gets ½ run at the end of the game. The ½ run rule will not apply in the event of a playoff format. Following round robin play, a coin flip will determine the home/visitor team.
12. Bats. Bats containing the SPN / ASA 2004 and/or USSSA thumb print (1.20) BFP stamp plus the Senior 1.21 bats are permitted.
13. Player and coach will be removed from the tournament for any use of illegal bats at any time during the game--- NO EXEPTIONS--- our tournament committee believes in “FAIR PLAY”.
14. Pitching arc is 6 to 12 feet.
15. A rubber strike mat or strike board will be used for all games.
16. HOME RUNS---match plus TWO--(3rd HOMER more than opponent will be OUT).
17. Unlimited courtesy runners- a player may only be a courtesy runner ONCE per inning. All players listed on the game line-up card are eligible to be a courtesy runner. In the event a batter is unable to run from the batter’s box due to injury, a courtesy runner will be allowed to run from the backstop without limitation to the number of bases that he can advance, at his own risk.
18. Unlimited substitutions. All players may bat. If a player is injured during game, the player can be removed from batting line up without an automatic out being called.
19. Sliding is allowed in all divisions at the BASES; but NOT at HOME PLATE. When running home, the offensive player needs to pass the home line as there is NO tagging at home plate by the defense. A defensive player must touch home plate.
20. Maximum of FIVE runs per inning by a team. Unlimited runs in the OPEN inning.
21. TWELVE run mercy rule after 5 complete innings; OR 4 ½ innings “if’ HOME team is ahead by TWELVE or more runs. Ten run mercy rule after SIX
22. Pitcher **MUST** wear protective face mask when on the pitching mound. Shin guards are strongly recommended