

## **RULES FOR THE 2023 OGOPOGO SENIOR SLOPITCH TOURNAMENT**

- 1) A team will be able to bring TWO players in total that are NO MORE than two years younger than the division the team is trying to enter in. For example, a team entering in the 70's bracket of the tournament may have TWO players on their roster that are only 68 years old.
- 2) NO major or major plus teams will be allowed.
- 3) All ladies' teams will play with 11 players on defense. Ladies will use the smaller softball.
- 4) 55's, and 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.
- 4a) 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 ).
- 5) Please turn scores (winning team to hand in scores of their game) into tournament officials that will be set up behind backstop of field #2.
- 6) 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 seven innings in - thank you.
- 7) We will be instituting the one ball and one strike to start for the tournament, in order to try and complete seven innings of play. Batters will start with 1 ball and 1 strike count. Batter will have 1 foul ball to give with 2 strikes.
- 8) 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.
- 9) 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 game. Visitors ½ rule will not apply in the event of a playoff format. Flip of coin to determine home team will apply.
- 10) Only players registered on the team roster PRIOR to the start of the tournament are eligible to play.
- 11) A player may play for only one team in the tournament.
- 12) 2023 SPN rules to apply.
- 13) Bats. Bats containing the SPN / ASA 2004 and/or USSSA thumb print (1.20) BFP stamp plus the Senior 1.21 bats are permitted.
- 14) Player and coach will be removed from the tournament for any use of illegal bats at any time during the game --- NO EXCEPTIONS --- our tournament committee believes in "FAIR PLAY".

15) Pitching arc is 6 to 12 feet.

16) A rubber strike mat will be used for all games.

17) HOME RUNS --- match plus TWO -- (3rd HOMER more than opponent will be an OUT).

18) Unlimited courtesy runners - a player may only be a courtesy runner ONCE per inning. All players listed on game line-up eligible to be courtesy runner.

19) Unlimited substitutions. All players may bat. If a player is injured during game; player can be removed from batting line up WITHOUT an automatic out being called.

20) Sliding is allowed in all divisions at the BASES; but NOT at HOME PLATE. NO tagging at home plate by the defense. A defensive player must touch home plate.

21) Maximum of FIVE runs per inning by a team. Unlimited runs in the OPEN inning.

22) TWELVE run mercy rule after 5 complete innings; OR 4 1/2 innings "if" HOME team is ahead by TWELVE or more runs. TEN run mercy rule after SIX.

23) Pitchers "MUST" wear protective face mask when on the pitching mound. Shin guards are strongly recommended.