



BC SIGN ASSOCIATION SLO – PITCH TOURNAMENT

May 25, 2024
8am – 9pm

China Creek Park,
Vancouver (NE & NW)

General Guidelines

Tournament Rules:

The tournament will follow the BCSA (BC Sign Association) rules, with a few exceptions detailed below.

- Teams must use only bats that are appropriate for Softball/Slo-Pitch.
- The full starting lineup consists of 10 players on the field.
- While not mandatory, we encourage teams to alternate genders in their batting order to promote an inclusive environment with mixed/unisex teams. However, unisex teams are suggested but not required, so single-gender teams can also participate if they wish.

Gameplay Rules:

- The batting order listed pre-game must be followed.
- An automatic out will be awarded if there are less than 3 women in the lineup.
- Safety bags will be used at 1st base.
- Outfielders must maintain a 130-foot encroachment line.
- A pitch arc of 6-12 feet is required.
- Walked batters will be awarded 2nd base.
- Bunting, leading, or stealing bases is not allowed.
- Sliding is allowed at 2nd/3rd base if it does not interfere with the play.
- The batting team will self-umpire.
- In the case of a tie, the advantage goes to the fielding team.
- To score a run, the runner must cross the commitment line instead of touching home plate.
- An "overthrow" rule will be implemented to award bases for balls that go out of bounds.



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Game Format:

- Each game will have a 60-minute time limit, with no new inning starting after 75 minutes.
- Regular games consist of 7 innings (time permitting), with a mercy rule of a maximum of 5 runs per inning, except for the open last inning.
- In the event of a tie after 7 innings, extra innings will begin with the last batter on 2nd base (time permitting).
- Ground rules for short outfields should be established if applicable.

Equipment and Safety:

- Teams will need to have their own gloves and bats.
- No glass bottles or other glass containers are permitted. PLEASE clean up dugout areas after your games.

The tournament encourages good sportsmanship and respectful conflict resolution between team captains. There will be no rainouts; games will be played rain or shine.