

## **Mad Batters Slo-Pitch Mixed League Rules.**

**(revised April 12, 2002)**

Rules not specifically addressed below are governed by the current Softball Canada Official Rule Book.

1. The home team shall be decided by the schedule.  
(i.e., 1 vs 2, team 1 is the home team)  
The home team is responsible for providing and installing the bases and providing the umpire with two new game balls.
2. A fifteen minute grace period will be granted at the beginning of each game to field a team. The umpire would then call a forfeit and award the game to the team with at least 9 players. If both teams do not have a team, both teams forfeit.
3. A team can play with only 9 players but the tenth spot in the batting order will constitute an automatic out. The EP can still be used for the eleventh spot in the order.
4. A team may play with more than 4 females but at no time may a team field more than 6 males.
5. Games are 7 full innings or 1 hour and 20 minutes. No inning can begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes.
6. The ball must be pitched with a perceptible arc of at least 6 feet but no more than 12 feet from the ground. Any pitch outside of these parameters shall be called a "no pitch" by the umpire. The batter can swing at a no pitch if he/she so chooses and the ball, if hit, shall be considered in play. If the batter does not swing at a no pitch, it is called a ball, if the batter swings at a no pitch and misses, it is called a strike.
7. A male batter will be called out if he intentionally bunts or chops the ball downward. Female batters may bunt at anytime.
8. A foul ball on a third strike constitutes an automatic out.
9. No stealing or leading off is permitted. Umpires will use their discretion on calling a base runner out but generally give one warning to both teams simultaneously. Please clarify with the umpire before the start of each game.
10. A commitment line, 20 feet from home plate on the third base line, shall be marked by the umpire before each game. A base runner cannot return to third base once they have crossed this line. Once a base runner has crossed the commitment line, a force play is in effect.
11. The base runner is not allowed to touch home plate. If a base runner does touch home plate they shall be called out and the run will not count.
12. If a male batter is walked on four straight balls and he precedes a female batter, the male batter will be awarded second base. The female batter will then take her regular turn at bat.
13. Absolutely no alcohol is allowed on the playing field.
14. There are a maximum of 7 runs allowed, per team, per inning. The last inning is open.
15. Any team that defaults without 72 hours notice to the league will lose part or all of their performance bond and risk suspension from the league.

16. The winning team is responsible for reporting the score. Simply e-mail the results to [katzeye@shaw.ca](mailto:katzeye@shaw.ca). Keep your score sheets, signed by the umpire, the league will make arrangements with each team to have them handed in.
17. All players must have signed the Softball Calgary Official Team Roster and not be signed on any other league's mixed Slo-Pitch roster in order to play in the City Championships. Rosters must be submitted by June 15<sup>th</sup> in order to qualify for the City Championships. The Softball Calgary Roster will also be the Mad Batters League official roster and will be used to determine player eligibility.
18. In order to play in the Mad Batter's playoffs, each player must have signed the official roster and have played a minimum of 5 regular season games. Save your score sheets, with umpire signatures, for this purpose and to verify game results.
19. The umpire will decide on rain-outs. Please show up at each game with a full team unless notified by the league that there is a rain-out. We will also post rainouts on our website so please check our website at <http://www.madbatters.canadianwebs.com> during inclement weather.
20. Teams may use one or two extra hitters or EP's, during a game. Once an EP has been placed in the batting order, they cannot be deleted or else there will be an automatic out each time this position comes to bat. EP's must be placed in the batting order before the game starts. If using two EP's, one must be female and one must be male.
21. Two females must not bat in succession. Exceptions are if 5 females are playing a field position, one set of two females are allowed to bat in succession, and if 6 females are playing a field position, two sets of two females are allowed to bat in succession, but both sets must not follow each other.
22. If a team is ahead by 10 or more runs after 5 or 6 innings, the game is over by mercy rule.
23. A 150 foot arc rule is in place for female batters. 3 of 4 fielders must stay beyond this arc until after the ball is hit. Only the rover can be inside the 150 foot arc. If any other fielder passes inside this arc before the ball is hit, the batter will be awarded a double.
24. No batter may hit more than 1 home run per game. Each subsequent homer will be considered a double.
25. The umpire will have the discretion to suspend a baserunner for the duration of the current game if they deliberately run into another player in an attempt to dislodge the ball from the fielders glove. The suspended player may be replaced in the line-up. If a players suspension results in only 8 eligible fielders, their team will have to forfeit the game. All incidents of this nature will be reported to the league and may result in a suspension for the offending player. Repeated offences by the same player may also result in banishment from the league.
26. A team that starts a game with only 9 players, and one automatic out, may finish a game with only 8 players, and 2 automatic outs, should one of their team suffer an injury.