



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting

April 2, 2025

Royal Canadian Legion, Silver Wing Lounge

I. Call to Order at 7:02 pm

II. Roll Call

The following Executive members were present:

Adam Henry, Alyssa Van Hecke, Jamie Stodgell, Dan Wilson, Tara Wilson, Dave Peacock, Nadine Stang, Michael Oliver, Ryan Dow, Shelley Blue, Alex Waite.

III. League / Operations

-Introduction of council

-42 teams, same as last year (5-6 new teams this season).

-Fees increase: \$100 (due to higher costs including porta-potties,SPN,etc.).

-League operating guide, anything in yellow is new or important.

-Music is up to the umpires.

-Rule Changes -

-Bases will remain at 70 feet.

-Unlimited runner rule remains.

-No need to run out home runs (to speed up play).

-Six runs per inning.

-Playoffs: top 6 teams in each division.

-Scoring -

-Home team must enter scores within 24 hours (or \$25 fine).

-Scores should be checked weekly; corrections allowed.

-Working with TeamSnap for direct entry into the AP.

-Daryn will be supporting Alyssa with score entry.

-Rosters -

-Must be on SPN and finalized by July 1, 2025.



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- Player cap: 24 per roster.
- Must play 6 games to qualify for playoffs.
- Divisions -
 - Reviewed based on standings (win/loss, mercy, run differential).
 - Teams may move divisions after 8-12 games.
- Game cancellations -
 - Weather calls made by 5:30pm.
 - Air temp above +40.
 - Umpires may cancel first game without affecting the second.
 - No reschedules due to Oilers game.
 - Reschedules only allowed if notified early enough. If you can show up with 9 players and take the auto out that's better than cancelling the whole game. There are always people down there looking to play.
 - \$25.00 fee for forfeits/cancellations.

IV. Facilities / Projects

- No major projects this year.
- Ongoing field maintenance with Jordy.
- Diamond 0: Dugouts planned (awaiting permits).
- Outfield repairs and weed control – large, costly projects.
- City lease signed April 11, 2025: 6-year agreement at \$5,000 total (reduced from proposed \$27, 000).
- Tree planting project being considered (seeking tree donations/contacts).
- City may develop near Diamond 5 in future (bike park, building, housing expansion).

V. Finance

- Budget unchanged from end of 2024 season.



-Costs were higher than last year, need to recoup this season as we spent a lot last year.

VI. Communications

-TeamSnap will manage schedules, rosters, messaging, and rainouts. Jamie will send out new teams tonight.

-Facebook page will continue as backup communication.

-Reminder: check weekly updates and score entries.

VII. Signs / Grants

-Sponsorship signs still needed — contact Mike with leads.

-Packages include coupons, sponsor letters, and partnership offers (e.g., Brewhouse, Union Hall).

VIII. Bond Program

-\$400 bond per team = 16 volunteer hours

-2 hours awarded for attending AGM; 2 hours for umpire clinic.

-Duties include year-end cleanup, bar/security, AP Tournament, fall cleanup, moving bleachers, bartending.

-Forfeits/cancellations deducted from bond.

-Deficits must be paid before re-registering.

-Volunteer hours tracked weekly online — captains responsible to monitor and confirm.

-Volunteers must be 16+ and listed on team roster.

IX. Umpire Updates

-Clinic: Saturday, April 12 at the Legion (9:00 AM–3:00 PM).

-League contributed 5 new umpires last year; fewer interested this year.

-Goal: increase umpire numbers — may not have coverage for all games.



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-Only 17 registered so far, last year there were 40.

-Policy Reminders -

-Zero tolerance toward umpire abuse.

-Ejections = minimum 1-game suspension.

-Continued issues may result in team forfeiture.

-Umpire pay: \$33 per game, increasing to \$34.

X. Tournaments

-19-20 tournaments planned; 17 confirmed so far.

-Approx. \$1,000 profit per tournament.

-AP Classic: major fundraiser; 5 spots left. Contact Alyssa if interested.

-Year-End Tournament: Sept 6–7 (after September long weekend).

-Max 32 teams.

-Subs allowed but only for one team.

-Planned as more casual/fun (banquet/dinner or hot dog event).

I. New Business

-Camping: permanent lease requires propane firepits only (shed area included).

-Water access and shade improvements continue to be discussed with city.

II. Important Dates

-Umpire Clinic: April 12, 2025.

-Rosters locked: July 1, 2025 (encouraged to complete earlier).

-Year-End Tournament: Sept 6–7, 2025.

-Fall Cleanup: October (exact weekend TBD).



III. Open Board Positions

-Jamie to take over for Alyssa.

-Finance Coordinator (training opportunity during season). Big job with lots of moving parts.

-Facilities Coordinator (Dan stepping down after transition year). Put out if there were questions, none asked.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:46pm