

Regina Snow Pitch Tournament Rules

Welcome to the Regina Snow Pitch! Our mission is simply to provide an environment for snow pitch enthusiasts to get out with friends/family and have a good time (while hopefully hitting some dingers). Sportsmanship is our main priority during games. In the unfortunate event that an individual or a team were to get out of control, that person or team will be asked to leave the fields immediately without refund. Remember, this is a charity event.

All team captains must sign the waiver on their teams behalf before their team will be allowed to play. There are many environmental risks due to the season we will be playing in, but Regina Snow Pitch will do everything in our power to mitigate potential for injuries. We are not responsible for any personal injury that may occur on the way to, during or after games.

Before the games begin

Teams must have a minimum of 7 players at each game. If they do not have 7 players at the diamond 15 min after the scheduled game time, they must forfeit. Each team will be required to have a minimum of 3 females at each game. If you are not able to do this, you must take an automatic out for each female you are short, every time the missing female would've been up to bat in the batting order. 1 missing female = 1 automatic out, 2 missing females = 2 automatic outs, 3 missing females = 3 automatic outs.

No new inning after 1 hr & 10 min past the **scheduled** start time

Bases will be set up by Regina Snow Pitch.

Captains pre-game meeting

Captains should discuss any obstruction in the field prior to the game and determine what course of action will be played if the obstruction interferes with the play. For example, an automatic dead ball if the ball lands in a puddle, or gets lost in some trees.

Please add a commitment line half way between home plate and 3rd base.

Please also add home plate equivalent line, in line with the front of home plate

Batting Order

No more than 10 batters in an inning. When your 10th batter is up to bat, you must make the opposing team clearly aware of it. The 10th batter cannot be walked, the count will continue until either the batter is struck out, or hits the ball. If the count reaches 8 'balls', the batter will automatically be awarded a inside the park homerun.

If a team has more than 10 players, they may bat all of their players without subbing in and out of the batting order if approved by the opposing team captain prior to the game, but the opposing captain must be made aware of this. If the opposing team captain does not approve, then only players that will also be playing defence in that same inning shall be included in the batting order.

No more than 3 males may bat in a row, including the transition from the bottom of the order to the top.

If a team has less than 10 players, they may still bat 10 batters in one inning. Keeping in mind that they may have to apply the other batting requirements such as automatic outs.

Offence

Infield fly is in effect if there are runners on 1st and 2nd, and two outs or less.

There are no extra bases for 4 balls in a row. Regardless of the batter or who's up next, 4 balls equals a regular walk.

Teams will hit their own balls, which should be supplied to the pitcher of the opposing team. All balls used must be **Worth Hot Dots**.

Bats must have the USSSA BPF 1.20 thumb print. Check the website for a list of banned bats.

Any hitter fortunate enough to hit a home run over the fence, must run the bases and cross the home plate equivalent line or they will be considered out.

If a batter is hit by a pitch, they may advance to first base. If the batter chooses to take their base, they must do so before the next pitch is thrown.

If a ball is hit and strikes either the batter or home plate, the hit will be considered a dead ball and called foul.

If a hit ball strikes a base runner in fair territory, the runner is out and the play continues.

Home Run +/- rule is in effect. If one team is up by 3 home runs, any home run after that will be considered an out. Inside the park home runs do not apply to this rule.

Batters are allowed to step into their swing. However, if they are taking a large step, or multiple steps, outside the batter's box towards the pitcher, the umpire is to issue one clear verbal warning to the batter and the batter's team captain. If the batter ignores the warning, they will be considered out at the next offence. This is in hopes to keep our pitchers safer.

A foul ball on a third strike will result in an out.

All foul balls that made contact with the bat will be considered live, and able to be caught for an out.

No bunts. No sliding. No stealing bases.

No lead offs. If the runner steps off the base before the ball is hit, the runner is out.

Pinch running is allowed for players who need. The last batter of the same sex as the injured batter must run for the injured player. The runner must start from the back cage in line with home plate.

Runners must cross the home plate equivalent line, do not touch home plate. If the runner touches home plate, they're out.

Defence

Pitches must be a minimum of 6 ft, and under 15 ft to be considered for a possible strike. Any pitch outside of this zone will be considered a ball.

If a ball is thrown out of bounds, the runner may advance forward one base. Beyond the fenced perimeter will be considered out of bounds.

The back catcher must stand on any part of the home plate to get a runner out. The back catcher cannot tag the runner.

The first baseman must stand on the white portion of the safety bag, and must leave the orange portion available for the runner. No tagging when the runner is going from the batter's box to first base. If the runner has passed first base and has shown intent to advance to second, they are now eligible to be tagged out.

Once the 10th batter has hit the ball, the ball must be returned to home plate to end the play and force out any runners remaining on the bases.

No more than 7 males can be on the field when playing defence.

The pitcher must take steps directly towards the home plate in their approach.

On a force play, the defence does not need to tag the runner, touching the base while in control of the ball is sufficient. If the play is not forced, the defence must tag the runner.

General

No glass on the diamonds.

No metal cleats.

Scores must be submitted at the Kin House following each game.

Fighting, intent to injure, harassment, racism, or any other criminal act to another team/player will result in immediate disciplinary action by Regina Snow Pitch. Up to and including a lifetime ban from the tournament.

Regina Snow Pitch reserves the right to ban any player or team with no refund if they feel it is necessary to maintain safety, or sportsmanship. Any questions regarding the rules, please contact Riley at (306)596-9624