

# SPOCK DAYS – 2019 SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT RULES

## Rosters:

1. 6 male (m) and 4 female (f) format – more females can be used, but 4 f must be fielded at all times.
2. Players must be age 16 or older to be eligible to play in the tournament.
3. Teams may use a line up consisting of either: A) 10 batters (6 m/4 f) or B) 12 batters (7 m/5 f), but never 11 batters. Once your team has gone once through the batting order, the line up number is frozen. If using 12 batters, those players may change in and out of the fielding positions as wanted without having to leave the game, until a substitute player is used (please inform the opposing teams of substitutes).
4. If teams are forced to play short handed (still must have 4 females), they must take an out at the bottom of the batting order for every player missing. *Example: If a team can only field 8 players, the missing “9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> persons” will be considered an out when those “players” come up to bat. If the “9<sup>th</sup> player” is the third out of an inning, the “10<sup>th</sup> player” will be considered the first out of the following inning. Missing players may be added to the roster when they show up, up to a 10 person roster.*
5. A maximum of 3 males can be used in consecutive order in the line up. Otherwise, the batting line up can be constructed in any way needed. *Example: m/m/m/f/m/m/m/f/f/f/f, or f/m/m/f/m/m/m/f/m/f/m, etc.*
6. Male/Female pitcher and catcher – if a female is pitching, a male must be the catcher and vice versa.
7. No player may play for more than one team. If a player is found to have played on more than one team, the player and additional team(s) will be disqualified from the tournament with no refund.
8. Please fill out and drop off the roster form in the beer gardens prior to your 2<sup>nd</sup> game.

## Games Rules:

1. Games are scheduled for 75 minutes, with no new inning starting after 65 minutes.
2. 4 games guaranteed (*based on 24 teams registered*)
3. Games are to start immediately after the prior game – no warmups are permitted on the field after the first game of the day.
4. Umpires decisions are final. There is no appeal process.
5. 7 run mercy rule per inning, with the final inning being open. 15 run mercy rule after 5 innings.
6. Home rule – 3+1. A team can only hit 3 HR per game until the other team hits 3 HR. At that point, teams may go ahead by 1 HR. A 4<sup>th</sup> HR before the opposing team has hit 3 HR and/or a HR to put a team more than 1 HR ahead will be considered outs. A home run is classified as a ball leaving the playing area in fair territory in the air.
7. No bunting. A bunt will result in an out.
8. Walk rule – walks will result in 1 base. In order to discourage against intentionally setting up double play situations, 2 bases may be awarded if the umpire deems the walk was intentional in nature.
9. Players must run behind home plate to score a run. Stepping on the plate results in an out.
10. There is no commitment line between 3<sup>rd</sup> base and home plate.
11. Males will hit 12” softballs and females will hit 11” softballs.
12. The winning team is required to drop off the completed scoresheet to the beer gardens. Please ensure both team names, scores, diamond and game time are noted on the sheet.
13. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the playing field. If any of the tournament committee or umpires find such, the offending team will be immediately disqualified from further tournament play and all monies will be forfeited. No excuses, no exceptions.

**\*\*\* Rules/ format are subject to change by the tournament committee prior to the weekend based on the number of registered teams\*\*\***

## Team payouts (based on 24 teams registered):

“A”	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$900	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$700	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$500	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$400
“B”	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$600	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$400	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$250	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$250
“C”	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$400	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$250	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$150	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$150
“D”	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$150	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$100		

If you have any questions or concerns during the weekend, either leave a message at the beer gardens for Grant or Lowell, or call Grant at 587-999-9788, Lowell 403-485-1723.

Please have fun, stay safe and try to enjoy the other festivities taking place during the weekend!