

Huntsville Ladies Slo-Pitch Rules 2014

All players, coaches and umpires should be aware that Huntsville Ladies Slo-Pitch is governed by SPOA rules with these below modifications. Any other rules that are not laid out below please refer to the 2014 SPO rule handbook.

1. A team must have 9 players to field a team. If they only have 7 players the team may pick up (2) players to field a maximum of 9. If the team has 8 players they may only pick up (1) to make 9. Any picked up player must be on the roster of another team in the league. The player(s) picked up must bat in the line up.
2. Any player who arrives after the first pitch of the game may enter the game; but her name is added to the bottom of the batting order. If your team has gone through the batting order once the late player cannot play. If her team is in the field with 9 of her own team mates, she may join the game immediately. If her addition to the line up puts her team over 9 players and the team has picked up players, a picked up player must leave the game immediately.
3. All players are required to play 5 regular season games to be eligible for the end of the year tournament. This rule excludes any players who were pregnant through the season.
4. If it is evident and/or confirmed to an official that a player is pregnant, then for reasons of safety and for the possible detrimental effect that such participation may have on other players' performance, Huntsville Ladies Slo pitch will not knowingly allow a pregnant player to play.
5. No pickups are allowed during the end of the year tournament. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
6. The home team will be the first number that is shown on the schedule (3-1 team 3 is home team)
7. Home team is responsible for putting out the bases at the beginning of the 6:30pm games, and the home team of the last game is responsible for removing the bases from the diamonds at the end of the night. **Please make sure all bases are put away appropriately and in the proper spots.**
8. Each game will be 7 innings long or 1 hour and 20 minutes. "Last inning" will be called by the umpire at the top of the inning. If in the bottom of the 7th inning home team is winning after the away team has had their turn at bat, the game is over and the bottom of the 7th inning will not be played. Each game must begin within 5 minutes of the original start time. Regular season games can end in a tie. In the year end tournament there will be NO TIES, extra innings will be played if a tie happens as per SPO official rules.
Please note: It is the UMPIRES decision when the last inning will be called within the 1 hour and 20 minute mark. This is an UMPIRES call based on how quick/slow innings are being finished throughout the game.
9. Each team is allowed 3 courtesy runners per game, the courtesy runner DOES NOT have to be the last player out. The batter must make it to 1st base before using a courtesy runner. Courtesy runners start from the 1st base ONLY, unless you're injured on 2nd or 3rd base. The courtesy runner must announce herself to the home plate umpire before taking her place on the

base. If the courtesy runner is due to bat she must be replaced by another courtesy runner. If all 3 courtesy runners have been used the runners bat will be an automatic out.

10. If a team is unable to field a team and have to declare a forfeit, the team is responsible to pay the league \$50.00 made payable to the Huntsville Ladies Slo-pitch league prior to their next scheduled game. Only exception is if forfeit is due to the Blood Rule.
11. Rainout games will be posted on the website www.huntsvilleladiesslopitch.angelfire.com Facebook group, along with each team rep will be called by the executive. It is the responsibility of the team rep to call their own roster players to inform them of the rain out. Rainout games will be played on the last Tuesday, or next available scheduled evening before tournament weekend.
12. A player may transfer ONCE to a different team within the first three games of the season. Any changes to a roster must be put into writing and given to one of the executive members. This will be then reviewed and changed with the appropriate organization.
Please note: No Roster changes can be made after July 1, 2014
13. Absolutely **NO JEWELRY** is to be worn during a game. An umpire can call the player as an out if seen with jewelry being worn.
14. Points will be awarded as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. In the event of a tie at the end of the season the number of wins for each team will be used to break a tie. If still tied, the number of losses will be used. If still tied then the history of play between the two tied teams will determine the higher standing team.
15. BLOOD RULE: If a player is injured or bleeding and the team has only 10 players, they can play the game out with 9 players. If the team is played with 9 players and a player is injured or bleeding, the team can find a roster player to substitute for the remainder of the inning in progress and the remainder of the game if injured player is unable to return. The injured player may return to the game by announcing the re-entry to the umpire. (substitute, if any, must leave the game upon the return of the injured player)
16. Only team reps/coaches may approach the executive or an umpire during the event of an issue. Please respect that the executive are also playing ball, and issues need to come forward when they are not playing.
17. Last but not least, HAVE FUN! We are all here to have fun so please be respectful to all players, friends, and family that are at the ball diamonds during games and the season!