

Aldergrove Mixed Slo Pitch

2025 Rules (Amended from SPN)

AMSPA follows all SPN rules as stated in the 2025 SPN rulebook

The following are only amended league rules

1. A team will be allowed to start the game with 9 and is allowed to add a 10th player to the batting order before the end of the first inning.
2. BC “9” Rule:
 - a.) A team will be allowed to start a game with nine (9) players from the official start time of the game.
 - b.) The same team is allowed to add a tenth player to the batting order before the end of the first inning.
 - c.) An automatic out will be recorded where the last player in the batting line up would have batted.
3. A female cannot be thrown out at first base by an outfielder (presumption is 4 fielders) on an initial play, the ball may be relayed to an infielder to make the play.
4. Maximum 18 batters on a team line up, after the 10th batter you must alternate male/female or vice versa.
5. Game length is 7 innings time permitting. At 65 minutes the inning in progress is completed and the next inning is open. Time starts at scheduled game time.
6. Maximum 5 runs per inning until an open inning is declared.
7. Maximum 2 players may be picked up from another team within our league to make up a 10 person batting order but you must use your own players first. No regular team player shall sit on the bench when pick ups are used unless it is a male because you have 7 or more regular team males present. You CANNOT pick up players to bat 12 or more.
8. **Pick up players MUST be placed at the bottom of the batting order regardless of whether they are male or female.**
9. **Pick up players must have their original teams name written beside their name on the line up card AND in the scorebook.**
10. **A player can only be picked up by another team up to 3 times during the regular season and playoffs combined. This means player “A” can only play for team “B” a total of 3 times during the regular season and playoffs. But player “A” can play for another team “C” up to 3 times as well and so on.**

11. The mercy rule is as stated in the SPN rule book. All scores must be sent in as is when the mercy rule comes in to effect. Coaches may not choose to negate this rule.
12. All umpires have the same authority as SPN umpires while on the field
13. Teams are allowed unlimited courtesy runners – each player may only be a sub runner twice per game, females must run for females, male OR female may run for a male
14. If a male batter gets a count of **4 balls in a row** (with no strikes, 4-0) with a female batter to follow (she must be on deck before the first pitch is thrown) the male is awarded 2nd base and the female must bat.
15. Females may choose to hit either the 11" (small ball) or 12" (big ball)
16. Bunting is allowed by FEMALES only
17. Line up must not have more than 2 males in a row, after the 10th batter the order must alternate male and female batters (7 & 5, 8 & 6, 9 & 7, 10 & 8 if batting 12 or more) You cannot bat an odd numbered line up if batting more than 10.
18. **Meet 'n Greet (RJMT) tournament games DO NOT count towards playoff eligibility, pick up game limit or suspension games.**
19. **Any team with player and/or fans caught drinking outside liquor on Saturday or Sunday of the Year End Tournament will be fined up to \$250 and/or have players suspended for a number of games to be determined. If a team fine is given it MUST be paid before the teams next game, or they will forfeit. We provide a beer garden, we expect that the teams support it.**
20. **Marijuana is NOT ALLOWED to be smoked in a public park and same rules apply as smoking cigarettes, no smoking on the fields.**
21. Batter starts with a count of 0-0.
22. Base paths for all fields are to be measured and set at 65 feet in length.

Player Eligibility

23. SPN Rosters Accepted Electronic Waiver:

- a.) The SPN rosters MUST be completed before the first game of league play. **COACHES are to MONITOR THEIR ROSTER THROUGHOUT THE SEASON** and ask for assistance from the league at any time if an issue arises
- b.) Failure to supply the required completed SPN roster by the first game of league play will carry a fine of fifty **(\$50)** dollars to the team and forfeiture of all games played until the roster is submitted. After two (2) forfeitures, the President shall call an executive meeting to determine the future of the offending team as pertaining continued membership within the League.
- c.) Each player must carry photo identification.
- d.) Any roster contentions must be addressed on the day of the game and can be made at any time during the game.
- e.) If the player in question is unable to produce ID, the player AND the coach will be ejected from the game and the game may subsequently be forfeited if the team in question is left with less than nine players.
- f.) If a team is caught playing with an illegal player, the player in question may be suspended from any / all AMSPA league play, playoffs and tournaments for a period of up to one year. The coach of the team in question may also be suspended for up to one year from any / all AMSPA league play, playoffs and tournaments. A letter will be issued to SPN informing them of the roster infraction.

24. A player who transfers to another team during the regular season may count their games played with the previous team towards playoff eligibility. Players may transfer once per season, and it must be communicated to the executive board first and the player must change rosters.

25. Players who are picked up by another league team do not count those games towards playoff eligibility.

26. Players must participate in 8 **regular season** league games to be eligible to participate in playoffs. A player involved in the game as a scorekeeper, umpire or coach may count these games, but they must be listed in **BOTH** teams' **scorebooks**. If a player does not participate in 8 **regular season** league games to qualify for playoffs, a letter may be submitted to the league requesting an exception. Exceptions may be granted for reasonable explanations such as work or injury and may need to be voted on by the board. These request letters must be submitted by

the Thursday before the playoffs begin in so they can be reviewed. **Meet ‘n Greet (RJMT) tournament games DO NOT count towards playoff eligibility.**

27. If a team wants to pick up from another league, the player needs to be added to the team SPN roster with waiver accepted BEFORE they step on the field. Any team who has a player on the field without an accepted waiver will automatically forfeit the game as a 0-7 loss in the standings and possibly face a fine.
28. If both teams have incomplete waiver accepted rosters the game will be a 0-0 tie in the standings and possibly face a fine.
29. Further to rules 17 and 18, in the case of a team or teams having players on the field who do not have an accepted SPN waiver form, the game is **NOT** considered playable under the league guidelines, and it is **NOT** a sanctioned league game. The league will cancel this field time slot with the Township or city and has no responsibility for the activities on the field.
30. **The Executive Board, by majority vote, shall have full powers to decide all discipline levels up to and including league expulsion, suspension and fines to a maximum of \$250.**
31. **The purpose of discipline is to correct behaviour, not punish. It must also protect the league members from repercussions due to the actions of an individual and/or group of people.**
32. **The following actions must be considered serious violations of the rules and discipline must indicate this seriousness:**
 - **Fighting or threatening actions, including verbal**
 - **Damaging public, private or league property**
 - **Intentional or continual dangerous play**
 - **Use of alcohol in unauthorized areas**
 - **Failure to correct inappropriate behaviour**
 - **Abusive actions directed towards league executives and/or officials**
33. **Suspended players including past, present and future, who have received a letter of suspension with a specified number of games or time limit, must be on an AMSPA league teams’ roster for their suspension to be considered “Being Served”. Once the specified timeframe has been reached, the suspended player must submit a letter of request to be “Reinstated” as a player in “Good Standing” with the league. This letter is to be addressed to the Executive Board and will be reviewed and an Executive vote will be held. The player and coach of the team will be notified within 48 hours of receiving the letter of request. Specified time of a suspension is a MINIMUM amount of time that a suspension has been imposed; only when the player has been**

approved to return to “Good Standing” will a suspension be deemed completed and will be followed by a mandatory probation period.

34. Persons must serve game suspensions immediately after Executive notification (verbal or written)
35. COACHES ARE TO CONTINUESLY CHECK THEIR SPN ROSTERS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON TO MAKE SURE ALL PLAYERS ARE ON THE ROSTER WITH THIER WAIVER COMPLETED.
36. League Executives are players and volunteers. Abuse directed at these persons will not be tolerated. Any official complaint should be given in writing to the League President or other Executive if the President is not available.

All fields have a match +1 if it's counted as an “Over the fence” home run. Anything more than +1 will be called an OUT.

The following is an explanation of “Over the fence” homeruns at the necessary fields:

Homerdome: Any ball hit over the fence without touching a defensive player is a homerun.

Bradner Upper: Any ball that passes the tree line or bushes IN THE AIR is a homerun. There is a light pole in right center field. Any ball that rolls into the tree line or bushes to the RIGHT of the pole is a DOUBLE, any ball that rolls into the tree line, bushes or off the regular playing field to the LEFT of the pole is a TRIPLE.

Bradner Lower: Any ball hit over the fence without touching a defensive player is a homerun.

Kinsmen: Any ball that lands in the bushes in right field, or LANDS in the sideline crowd/playing area of the soccer field is a homerun. Any ball that rolls into the bushes in right field or into the sideline crowd/playing area of the soccer field is a double and play is called dead.

Hit and Sit is an option for Homeruns

Rain outs are to be called **BETWEEN 5pm and 6pm** on game days by the HOME team and reported to the Stats Reporting number immediately. The executive

committee reserves the right to close fields as they see fit in accordance with the Township of Langley/City of Abbotsford standards. If the home team fails to report a rain out that day the team will be fined \$25 to cover field costs. **DO NOT call a rain out earlier in the day, the weather usually changes and typically by game time the fields have recovered enough to play.**

Teams must contact the opposing team to request a game to be rescheduled a minimum of 24 hour prior to game time. The opposing team can choose to reschedule the game or force the opposing team take a 0-7 forfeit. Any team unable to field a team with less than 24 hours' notice will automatically forfeit that game with a score of 0-7. **RAINOUTS DO NOT APPLY to this rule. If a team feels it is unsafe to play and the other team wants to play, coaches must contact the Executive in charge of scheduling and a determination will be made from there as to whether the game will be forfeited or rescheduled.**

If a team contacts the executives at least 7 days before a scheduled game with prior knowledge they are unable to field a team, the 'Executive in charge of Scheduling' will make the necessary change, field availability permitting.

Teams are responsible for rescheduling rain outs and postponed games with the opposing coach and the home team coach must contact the 'Executive in charge of Scheduling' for field availability and report the score of the game once it has been played.

Stats Reporting Contact is the 'Executive in charge of Scheduling'. BOTH teams need to text the score to Jonathan Long @ **604-671-2047** within 24 hours of the game's completion. You will get a confirmation reply to EVERY score within a couple of hours of being sent in, if you do not get a reply then the score was not received. If there is a conflict in scores, both teams will be asked to double check and if a discrepancy still exists, the scorebooks may need to be examined and generally the home teams score will stand. If no scores are reported by either team within 24 hours the game will be recorded as a 0-0 tie. We are discussing a group chat option with photos sent of scorebooks for all score reporting by both teams for every game.