Grand Falls-Windsor Co-Ed Slo-Pitch Constitution

Sec 1: In-Game Rules

1) Unless otherwise stated, the most recently released official SPN Rules will be used in both Regular Season and Playoff Games.

2) The "1-1" count rule implemented by SPN will be in effect for all Regular Season and Playoff games.

3) The home run rule is Match +1.
   a) Any ball hit out of play is the responsibility of the player or team of the player to retrieve.

4) During the regular season all games will have a maximum time length of 1 hour and 10 minutes to be enforced by the umpire officiating the game. This time allowance begins from the first delivered pitch.
   a) The umpire will alert teams that the next full inning following 1 hour of play will be an open inning as well as the final inning.
      i) Regular season games may end in a tie.
      ii) Playoff games will follow the outlined extra inning rules set by SPN.

5) A minimum of 4 women, and 9 players per team is required to begin a game, else the game will be forfeited
   a) During Regular Season games an out in lieu of a 10th batter is not required to be taken, however in Playoff games it is mandatory.

6) In the event a player is injured during the game and can, and wishes to, continue playing, they may avail of a designated runner for the remainder of the game at any point where they reach base.
   a) This does not use a courtesy runner.
   b) The designated runner for a female will be the last female out.
   c) The designated runner for a male will be the last male out.

7) An individual who wishes to avail of a designated runner due to a **pre-existing** medical condition must inform the Executive of the request to review and approve prior to any game where they are permitted to use one.
   a) This is only during Regular Season games.
   b) The Executive reserves the right without criticism to permit or deny any individual access to this rule. Inappropriate speech or actions made by an individual because of a decision made pertaining to this rule, may result in disciplinary action including but not limited to temporary suspension from the league.
   c) **Requests for pre-existing medical conditions are due by Monday, June 1st, 2026.**

8) If a walk would be issued with the absence of an on-deck batter, a maximum of one base will be awarded.
    a) This rule does not apply in the case of an intentional four-ball walk.

Sec 2: League Rules

1) All teams and umpires are expected to be at the field 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game.
    a) The officiating umpire will call forfeiture to the game should a team be unable to field a legal team by 10 minutes past the scheduled start time resulting in a loss for that team.
        i) In the event neither team can field a legal team the game will be considered a 0-0 tie.
        ii) Neither team's players will receive credit for playing the game.
    b) If the scheduled umpire does not show up for a scheduled game and a player that is on one of the playing teams is requested to umpire that player will still receive credit as playing a game with their team on that night, as well as they will be compensated for performing the umpiring duties.

2) If a game is forfeited, the forfeiting team will not receive credit for the game.
    a) Only players with signed waivers at the time of the forfeit will receive credit.
    b) The team that did not forfeit will receive credit for the game.

3) Teams may pickup up to 3 players from other league teams during any Regular Season game.
    a) You cannot pick up players if you have 10 already to field.
        i) Any player picked up for a game should not be substituted out of a game against their wishes in the case of a player showing up late after a pick-up has been availed of.
    b) Only one of 3 players may be a male.
    c) For playoffs there will be no pickups.

4) Teams may submit any batting order if there are no more than 2 more males than females in it.
    a) Example: 6M/4F, 7M/5F, 6M/5F, 5M/5F, etc.
    b) A player that shows up after a game has begun can be substituted in or added to the bottom of the lineup, provided it maintains all lineup rules.

5) Playoff eligibility for players will be based off games played with the team of which they are on the official roster.
    a) Players must play 8 games to be eligible for Playoff Games.
        i) In the event of special circumstances such as injury, rotational or shift work, relocation, or other, a player may submit a written request to the Executive requesting an exemption to this rule by **Monday, June 29th, 2026**.
            (1) The Executive reserves the right without criticism to permit or deny any individual access to this rule. Inappropriate speech or actions made by an individual because of a decision made pertaining to this rule, may result in disciplinary action including but not limited to temporary suspension from the league.
    b) Players may only be on one league team roster at any given time.

i) If a Player wishes to move from their current team, they must notify the Executive that they are doing so. The Executive will decide based off circumstance whether to transfer games played with the previous team to the new team with regards to credit towards Playoff eligibility.

c) A player may potentially not receive credit for a game if their name is not correctly spelled in a legible manner on the corresponding score sheet for a game, or if a nick name or shortened form of the name is used.

Sec 3: Administrative Dates & Rules

1) **The season will begin the week of Monday, May 18th, 2026.**

2) **Team Registration is due Monday, June 1st, 2026.**
   a) Roster registration must be completed online through the SPN website.
      i) The minimum age is 16 with no exceptions.
         (1) Players of the age of 18 and under will also a require a consent letter filled out by their Parent/Guardian. Forms can be collected from the Executive.
      ii) Players caught playing without a signed waiver or filled out parental consent form will be made to leave the game immediately.
         (1) The person responsible – Team Captain or Representative – may face disciplinary action including but not limited to temporary suspension from the league.
      iii) The Executive will review rosters periodically and alert Team Captains or Representative of any unsigned waivers.
   b) Payment can be made out via cheque, cash, or EMT (preferred).
      i) Cheques should be made out to "GFW Mixed Slo-Pitch Softball"
         (1) Personal cheques will not be accepted.
      ii) EMT can be sent to gfwmixedsoftball@gmail.com which is set up for auto deposit.
   c) 10% of the registration amount is due by a team's first game.
   d) The total amount of registration due is **$1,500.00**.
      i) **$1,350.00** for regular registration.
      ii) $150.00 for insurance against forfeits.
         (1) In the case of a forfeited game, the team will lose $30.00 of the above amount.
         (2) If the game is forfeited prior to the day of the game the amount will not be lost.
         (3) If a team depletes their forfeit insurance and does not pay for any further forfeits by their next scheduled game, they will be removed from the league.
         (4) The amount of remaining insurance will be reimbursed to teams during the end of the Playoffs.
         (5) Should a team wish to forfeit, we kindly request it is made known to the Executive prior to 4:00pm on the day of the game to respect the time of the other team, the umpire, and Executive members involved.
      iii) Registration refunds are the responsibility of the team and associated team captain or representative, not the league should a player request a refund.
   e) Any unpaid funds will result in any games scheduled or otherwise to be forfeit and not rescheduled.

3) **The final day of Playoffs is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 12th, 2026.**
   a) This is subject to change if there are significant weather delays.
   b) The format will be a split division single round robin followed by a double elimination bracket.
   c) **The banquet will be taking place on the evening of Saturday, September 12h, 2026.**

4) Decisions on game cancellations due to bad weather or field conditions will be made by 5:00pm for the scheduled 6:00pm game by the Executive and communicated.
   a) The 7:15pm and 8:30pm game slots will be assessed as the evening continues.
   b) In the event a game has started, and field condition degrades, the umpire may call game.
      i) Any game with 5 or more completing innings will not be rescheduled.

5) Any postponed games will be rescheduled within the current round of play.
   a) Teams may be asked to play a double-header or play on an irregular playing day to accommodate the make up times.
   b) Regular Season games will be rescheduled at the best of efforts to ensure each team is able to play all their entitled games.

6) Regularly scheduled Regular Season games will follow the following days and time slots:
   a) Monday, Wednesday – 6:00 (A+B)
      Tuesday, Thursday – 6:00 (A+B), 7:15 (A), 8:30 (A)
   b) Extra games may be played on B Field during the months of June and July.
   c) C Field may be availed of in cases where other fields are unavailable.
   d) Playoff games may be schedules for times outside the above outlined.

7) There is no enforcement of any use of protective equipment such as batting helmets however it is strongly encouraged that players use protective equipment where appropriate.
   a) The league will support the designated runner rule issued by SPN regarding pitchers.
   b) This rule does not apply to the rule issued by SPN regarding mandatory fielder's masks for pitchers.

8) All teams must designate one person to be their First Aid Contact in case any injury occurs with a team member while playing.
   a) First Aid Kits will be supplied and available during all league games.

9) Scores will be collected by the closing executive member and forwarded to the executive member in charge of scorekeeping.
   a) Fabricated scores or lineups with regards to player attendance will result in disciplinary action.

10) Concerns and complaints are requested to be presented in writing, or preferably emailed to the league's official email address at gfwmixedsoftball@gmail.com.

Sec 4: Housekeeping

1) Both teams are responsible for the preparation and deconstruction of the bases.
   a) The teams playing at 6:00pm are responsible for the preparation.
   b) The teams playing at 8:30 are responsible for the deconstruction and locking of the cage.
      i) Failure to adhere to this rule may result in disciplinary action.

2) Teams are responsible for the conditions of the dugouts they are in.
   a) Trash and recycling must be removed.
      i) Failure to adhere to this rule may result in disciplinary action.

3) The conditions of the Clubhouse are the responsibility of the entire league to uphold. Anyone found causing damage to the Clubhouse will be asked to leave the complex.
   a) Parents of Children using the Clubhouse are directly responsible for both their Children and any acts their Children commit while on or around the complex. If a child is found vandalizing any property on the complex, the Parent will be held directly responsible for repairing and/or cleaning any damage done.

4) This league is sponsored by Molson – as such, submitting a receipt of 10 dozen beer to the Executive will get the team 10 free dozen beer.
   a) This must be on one receipt, **and is due by Monday, June 22nd, 2026**.
   b) Every 5 dozen afterwards will get 1 free dozen beer.
      i) These can be on multiple receipts.
      ii) **These receipts are due by Monday, August 10th, 2026**.
   c) Any league member caught drinking and operating a motor vehicle will be immediately expelled from the league. There is a zero-tolerance policy for this.

5) Any disrespectful speech or actions towards a player, umpire, spectator, or Executive member will be subject to disciplinary action that may include by not be limited to temporary suspension from the league.
   a) If any action is taken that is physical in nature that is unwanted by the recipient; the league member will be immediately expelled from the league. There is a zero-tolerance policy for this.

6) Any proposed amendments to this document must be ratified by any existing teams by way of vote no more than once per year by majority vote.