

# 2008 Minonk Parks and Recreation Committee

## Slow Pitch Leagues – Rules and Regulations

### Team Roster:

1. Each team shall be allowed to roster a maximum of 18 players. All players participating in the Minonk Slow Pitch Softball League must be at least 16 years of age. No exceptions.
2. No additions may be made to the roster after the first game..

### Player Eligibility:

Each player is required to personally sign the registration form before they are eligible to play in the Minonk Parks and Rec Slow Pitch Softball League.

### Game Time:

1. There will be a 10 minute grace period on game time. After 10 minutes the game will be forfeited.
2. Game time limit is 70 minutes. In the event of a tie, the game will be played out.

### Rainouts:

Rainouts will be posted on [www.leaguelineup.com/minonk](http://www.leaguelineup.com/minonk).

### Managers Responsibility:

Prior to the start of the game each team must designate a manager who must cooperate with the field umpire. This person accepts responsibility for team members and spectators. Failure to cooperate may result in games or league suspension. **RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CLEAN UP!!**

### Number of Players:

1. A team must have nine players to start, continue, or finish a game. Players that arrive late will be inserted into the bottom of the lineup.
2. Teams may pick up to three people from another team to play, if a team needs more players they must forfeit the game.

**METAL SPIKES ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

### Starting Count:

When a batter steps into the batter's box, he or she automatically has a count of one ball and one strike.

**Pitching:**

1. Pitching mound will be at 50 feet. A strike must land on any part of the plate or mat.
2. Arc on all pitches must be a minimum of 6" to a maximum of 10" above the ground. A strike must land on any part of the home plate or mat. The catcher must allow the ball to strike either the plate or the mat for a strike call.

**Batting:**

1. If a male walks, **WITHOUT A STRIKE PITCHED**, the next female batter has the option of walking or batting. If a male walks, after receiving a pitched strike, he goes to first base (first base only) and the female must bat. A foul ball counts as a pitched strike.
2. Second foul ball after two strikes is an automatic out.

**Additional Batters:**

Each team may use 12 players, 10 on the field and two additional batters. The correct batting order must be maintained throughout the game. A team may start a game with NINE players.

**Pop-Fly Rule:**

Pop-fly rule will be in effect if there are less than two outs and there are runners on first and second or the bases are loaded (There must be a force out at third).

**Lead Off Rule:**

Runners may lead off after the ball is released from the pitcher's hand. No base stealing.

**Force-Out Rule:**

After a runner reaches the force out line between 3<sup>rd</sup> base and home plate it will be considered a force out. The runner may not go back.

**Homerun Rule:**

Each team will only be allowed six over the fence homeruns per game. Each over the fence homerun after that will be an automatic out.

**Mercy Rule:**

- 20 runs after 3 innings.
- 15 runs after 4 innings.
- 10 runs after 5 innings.

**ALL PROTESTS** must be made by the team captain/manager before the next pitch to the batter. All protests will be settled immediate by the umpire. Umpire has the final say.

**ANY TEAM**, which fails to report for two consecutively scheduled games during the season, may be dropped from the league.

A head-to-head competition will take place at the close of the season for teams that have identical records to determine who will receive the first place trophy.

**Post Season Tournament:**

1. Any player who has not actually played in a league game during the year is not eligible to compete in the post-season tournament.
2. Teams for the tournament will be seeded by records.

**Conduct:**

1. Any player who is ejected from a game will be automatically suspended for a minimum of one additional game (byes do not constitute a game). If a player is ejected twice during a season he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season, including playoff games and post season tournament. Ejected or suspended players will not be allowed at the park while serving his/her suspension.
2. In the event that a player is ejected anytime after the conclusion of a game, he/she will be automatically suspended for the next two games, including playoff games and post season tournament.
3. Any player or manager who physically abuses an official, a player, a spectator, or league supervisor will be suspended for the remainder of the season, including playoff games and post season tournament.
4. In cases of spectator harassment, the umpire will use the following course of action:
  - a. First Warning – manager will be asked to take care of the problem spectator.
  - b. Second Warning – spectator will be asked to leave the park. If the spectator refuses to heed the umpire’s request, the manager will be subject to ejection from the game if the umpire determines that the spectator is associated with one of the two teams.
  - c. Final Solution –in the event that neither the spectator nor the manager leaves the park within 60 seconds after the umpire’s request the umpire will declare the game a forfeit.
5. Cursing or any type of foul language will not be permitted at any time. Officials will have sole right to remove any person(s) from the game who violate this rule. Managers are expected to have complete control of their teams.
6. All league suspensions will be at the discretion of the Minonk Parks and Recreation Board.
7. **ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED.** No player will be allowed to play if there is evidence that player has been drinking prior to coming to the game.
8. **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED ON THE FIELD AND IN THE DUGOUT.**