

SLO-PITCH
H.W.C.A.A. PLAYING REGULATION 9.0
Updated: April 23, 2019

1. AGES: Competitors must meet the age requirement as per H.W.C.A.A. Constitution By-Law 1. a).
2. EVENTS: There will be competition for a H.W.C.A.A. champion.
3. ELIGIBILITY: Competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as per H.W.C.A.A. Constitution By-Law 1.
4. ENTRIES: Each of the H.W.C.A.A. member schools may enter one team. No limit to the number of players dressed for the game.
5. RULE BOOK: Ontario Slo-Pitch Association Rules will apply.
6. OFFICIALS: The officials will be the highest caliber obtainable.
7. UNIFORMS: All competitors must wear a uniform top. Metal spikes are NOT ALLOWED.
8. STARTING TIME: As per playing schedule (see H.W.C.A.A. constitution By-Law II.)
9. AWARDS: H.W.C.A.A. Championship
 - A) A trophy- for the winning team
 - B) Gold medals- for each member of the winning team
 - C) Silver medals - for each member of the finalist team.
10. G.H.A.C. REPRESENTATION: Not applicable.
11. GENERAL REGULATIONS:
 - A) LEAGUE PROCEDURE
 1. Every team will play each other once.
 2. Standings based on 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 for a loss.
 - B) PLAYOFF PROCEDURE
 - If 7 team league
 - 1 gets a bye
 - 2 versus 7
 - 3 versus 6
 - 4 versus 5
 - 1 versus winner of 4 vs 5

- winner of 2 vs 7 versus winner of 3 vs 6

All games at home field of higher ranked team

C) CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURE

1. Championship games will be played at neutral field as previously scheduled by convener.

D) TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE (As per H.W.C.A.A. Constitution By-Law II.)

E) A player ejected from a league or playoff game will be automatically prohibited from dressing and participating in the next scheduled game.

F) SCORES: The **winning** team must report results to the convener by 10 am the following day of the game.

G) Ground rules are to be established before the beginning of each game.

H) The home team is responsible for preparing the diamond (bringing and setting up bases) and providing 1 new ball and 1 good ball.

I) All games are to be 7innings . No inning is to start after curfew, which is 5:45pm at all parks. A game is considered completed after 4 complete innings, in a situation where the game may not be finished (weather, curfew, etc.). The game will continue if tied after 7 innings as long as not violating curfew.

If you can hear thunder, you can get hit by lightning. As soon as you hear thunder, quickly get to a safe location. More people are struck before and after a thunderstorm than during one. **Stay inside for 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.** Be aware of how close lightning is occurring. Thunder always accompanies lightning, even though its audible range can be diminished due to background noise in the immediate environment and its distance from the observer. **When considering resumption of any athletics activity, wait at least thirty (30) minutes after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder before returning to the field.**

For additional information the following websites are helpful:

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/foudre-lightning/default.asp?lang=En&n=57412D67-1>
www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/lightning

J) **Rain** out decision are to be made by the Umpire. During the game the umpire will make this decision. At the sight of **lightning** go to cars and await the umpire's decision.

K) MERCY RULE: If after 5 complete innings a team is 10 or more runs up, the game is called.

1) No more than 5 runs per inning except for the last inning.

L) UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTION : Unlimited substitution as long as they stay in

the same rotation in the batting order. Any 10 take the field.

M) No Anticipation on the bases, runner is out and the ball must hit the ground or hit by the batter. There will be a safe base at first, a commit line between 3rd and home (21 feet from home toward 3RD) and a line at home to avoid collisions. Catcher cannot tag runner.

N) Illegal pitch rule is in effect. On an illegal pitch (above 12 feet or below 6 feet) the umpire will call it immediately and the batter has the option to swing.

O) Pitchers must wear a mask.

P) Catchers must wear a mask.

Q) An 11 inch ball will be used.

R) The base distance will be 70 feet.

S) The pitching distance will be a minimum of 43 to 50 feet.

T) The pitching distance will be 43 feet. The mat will be 2 x 3 feet

U) The 6foot min. and 12foot max. pitching rule will be enforced.

V) On a second foul on the 3rd strike the batter will be out.

W) You may start and play with 9 players. When batting, the team with 9 will have an automatic out when the spot for the 10th batter comes up. Players may be added during the game. There will be a 15minutes grace period as the game starts.

X) You will be allowed 3 courtesy runners per game.

Y) No head first sliding unless the runner is reaching back to a base.