

SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

- Complete a tournament Application Form.
 - Complete a Request for Certificate of Insurance Form
If you are serving alcohol – Host Liquor insurance is required (\$150.00 forwarded to SPN office with Request form.)
Liquor permit number is mandatory on form.
 - Collect Rosters at tournament
 - Contact office for Prizing Options.
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- Should a tournament be cancelled due to weather and where play has not yet started the Tournament Convener may withhold up to (\$20) dollars per team to offset expenses.
 - Where a tournament is cancelled during the course of play the tournament convener may withhold monies from the team entry fees.
 - Where a tournament has been cancelled and sixty (60%) percent of the entire tournament schedule has been completed there is no obligation on the part of the convener to refund any portion of a team's entry fee.
 - Where a tournament has reached the sixty (60%) percent completion point and is cancelled the convener is required to distribute prizing and qualifying berths as applicable. To determine team placement in this situation the following criteria shall apply:
 - For elimination (double or single knockout) Tournaments
 - lives remaining
 - if all the same – ties within lives remaining
 - head to head record
 - Plus/minus record between the tied teams
 - Plus/minus record for the elimination or championship round
 - Plus/minus record throughout the tournament
 - Plus/minus differential based on actual game scores
 - Total runs scored

- Total runs allowed
- A flip of the coin
- For Round Robin Tournaments – Round Robin results are determined based on the promise that the same amount of games has been played by each team. If a difference in the total number of games played by each team exists then teams who have played more games shall have randomly selected games deleted from the won-lost record until such time as all teams have a record based on the same number of games. The selection of which game(s) is to be eliminated shall be done by random draw of the Tournament Convener in the presence of a team representative.
- In the event that a tournament is interrupted by inclement conditions or unforeseeable circumstances the Tournament Convener may decide to complete the balance or portion of the remaining schedule by:
 - Five runs per inning with the last inning being open.
 - Changing the length of the games to five innings.
 - Moving from a double knockout to a single knockout format.
 - Batter starts with a 1 & 1 count.
 - 2 pitch game
 - 1 pitch game

Call the SPN-BC office for rules pertaining to these options.

The following rules shall be in effect at all SPN-BC sanctioned tournaments and will be applied up to and including Provincial Championships. These rules do not apply to SPN TM National Championships.

B.C. “9” Rule (Men’s/Master’s/Women’s/Seniors)

- A team will legally be allowed to start a game with nine (9) players from the official start time of the game. The same team is not allowed to add a tenth player to the batting order at any time for the balance of the game.

- The team who starts game with (9) players must finish the game with the nine (9) players.
- Any player who is listed on the line-up card as a substitute may enter the game only as a substitute player.

BC 9 Rule: (Coed) 6 & 4

- A team may start a game with a minimum of 9 players of which a minimum 3 must be female.
- If a team has only 9 players: the tenth position in the batting order becomes an automatic out.
- If a team has only 3 females in the line-up the automatic out will be the tenth position in the batting order which follows a male batter. The ninth batter a male will be awarded first and second if he takes a walk. The next batter will be an automatic out. In this instance it will appear that 2 males will bat back to back.
- If a team starts with 9 players and a player arrives late, that player may enter the game immediately and must occupy the last position in the batting order provided the team has not cycled through the batting order yet. If the player does not arrive by the time the position in the batting order is scheduled to bat that position in the batting order will be an automatic out. Should the player arrive after the automatic out is recorded they can only go into the line up as a substitution.

Injury Rule:

- Any team that is unable to field a tenth player at any time during the game due to injury, will be allowed to complete the game with the nine (9) remaining players.
- The player that is removed from the game as a result of being injured is ineligible to re-enter the game at any subsequent time.
- The player's position shall be recorded as an automatic out each time the player is due to bat.
- This rule shall not apply to teams who start with nine (9) players.

Notes:

Each team is limited to a maximum of twenty (20) players per roster. (Please note: for the purposes of SPN TM National Championships the player roster limit is 18)

UMPIRE POLICY

Conduct Policy

- All S.P.N. umpires shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Code of Ethics as published in the SPN Rule Book.
- Umpires participating in any SPN event must refrain from consuming alcohol or any other mind altering substances that may impair their judgement.
- Umpires in uniform shall not enter a beer garden unless directed to do so by the tournament UIC.
- Umpires shall refrain from smoking while on, and to and from, their assigned games.

Regulations

- Failure to comply with the Code of Ethics followed by written complaint to the Provincial Umpire –In- Chief (PUIC) may result in umpire membership cancellation.
- The SPN-BC PUIC may impose a temporary suspension not exceeding seven days on an umpire where allegations of improper activity have been made.
- All written complaints shall be investigated by the Provincial UIC or his delegate, followed by a written report which will be discussed with the Umpire.
- Recommendations for any sanctions shall be made by the UIC to the Disciplinary Committee of SPN-BC for final determination.

- The umpire shall be notified of any investigation and subsequent action, in writing, following the review by the SPN-BC Disciplinary Committee.
- The umpire has the right to appeal any sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee but must do so in writing within twenty days of the letter from SPN Regional Office.

Clinics

- All umpire organizations in BC that allocate SPN registered leagues or tournaments are required to run at least one umpire clinic per year.
- Any BC Umpire registration clinics must have the approval of the BC UIC.

Regulations

- An SPN umpire is required to certify each year.
- Certification requires an 80% level of achievement on a written test of knowledge administered by SPN-BC.
- Under extenuating circumstances the PUIC may grant umpire registration.

Uniform Policy

- An umpire is required to wear the official SPN authorized uniform when officiating in SPN sanctioned events.

Regulations

- The uniform shall be as described under Rule 10 of the current SPN Rulebook and shall be in good condition. Umpires have the option of wearing the following in SPN-BC sanctioned events up to an including Provincial Championships:
 - SPN-BC logo – Black Shorts or Grey Shorts
 - SPN-BC logo – Black/Charcoal/Red Shirt
 - SPN-BC logo – Black Hat
- “All undershirts must now be Cardinal Red, to be worn beneath the grey, red or black collared umpire shirts. The grey t-shirt or undershirt is no longer acceptable for any SPN event.”
- Umpires participating in National Championships are required to have the full and current official uniform as described in rule ten of the SPN Rule Book.
- Failure to wear the uniform as required may result in sanctions being brought or the umpire being suspended by the PUIC.
- The SPN-BC logo shall not be used on any umpire apparel without the expressed permission of the PUIC.

Umpire Provision Policy

- For all SPN-BC sanctioned events a Tournament Convener is required to use SPN certified umpires and remunerate at the rate set across the region.

Regulations

- The Allocator is responsible for ensuring that all umpires are remunerated at a rate in accordance with this policy.

- Umpires will be paid at a rate of \$25.00 per game by SPN-BC at all BC Provincial/National Championships.
- Tournament Conveners are required to provide a minimum of five days advance notice to the umpire allocator regarding the number of teams. Location of the parks, game times and any other data necessary for the allocator to assign umpires for the tournament. Insufficient notice may result in the loss of Tournament Convener to hold future SPN-BC sanctioned tournaments.
- Umpire Allocators for SPN-BC sanctioned events may be determined by the PUIC or his delegate.
- In circumstances where an umpire making a compensation claim for authorized expenses, the umpire shall submit the claim in writing and include all related receipts. All claims must be submitted to the PUIC or his designated representative for approval prior to reimbursement.
- SPN-BC recommends that the maximum number of games assigned to an umpire in a day be four games, interspersed throughout the day, so as to provide optimum skill presentation to the game.
- There will be a UIC for a Provincial/National who will receive \$100 for each day in which games are schedule.
- There will be a DUIC for any National/Provincial Tournaments in BC, that has thirty-five or more teams or that is played in multiple locations. They will be remunerated at a rate of \$100 per day.
- Playability of Fields: At Provincial and National Tournaments it will be left to the discretion of the individual umpire, in consultation with the UIC or his designate, and an SPN representative as to the ability of the game to continue, due to deteriorating field conditions. The UIC or his designate, in consultation with the SPN-BC tournament representative, will facilitate the completion of the Tournament with whatever means at his/her disposal.

Umpire Selection Policy

- Umpires will be selected to officiate at National and Provincial Championship Tournaments on the basis of merit and the following regulations.

Umpire Evaluation Policy

- The purpose of this policy shall be to assist the umpires registered in the SPN-BC Region with improving their officiating capabilities.

Regulations

- The evaluators shall be composed of umpires from the SPN-BC Region selected by the PUIC and in good standing with SPN.
- One of the members must be the PUIC.
- The evaluators must meet to consider umpires for National Championships and sanctioned tournaments.
- A member of the Evaluation Committee shall be in attendance, if possible, at all Provincial Championships where the number of teams exceeds eight.
- It is expected that a minimum of five evaluations per day be completed by the representative using the approved regional evaluation form and process.
- While acting as a member of the Evaluating Committee, a member shall be remunerated at the rate of \$100 per day plus accommodation expenses where required.

Travel Guidelines

- To provide a structure for umpire movement within/outside of the province:
- Any SPN registered umpire who wishes to travel to SPN-BC Qualifiers more than 100 kilometers from their home will be required to obtain permission from the Provincial UIC or his designate. For travel to SPN tournaments or any tournament an SPN uniform is worn outside of BC, travel request must be submitted to and approved by the PUIC.

Travel Remuneration

- To provide a format for equitable payment of limited resources
- Any SPN Registered umpire who, at the request of the PUIC or his designate, travels more than 100 kilometers for Provincial Tournaments will be reimbursed \$35.00 plus the costs of any tolls and/or ferry costs. The more people in a vehicle the more \$35.00 allotments will be available.
- Travelling umpires will be billeted in the host hotel/motel based on double occupancy. Any umpires wishing his or her own room will be responsible for their own expenses. No half room expenses will be paid.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS POLICY

- Any teams dropping out of the championship within one week of the tournament shall forfeit their entry fee. Tournament information will also be posted on the regional page of the SPN website (www.slo-pitch.com)
Tournament draw will be posted on the Website by Wednesday of the week leading up to the tournament.
- Time restrictions may be applied to the length of games during the tournament.
- Each team is responsible for ensuring that they are present at the appointed field in sufficient time to commence play at the specified game time. There is no grace period in Provincial Championships and a team having insufficient players to play the game shall forfeit the game by a 7-0 score to the opposition. From time to time tournament directors may waive this requirement in order to allow a team that is playing back to back games sufficient travel time between parks.
- In order to qualify to play in the SPN National Championships a team must have played in the Provincial Championships in the preceding calendar year where a Provincial Championship was held in that category of play.

COED PROGRAM POLICY

Provincials 6 Males/4 Females Big Ball/Small Ball

Coed

1. Teams participating in the Coed Division– No qualification required
2. Teams will be classified and placed in categories at Provincials based on following:
 - team roster
 - past history of team
 - tournament results
 - league results
 - offensive power
 - defensive skills
 - determination of the ability of players
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3. Rosters & payment for Provincials must be submitted by Deadline
Entry posted in tournament section.
4. Provincial team entry \$375.00 (Non-registered SPN team \$470.00)

MENS/WOMENS/MASTERS PROGRAM RULES POLICY

- **All Women's/Men's teams participating in the A/B/C/D & E categories must qualify for the Provincials by participating in a minimum of one qualifying tournament. Once a player has qualified with a Women's or Men's team they are frozen to the roster.**
- **A player must sign only one roster and play for only one men's/women's team for the purpose of qualifying for the Provincial Championships.**
- **Provincial Qualifying letters will be sent from the Provincial office once results have been submitted from the tournament convener.**
- **Women's 35 & Men's 35 - No Qualification required.**
- **All teams must register on line for Provincial Championships.**
- **Deadline Entry - Posted in tournament section.**
- **Provincial Entry Fee - \$375.00**
- **Teams not registered with SPN BC when registering on line must submit \$95.00.**

Rosters

- Teams may have a maximum of 20 players on their provincial roster.
- See Hardship Rule below for details.
- Any released player may not sign with another team that is ranked in a lower men's/women's category without approval of the Men's/Women's Director or Regional Director
- A team cannot add a released player to their roster if the player has played in a higher men's category without approval of the Men's/Women's Director or Regional Director.

Hardship Rule: Provincial only

- Teams with 11 players or less may add players to a maximum team roster of 12 players.
- Players can be added provided they have not played with any other men's team and/or do not dramatically change the dynamics of the team
- All additions must be approved by SPNBC – Men's Director or Regional Director.

Penalties

- Any team caught using a player that is registered and/or participated on another team's roster without a proper release will be suspended from any further play until the matter has been reviewed by the director/s.
- It is every team's manager and coach's responsibility to know who your players are and where your players have been playing in the past.

Coach/Manager must know if a player has signed a roster with another men's/women's team. If a player is listed on a men's roster then that player will be considered as playing. If a player who participates on two separate teams but is only listed on one roster they will be suspended until further review by the director/s

NOTE: THE MEN'S/WOMEN'S DIRECTOR AND OR REGIONAL DIRECTOR MUST APPROVE ALL ROSTER ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Contact: Andy Maynard - Men's Coordinator – (604) 856-6143
Contact: Tina Palmiere - Women's Coordinator – (604) 575-7357

