

St Charles Family Tournament

RULES AND REGULATIONS

In case of a printing error and/or omission on this registration form, the rules and regulations of the NSA (National SloPitch Athletic) rulebook will apply.

1. Open to any family without any restriction of residency. The person heading the team can use his family's relatives up to the 5th cousin, and his/her spouse relatives up to the 5th cousin. This includes the relatives on your husband's/wife's side of the family.

If a female player does not have family that plays in our tournament in the ladies' division, she will be allowed to play in the men's division at the discretion of the tournament committee. The female player will only be allowed to play in the men's division, if the men's team is her family and she is related to the person heading the men's team. Men will not be allowed to play in the ladies' division.

2. ADOPTED PLAYERS: You are allowed up to two (2) adopted players if required. The team is responsible to find their adopted player. In addition, you are allowed one additional adopted player. If he/she has played for 5 years with your team, they are now considered 'adopted' family. You are only allowed one adopted player to be considered family. This player will be subject to approval before he/she is allowed to be considered as permanent family.

3. Release Form: All players will be required to sign a release form before the start of their 1st game. Only players signing the release form will be allowed to play. Captains please advise your players of this. This sheet **MUST** be completed prior to your 1st game.

4. Any player, coach or anyone associated with the team, abusing the officials, and/or other players, could be thrown out of the game. The umpire chief & committee will rule after the game to determine if the player/coach is out of tournament, suspended and/or banned for the next game/ tournament.

5. It is the team's responsibility to check the board to see if their game has been rescheduled and or corrections made to another time due to rain or general corrections.

6. ALL TEAMS **must be ready to play 15 minutes before** their scheduled time. The captain is responsible for having his players on the field. If the team is not available to play their game 15 minutes before their schedule time, they will forfeit the game.

7. **No new inning will be started after the 50th minute mark.** Regular games cannot exceed 1 hour long but you must have at least four innings played. Captains make sure you are aware of the starting time of your game and verify the starting time of your game with the umpire.

8. Three (3) games will be guaranteed.

Semi-finals and Final games will be 7 complete innings.

If we cannot complete all games on Sunday, they will be completed on Monday

9. If after four (4) complete innings if the Home Team is winning and the game is called for time limit, the home Team WILL NOT play their last at bat. We only use the scores up to the 4th inning for runs for and against.
10. Pointing system for standings, the same as last year. (formula % for runs for and against).
11. Game can start with any number of players but you will be penalized 1 out for each player missing up to 10. No grace period is allowed as you can start a game with less than 10 players.
12. Courtesy runner will be accepted at the discretion of the umpire. Courtesy runner will be the last out.
13. A strike does not eliminate balls.
14. A batter can be walked automatically by telling the umpire. If you walk the designated home run hitter it is considered a home run.
15. For safety reasons, if a batter hits the ball and it hits the safety barrier in front of pitcher's mound, the batter will be automatically out.
16. First batter in each inning to hit a home run will be your designated home run batter for that inning. If any other player hits a home run in that inning they are declared OUT.
NEW 2017: There will be no more than 5 runs per inning per team, with the exception of the last inning which will be open
17. There will be a line between 3rd and home plate, it is called the commitment line. If runner passes this line, he /she is committed to run. If a runner touches home plate, he/she is out. Catcher is not to "tag" runner after commitment line.

If the catcher catches the ball while he/she is on home plate before runner passes the scoring line by the batter's box, the runner will be out. Catcher is not to "tag" the runner between scoring and commitment line. If the catcher "tags" the runner, the runner is "safe" and the catcher could be out of the game for unsportsmanlike conduct. The run will count.
The runner is not to touch home plate. The home plate belongs to the catcher. If runner touches home plate he/she is out. If the runner runs into the catcher, the runner could be out of the game for unsportsmanlike conduct. The run will not count.
18. All your players on the registration form can be on your batting line-up. One player can bat the first part of the game and then be substituted by another player sitting on the bench.
19. A player who is absent at the beginning of a game can be put on the batting line up but once you have reached his name-players name will be removed and not be permitted to enter the game except to bring the total to 10.
20. A pitcher will be allowed to switch during an inning at any time. If the relieving pitcher is from the bench, the pitcher that is being replaced has to go to the bench.
21. Players can be changed in and out of the field after every inning but not during the inning. The only exception will be for injury and the umpire feels that the injured player cannot continue to play.