

RULES FOR THE 2024 OGOPOGO SENIOR SLOPITCH TOURNAMENT

- 1) 2024 SPN rules to apply unless otherwise stated here. Some SPN rules are restated here for clarification.
- 2) **ALL participants must sign the waiver form and bring the completed form to the registration desk BEFORE playing your first game.** This can be downloaded from the tournament website, <https://www.ogopogoseniorslopitch.com>, under the SPN (Risk & Liability Banner.) Only players registered on the team roster PRIOR to the start of the tournament are eligible to play. A player may play for only one team in the tournament.
- 3) A team will be able to bring TWO players that are NO MORE than two years younger than the division the team is entered in. For example, a team entering in the 70's bracket of the tournament may have TWO players on their roster that would be 68 years old by December 31, 2024.
- 4) NO major or major plus teams will be allowed.
- 5) All ladies' teams will play with 11 players on defense. Ladies will use the smaller softball.
- 6) Mens 60's teams will play with 10 players on defense; while 65's, 70's, and 75's teams will play with 11 players on defense.
- 7) If a team plays down one division they will receive 5 runs (1 run per innings 2 through 6) and if a team plays down two divisions they will receive 10 runs (2 runs per innings 2 through 6).
- 8) Please turn scores (winning team to hand in scores of their game) into tournament officials that will be set up behind backstop of field #2.
- 9) NO infield warm-ups after the FIRST inning --- 3 warm up pitches each inning for pitchers -- let's keep the ball game moving along and get all seven innings in - thank you.
- 10) Batters will start with 1 ball and 1 strike count. Batter will have 1 foul ball to give with 2 strikes.
- 11) May use the "FLIP FLOP" rule "IF" the visiting team is ahead by 8 runs or more after 6 innings. No new innings will be started after 1 hour and 5 minutes.
- 12) FLIP A COIN before the start of each game to determine HOME TEAM for that game. Visitors team gets ½ run at the end of game. The ½ run rule will not apply in the event of a playoff format. Following round robin play, a coin flip will determine the home/visitor team.
- 13) Bats. Bats containing the SPN / ASA 2004 and/or USSSA thumb print (1.20) BFP stamp plus the Senior 1.21 bats are permitted.
- 14) Player and coach will be removed from the tournament for any use of illegal bats at any time during the game --- NO EXCEPTIONS --- our tournament committee believes in "FAIR PLAY".
- 15) Pitching arc is 6 to 12 feet.
- 16) A rubber strike mat will be used for all games.
- 17) HOME RUNS --- match plus TWO -- (3rd HOMER more than opponent will be an OUT).
- 18) Unlimited courtesy runners - a player may only be a courtesy runner ONCE per inning. All players listed on the game line-up card are eligible to be a courtesy runner. In the event a batter is unable to run from the batters box due to injury, a courtesy runner will be allowed to run from the backstop without limitation to the number of bases that he can advance, at his own risk.

- 19) Unlimited substitutions. All players may bat. If a player is injured during game; player can be removed from batting line up WITHOUT an automatic out being called.
- 20) Sliding is allowed in all divisions at the BASES; but NOT at HOME PLATE. NO tagging at home plate by the defense. A defensive player must touch home plate.
- 21) Maximum of FIVE runs per inning by a team. Unlimited runs in the OPEN inning.
- 22) TWELVE run mercy rule after 5 complete innings; OR 4 1/2 innings "if" HOME team is ahead by TWELVE or more runs. TEN run mercy rule after SIX.
- 23) Pitchers **MUST** wear protective face mask when on the pitching mound. Shin guards are strongly recommended.