

BOSTON PIZZA SLO PITCH LEAGUE

PLAYOFF RULES (2011)

THE LEAGUE WILL PLAY UNDER NSA RULES EXCEPT WHERE THEY CONFLICT WITH THE BOSTON PIZZA LEAGUE RULES AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE & MAJORITY VOTE OF TEAM REPRESENTATIVES.

TEAM LINE UP

EACH TEAM WILL HAVE A MINIMUM OF 8 PLAYERS TO START THE GAME (THEY MUST BE ON YOUR LEAGUE ROSTER!). A FULL LINE-UP WILL CONSIST OF 11 PLAYERS. A MINIMUM OF 4 WILL BE WOMEN AND ONE PLAYER WILL BE THE E.H. WHO WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN THE FIELD. IF A TEAM CAN ONLY FIELD 3 WOMEN, THEY CAN PLAY 6 MEN, BUT NO EH, THE FOURTH WOMAN WILL BE CONSIDERED AN AUTOMATIC OUT. THE EH SUBSTITUTION CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME, BUT FOUR WOMEN MUST REMAIN ON THE FIELD AT ALL TIMES. IF YOU START A GAME WITH AN EH, YOU MUST FINISH THE GAME WITH AN EH. YOU CANNOT ADD THE EH AFTER THE GAME HAS STARTED. A TEAM WILL RECEIVE A DEFAULT IF THEY HAVE LESS THAN THREE WOMEN AND/OR LESS THAN EIGHT PLAYERS TO START THE GAME.

GENERAL PLAY

GAMES ARE 7 INNINGS OR **1 HOUR AND 30 MINUTES LONG. DO NOT START A NEW INNING ONCE THE AIR HORN HAS BEEN SOUNDED. MAXIMUM OF 7 RUNS PER INNING** **NOTE: LAST INNING IS NOT OPEN!** 5 FULL INNINGS CONSTITUTES A COMPLETE GAME IF CALLED DUE TO RAIN OR LIGHT CONDITIONS.

THE BATTING TEAM WILL PROVIDE UMPIRES AT FIRST AND THIRD BASE **IF THERE IS NOT A CARDED UMPIRE AVAILABLE**. BASE UMPIRES ON FIRST AND THIRD WILL MAKE THE CALLS AT THEIR RESPECTIVE BASE; HOME PLATE UMPIRE WILL MAKE THE CALLS FOR SECOND AND HOME PLATE. GAMES TIED AFTER 7 INNINGS WILL USE INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER RULE (LAST PERSON AT BAT IN PREVIOUS INNING TO SECOND BASE, PLAY FULL INNING, WINNER AT THE END OF THE INNING WINS THE GAME). TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN A FIFTEEN-MINUTE GRACE PERIOD FROM SCHEDULED GAME TIME; IF YOU CANNOT FIELD A TEAM WITHIN THE FIFTEEN-MINUTE GRACE PERIOD THEN YOUR TEAM WILL RECEIVE A DEFAULT.

EQUIPMENT

THE LEAGUE WILL PROVIDE SCORE SHEETS AND GAME BALLS. YOU CAN GET THESE AT THE CONCESSION. THE WINNING TEAM MUST BRING THE WINNING SCORE SHEET TO THE CONCESSION SO THAT THE BOARD CAN BE UPDATED.

GENERAL RULES

1. ANY FOUR BALLS TO A MALE BATTER, HE GOES TO SECOND WITH A FEMALE BATTER FOLLOWING IN THE ORDER, ONE BASE WITH A MALE FOLLOWING IN THE ORDER.
2. LADIES CAN BUNT

3. **SCORING LINE = SAFE LINE AT HOME. FOR A RUNNER TO SCORE AT HOME THEY MUST CROSS THE SAFE LINE, THE CATCHER TAKES THE PLATE. IF THE RUNNER TOUCHES THE MAT, RUNNER IS OUT.**
4. NO LEAD-OFFS, THE BALL MUST MAKE CONTACT WITH THE BAT PRIOR TO THE RUNNER LEAVING THE BASE. LEAD-OFFS WILL RESULT IN THE RUNNER BEING CALLED OUT. NO STEALING BASES.
5. MERCY RULE APPLIES. IF A TEAM IS AHEAD BY 15 RUNS AFTER THE FIFTH INNING OR AHEAD BY 8 AFTER THE SIXTH INNING, THEY WIN.
6. 20 FOOT COMMITMENT LINE IS IN EFFECT
7. 6-12 FOOT ARC ON PITCHES, LETS BE FAIR ABOUT THIS PLEASE!
8. **INFIELD FLY RULE DOES NOT APPLY UNLESS A CARDED UMPIRE IS PRESENT.**
9. NO USE OF ILLEGAL BATS (LIST OF NSA APPROVED BATS IN THE BEER TENT). **THE JAK'D NEMESIS IS NOT LEGAL IN THIS LEAGUE.**
10. NO "FAKING THE TAG", IF ANY PLAYER ON YOUR TEAM IS CAUGHT DOING THIS, YOUR TEAM WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE PLAYOFFS! **ZERO TOLERANCE ON THIS RULE! IT IS A SAFETY ISSUE, NOBODY NEEDS TO GET HURT THIS WEEKEND FOLKS!**
11. THREE COURTESY RUNNERS PER GAME. YOU CANNOT USE THE SAME COURTESY RUNNER MORE THAN ONCE IN THE SAME GAME. PLAYER MUST BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO FIRST BASE.
12. NO SMOKING, DRINKING, BOTTLES OR/CANS ON THE PLAYING FIELD.
13. TEAMS AND/OR PLAYERS DEEMED UNSPORTSMANLIKE MAY BE EJECTED FROM THE TOURNAMENT/LEAGUE. ZERO TOLERANCE ON THIS RULE AS WELL!
14. UMPIRES RULING IS FINAL. DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR TO THE UMPIRES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND YOUR TEAM MAY BE EJECTED FROM THE PLAYOFFS AND/OR LEAGUE.
15. IF ANY PLAYER OR TEAM IS ABUSIVE IN ANY WAY TOWARD THE VOLUNTEERS OF THIS FUNCTION, THEY AND THEIR TEAM MAY BE EJECTED FROM THE PLAYOFFS.
16. NO EXPOSED JEWELRY, PLEASE REMOVE ALL JEWELRY OR TAPE TO COVER.
17. IF A TEAM IS USING "ILLEGAL PLAYERS" DURING PLAYOFFS AND A TEAM CONTESTS A WIN AGAINST YOU, YOU LOSE, NO DISCUSSION. YOU ARE ONLY TO HAVE PLAYERS WHO ARE ON YOUR ROSTER ON THE FIELD THIS WEEKEND.
18. NO BEER COOLERS OR OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE DIAMONDS. WE ARE PROVIDING A BEER GARDEN.