

Barrie Recreational Evening Co-Ed Slo-Pitch (BRECS)

League Rules 2023

(Updated - April 2023)

- 1. Game Times:** Starting times will be 6:45 pm and 8:00 pm and 9:15 pm.
- 2. Grace Period:** There will be a 10-minute grace period. If a team has 9 players (minimum of 4 girls), the game **WILL START**. Otherwise the teams have 10 minutes to field 9 players. The grace period time will be subtracted from the actual game time.
- 3. Uniforms:** Each player participating in the game **MUST** have a proper team shirt, crested and numbered. The Umpire will enforce this rule prior to the start of the game. There are no other options unless an exemption has been granted in writing by the Executive. Teams must comply by the first game in June.
*** Coaches should order and carry two extra team shirts, if possible.
- 4. Length of Games:** Each game will be a maximum of 7 innings with no new inning to start after **ONE HOUR and 5 MINUTES! Umps have teams record start time.**
- 5. Starting Games:** A team may start with 9 players (at least 4 girls). If the 10th player shows up before his/her turn at bat, he/she may bat. If not, he/she may play defense and may be substituted into batting order. **There is no automatic out for a missing 10th player. **Re-Entry Rule may be used (as SPN) **** Any use of a non league player in a scheduled game, will result in that player being expelled from the league. The team rep or individual acting in that capacity for the game and who has signed the game roster form, will also be expelled from the game and for the remainder of the season.
- 6. Players - Each team will field 5 males and 5 females. Although SPN allows teams to field 6 males and 4 females, BRECS has remained with the 5 and 5 standard. A team can field up to 7 females with 3 males but can only have a maximum of 5 males on the field.**
- 7. Use of League players:** As vacation season may cause teams to be short players on any given game night, teams will be allowed to pick up **one to three** players from other teams within our League (either the Tuesday or Thursday divisions) to field a team of 9 players.
If a player is added the night of the game and is not on that team's roster, that player is not covered by insurance through SPN.
The 10th is NOT an automatic out. A team may do this a maximum of **3 times** in the season and roster cards must note this use of a player from another team so it can be

tracked on the League website. Should a team exceed the 3 game limit, they will be fined **\$25** and the game will be recorded as a forfeit. The use of players from another team within our League to field a team will also apply for playoffs if Executive approval has been received.

8. Batting Order:

- Teams will be allowed to bat an unlimited amount to a maximum of 20 players. If more females that is okay. If extra males – all may bat provided females alternate after each male.
- **Line-up Cards – VERY IMPORTANT** - All line-up cards must be filled out completely and correctly. Cards maintained by the Umpire is the official copy and the umpires will turn the cards into the Executive.
 - a) Put all guys' names at the top (in their batting order), then below, all the girls' names (in their batting order).
 - b) Must be the official cards only – provided by League
 - c) Must have first name, last name & number for all players
 - d) The official cards will be provided by the League.
- Should a player leave the game for *ANY REASON*, then that position in the batting order will be an **AUTOMATIC OUT**. Unless proper substitution is made to a **MINIMUM of 9 PLAYERS**.
- **UNLIMITED DEFENSE** – any starter or sub on the line-up card may play defense
- **Maximum runs per inning will be 6 runs** except for the last inning declared by the umpire which shall be an open inning.
- **MERCY RULE** - If a team is winning by 12 or more runs anytime after 5 innings (4 ½ innings if home team is winning) then the game is over.

9. Rainouts: All teams are expected to show up to the park (unless team contact is contacted by the EXECUTIVE **by 5:30 pm**). Rainouts will be called at the park at game time. *If 6:45 game is cancelled ALL games for the evening are cancelled.* Once started, the plate umpire will decide if the game is to be rained out. The lineup cards must be signed by both teams and the umpire to credit players with a game of eligibility in event of a rainout. Rained-out games or incomplete games may be re-scheduled by the SCHEDULER where possible!

10. Eligibility: Line-up cards **MUST** be exchanged and made available to the umpire before the start of the game. Any additions (once game has started) must be done through the umpire. To play in the Yearend playoff tournament each player must play in 5 games or 25% of the games played by their team.

11. Infield & Outfield Positioning: Infielders must stay behind the baselines until the ball is hit. Similarly the outfielders must stay behind the **175 foot** distance till the

ball is hit. 175' Rule applies here

12. Base Running:

- The Scoring Line and Commitment Line (SPN) will be used. NO TAGGING at home plate (force out)
 - Sliding is allowed at all bases except "home plate"!
 - ***SAFETY IS OUR #1 CONCERN !!***
 - ANTICIPATION STEP is allowed once ball has crossed home plate.
 - A 24"x45" white wooden board covering home plate and a 6-12 foot arc will be used as the strike zone.
- If the ball hits any part of the board it is a strike.

13. Courtesy Runners: Total of 3 per game – male for male & female for female. Same Courtesy Runner may only be used ONCE per game.

14. Ball hit to field: If an outfielder on the defensive team is the first person to play a hit ball, they cannot throw to first base or relay it to make the play at first. Once the batter rounds 1st base, the outfielder can throw to first and a play can be made on the now base runner. Should an infielder be positioned in a defensive position other than the normal location i.e. shortstop plays behind and between the second and first base person and in front of the 175 foot distance then said player is still considered an infielder and can make a throw to first on a batted ball he/she fields.

15. Scoring: The league will only record scores by a maximum of +/- 7. This will be the same as SPN Tournament Rules.

16. Walk Rule: Any batter, male or female, walked INTENTIONALLY or otherwise on 4 pitches are awarded 1st and 2nd base. If Male batter then next female MUST BAT!!

17. Jewelry/Blood/Pregnancy Rule: All jewelry is subject to the umpires judgment as to whether it creates an obvious hazard. Players could be requested by the umpire to remove such jewelry. The rule on Pregnancy has changed allowing pregnant players to now play. Player does so at her own discretion and neither SPN nor BRECS can be held liable should any injury or harm be incurred.

18. Home Run Rule: One home run (over the fence) per team per game. All others are recorded as an **OUT!** Batters must run bases for run to count.

19. Batting - All batters begin with a count of 0/0 (Zero "0" Stikes and Zero "0" Balls).

20. Players - Can only be registered and play on one team per night. Players can not be registered as full time players on 2 or more teams that play on the same night.