

Salmon Arm Mixed Slopitch League

FALL BALL RULES

(Alterations from Spring League)
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1. TEAM RULE: A team may field 9 players with the 9th or 10th batting position (depending on the gender of the missing player) being automatic out. When the 10th player arrives, they may assume their spot in the batting order. An automatic out cannot be the 3rd out of the inning. Should the 'auto-out' come up in a 3rd out situation then you would skip it and continue to the next batter in the order.

2. INNING RULE: The game will consist of 7 innings. A game may be called after 5 innings if weather, daylight, or time is an issue. If teams agree to call the game in between an inning, the last completed inning determines the final score.

3. BASE RUNNING: You must touch all of the bases when running past them, or stop on the base when not advancing. If you over run you may be put out. The exception is at home plate – the no-touch home plate line is in effect.

4. SLIDING AND TAGGING: Sliding and tagging are permitted. Tagging is permitted at any time, and you must tag a runner on a non-force play for an out. You may slide at 2nd base and 3rd base, and may slide back to 1st base.

5. BUNTING: Females are allowed to bunt.

6. 10th BATTER RULE: Maximum 10 batters, or 3 outs, per inning – no open inning. The 10th batter cannot be walked, and runners do not advance on ball 4. If there are less than two out, the ball must be thrown home. When the 10th batter comes up with two out they may be put out, or any runners on base may be put out, in the normal manner.

7. LEADING OFF / “ANTICIPATION”: Baserunner are out if they fail to keep contact with the base to which they are entitled, until a pitched ball has reached or passed or bounced in front of the home plate / strike mat or is batted. Baserunners who have left the base legally (after a pitched ball has bounced in front of, reached or passed the home plate / strike mat) but the ball has not been hit, are not declared out but must immediately return to their base and the ball is dead.

All other rules from Spring League