



55+ BC Games

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Slo Pitch

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1. Age Categories:

- (a) Women **55 + Competitive**
- (b) Women **55 + Recreational**
- (c) Men 55 to 59
- (d) Men 60 to 64
- (e) Men 65 to 69
- (f) Men 70 +
- (g) Mixed 55 + (mixed teams must have a minimum of 3 women and a
- (h) Mixed 65+ minimum of 3 men on the field)

2. Events: Men's, Women's and Mixed

3. Participation:

- (a) **The women may send a total of 3 teams per zone regardless of category.**
- (b) Each Zone may send one team per age category for men and mixed to a total of **six** teams per Zone. If an age category has no team, it can be replaced with another age category, to no more than three teams in any age category. A team must register a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 16. Teams may also nominate a non-playing Coach and/or Manager.
- (c) All participants must have photo ID with proof of age.

4. Competition:

The Round Robin draw and Games schedule will be available at least one week prior to accreditation day. Each participant will have a Games schedule in their accreditation package.

- (a) Team Makeup:
 - (1) For (c) (d) and (g) age category teams, there will be 10 players on the field with unlimited batters in the batting line up. All other age category teams will field 11 players with unlimited batters in the batting line up.
 - (2) Under no circumstances will a team be allowed to play with less than 9 players. In such a case the game will be forfeited.
- (b) Tournament Makeup:
 - Men's Competition
 - (1) If 7 teams or less enter the competition, the tournament will be a complete Round Robin format, in one division. Medals will be determined with the first and second place

teams playing for Gold and Silver, and the third and fourth place teams playing for Bronze.

- (2) If more than 7 teams enter the competition, there will be two divisions, "A" and "B". Each division will play a complete Round Robin format. The first and second place teams in each division will play off for Gold and Silver, and the third and fourth place teams will play off for Bronze.
- (3) Divisions will be chosen by the previous year's results. "A" will be the top teams of the previous year and "B" will be all new teams and the bottom teams of last year.

Women's Competition

If fewer than four teams enter a category, there will be exhibition games to make a satisfactory schedule, but those games will not count in the final standings. All exhibition games must be played. In these games the **55+ Recreational Division** team will receive one run per inning for the first five innings.

Mixed Competition

In the batting lineup, there will be unlimited batters, but no more than three males in a row. When women are at the bat, the yellow 11 inch COR 44 ball will be used.

For teams in all categories:

- (1) In the event of a tie after the complete Round Robin has been played, (assuming all tied teams have played each other) the winner (placement for medal rounds) will be decided:
 1. If necessary, win/loss record between the tied teams
 2. If necessary, plus/minus for wins and losses. Plus 7 maximum for win.
 3. If necessary, actual score plus/minus differential
 4. If necessary, total runs scored
 5. If necessary, total runs allowed
 6. If the tie still remains, there shall be a head to head competition to determine placements.
- (2) Each team should play no more than two games per day, unless scheduling requires three.
- (3) Team names and Zone numbers will be posted on all draws.

(c) Playing Rules:

- (1) Slo-Pitch National (SPN) Rules will be followed, including those that apply to approved bats and balls. A yellow 12 inch COR 44 ball will be used for Men's competition, a yellow 11 inch COR 44 ball will be used for Women's competition and in Mixed, and both will be used according to the gender of the batter.
- (2) The strike mat will be 24" x 36" and cover all of home plate. Any pitch of proper height hitting the mat is a strike.
- (3) The pitching distance is 24 inches wide and 50-65 feet from home plate.
- (4) No base stealing
- (5) The batter will be called out on a third strike foul.
- (6) Length of the game shall be 7 innings if time allows. At 65 minutes from the start time, complete the inning being played and play one more.
- (7) There will be a 5 run maximum rule except for the final inning(s) which shall be open.

- (8) A 15 run "mercy" rule shall be in effect after five innings (4 ½ if the "home" team is ahead).
- (9) Batters must get to 1st base before a courtesy runner is allowed. All categories may have unlimited runners. A courtesy runner may be assigned to run no more than once per inning. A courtesy runner must be a player listed on the line up sheet.
- (10) Bunting is not permitted.
- (11) Bases shall be 65 feet apart for all categories.
- (12) No tagging allowed between the commitment line and home plate.
- (13) Players must wear a visible number, a minimum of four inches in height, on the uniform, with no two numbers the same. Metal cleats are not allowed. Helmets are optional.
- (14) There will be two umpires for medal games, and one umpire for Round Robin games.
- (15) No sliding is permitted when advancing to a base and any players so sliding will be called "out". A player may slide or dive in returning to a base.
- (16) **A no collision rule will be used. A runner will be called out for contact with a defensive player if, in the umpire's judgement, the contact was deliberate or if the runner could reasonably have been expected to avoid contact.**

5. Medals:

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to all players, coaches, and managers on the top three teams in each category.