

## **SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL**

### **(TEAM EVENT) OPEN**

The 55 Plus Games will follow the rules as outlined by the Manitoba Senior Slo-Pitch Tournament League. Slo-Pitch schedule/team divisions will be created with assistance from representatives from the Manitoba Senior Slo-Pitch Tournament League.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Participants do not have to qualify through regional play-offs. Entries may be sent directly to the AAIM Games office. Entry forms may be obtained from the office or website.

#### **CLASSIFICATION**

**Division 55+:** Open to women age 50+ by Dec.31<sup>st</sup> and men age 55+ by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year who are residents of Manitoba. Teams will be seeded into up to three pools, an 'A', 'B' or 'C' pool, dependent on the number of entries. Teams will be asked to indicate a preference as to which pool they wish to play in. However, the Games Coordinator with the help of the Senior Slo-Pitch League executive have the final decision on what pool a team will play in, in order to balance pools and competition. Any changes will be made in consultation with affected teams.

**Division 65+:** Open to men age 65+ and women 55+ by Dec.31<sup>st</sup> of the current year who are residents of Manitoba. Team may be seeded into up to two pools, an 'A' or 'B' pool, dependent on the number of entries. Teams will be asked to indicate a preference as to which pool they wish to play in. However, the Games Coordinator with the help of the Senior Slo-Pitch League executive have the final decision on what pool a team will play in, in order to balance pools and competition. Any changes will be made in consultation with affected teams.

**All Divisions:** Each team will be allowed to register up to 20 players, a coach and/or manager may also be identified on the roster and can play if listed on players roster. Each team must have 1 woman on the roster and 1 woman on the field at all times.

**MINIMUM # OF ENTRIES RECOMMENDED:** 10 Teams.

## ENTRIES

All entries must be submitted on an official registration form with registration fees to the AAIM Games office by the registration deadline. Entry forms may be obtained from the office or website.

## OFFICIALS

Umpires will be provided by AAIM for each game.

## EQUIPMENT

Players are required to bring their own gloves and bats. Bases and balls will be provided by the Host Community.

## TOURNAMENT DRAW

A round robin or two division round robin will be played in each tournament, depending on the number of entries. If a two division round robin is played there will be a straight play-off. The tournament draw is left to the discretion of the Event Chair based on the number of entries in each division.

### TWO DIVISION ROUND ROBIN

Play-off Elimination Draw:

First in Pool A vs. second in Pool B

First in Pool B vs. second in Pool A

The winners from this will go on to play a game to determine first and second place.

The losing teams will play a game to determine third place.

### SINGLE DIVISION ROUND ROBIN: (7 teams or less per category)

The top three teams will play-off (round robin) to determine first, second, and third place.

Note: If for any reason, the tournament cannot be completed, awards will be awarded on the basis of the standings at that time as determined by the Event Chair.

## TIE BREAKING SYSTEM

1. **GAME:** If a game is tied at the end of 6 innings the teams will play an extra inning to break the tie. If still tied, the scores at the end of the fifth inning will be compared. The leading team will be declared the winner. If still tied, compare scores at the end of the fourth, third, etc. until a winner can be determined.
2. **DIVISION STANDINGS:** In the event two teams are tied in division standings, the winner of the previous meeting will advance unless there's sufficient time to play it off. If more than two teams are tied within a division, three one inning games shall determine the division winner.
3. **FINAL GAMES:** In the event two teams are tied at the end of 6 innings, the teams will play extra innings until the tie is broken.

## AWARDS

Gold, silver, and bronze team plaques will be awarded for first, second, and third place respectively. Team plaques will be presented immediately following the event or at a central location at a predetermined time.