OFFICIAL RULES OF THE TOTAL RY-TOF SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT - 2026

THERE WILL BE A PROTEST COMMITTEE IN PLACE. PROTESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH A$150.00 PROTEST FEE. IF A PROTEST IS FOUND TO BE INVALID, THIS FEE WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.

1. Only players listed on the Team Roster and waiver agreement may play in Tournament. **The Roster must be submitted to Tournament headquarters PRIOR to the start of your second game.** The Roster must not consist of more than 20 players and a player may only be on one Roster for the Tournament, and therefore can only play for one team.

2. **BATTING ORDER - PLEASE READ!!**
   - **The Batting order shall consist of a min 10 batters (max 6 males) but may have up to 2 extra batters of which only 1 may be male. If you are using a 7th male batter he must bat in the 11 or 12th spot in the batting order.**
   - **The players in the starting line-up may be substituted for and may subsequently be re-entered once. A starting player, if re-entered, must occupy the same position in the batting order. The starting player and the substitute cannot be in the line-up at the same time. Example… Greg starts in the batting order and is replaced by Wade. Greg can only re-enter for Wade. Wade can only re-enter for Greg. So each player is allowed one re-enter but only in the original spot.**
   - **A male cannot enter for female and a female cannot enter for a male.**
   - **A player is not required to bat before playing defensively or vice-versa.**
   - **If a batter cannot bat when it is their turn and there is no player available who can legally substitute, then there will be an Auto Out**
   - **Under NO circumstances can you skip over a batter to another batter without there being an Auto Out recorded.**
   - **You can play or start a game with 9 players provided there are at least 3 females but again you will take an Auto Out when the 10th batting position is due up.**
   - **When making substitutions inform the umpire and the other team.**

2. **UMPIRES: The winning team must provide two (2) umpires for the game scheduled on the diamond immediately after their game is played during Round Robin play**. These people will be volunteering their time so that you can enjoy yourselves. Good sportsmanship, on and off the field, is appreciated. **Sanctioned umpires will be provided for all games on Monday.**

3. ** **Pitcher /Catcher** – Can be any combination. Male or Female at either or both positions.

4. ** **Trapper Gloves:** Only the catcher, pitcher and the first baseman may use trappers. Multi-colored gloves are acceptable for all players, including the pitcher

5. We will be using a board, rather than a called strike zone. If a pitched ball has between a 6 and 12 foot arc, and hits the board ... STRIKE. All plays at home will be forced plays (we are using the commitment line). We will be using a scoring line at home plate. Some portion of the runners lead foot must touch down first across the line to be considered safe. A runner MUST NOT step on the board when coming home, or they will be OUT.

6. If a player makes contact with the ball, while in contact with the board, he/she shall be called OUT.
   The Board is live. If a ball is hit and hits the board it is considered fair if …
   1. ***It stops or is touched by a defensive player in fair territory***
   2. ***It stops on or is touching the board even if the ball is in foul territory. If the ball is on or touching the board and it is picked up by a defensive player the ball is fair.***

7. No Anticipation. Runner on base may advance only on contact. All lead-offs are OUTS.

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8. All walks to men on four (4) pitches will be a TWO BASE AWARD. If a female follows him in the batting order, she has the option to go to first base, or to hit. If the next batter is a man, HE MUST BAT.

9. A maximum of three (3) home runs per team, per game. Any home run after this is an automatic OUT. NOTE: "FOUR BASE AWARD" – a fair batted fly-ball is deflected over the fence by a defensive player. Four Base Award is NOT counted as a home run.

10. All Round Robin games have a maximum time limit of ONE HOUR AND TWENTY MINUTES. No new inning shall be started after this time limit is reached. Playoff games will have no time limit. 5 minute grace period for all games!

11. **For all playoff games (Monday) the higher ranked team shall have choice of batting or fielding.**

12. The maximum number of runs per team is seven per inning, except in the seventh inning which is open. During Round Robin, the 7th inning must be completed if the home team wants to try to achieve a 10 run differential. There will be a twelve (12) run mercy rule in effect any time after 5 or 6 complete innings.

13. Round Robin games CAN result in a tie. However, there can be NO TIE GAMES IN THE PLAYOFFS. After the time limit has been reached, and the game is still tied, international rules govern. The player before the next scheduled batter is placed on second base, with ONE "OUT", and the inning is played out. This is continued until a winner is decided.

14. **ALL BALLS HIT OUT OF THE PARK BY YOUR TEAM (fair or foul) MUST BE RETRIEVED BY YOUR TEAM.**

15. **NO BUNTING** is permitted in the Tournament.

16. The batter must get to first base **on their own**. Unlimited courtesy runners but must be of same gender.

17. **Pregnant women** are not be permitted to play in the Total Ry-Tof Tournament.

18. **All players in this tournament MUST be 16 years of age and older**.

19. **N.S.A. rules apply in all other cases**. The Tournament Committee shall be the final authority in all cases.

Approved bats in this tournament …… MUST have at least one of these symbols. NO EXCEPTIONS