

# **DURHAM CO-ED SLO-PITCH ASSOCIATION**

## **BY-LAWS**

### **BY-LAW 1 – MEMBERSHIP**

- a) The deadline date for team entries shall be set each year, at the first meeting, by the league.
- b) All affiliated teams MUST at all times comply with the rules and regulations of the Durham Co-ed Slo-Pitch Association.
- c) All players playing on teams affiliated with this Association MUST be registered before participating in any games. The deadline date for players will be set at the first meeting by the league. Copies of all team reps and alternates shall be given to all team representatives.

N.B. A player can be registered on one team only within the league at any given time.

- d) For a player to be eligible for the playoffs, that player must be registered with the league by the date set in section 1c).

### **BY-LAW 2 – FEES**

- a) The annual membership fees of each team shall be determined at the first meeting of the season. Date for payment shall be set by the league and divided into 3 installments. These payments will be in the form of cash, money orders, or 1 team cheque if from a company or certified cheque. Payments are not refundable if a teams decides to back out of their commitment to the Association
- b) All outstanding funds owing to the Durham Co-ed Slo-Pitch Association by any team must be paid in full within 14 days of notification by the Treasurer or Executive member of such debt. If not paid within this time, punitive action will be taken by the Durham Co-ed Slo-Pitch Association Executive.

### **BY-LAW 3 – SEASON SCHEDULE**

- a) The league Executive will decide the type of schedule and number of games based on the number of teams registered and also the number of weeks available to play. It will be pre-determined which team will be home and visitor.

- b) Before the season playing begins, each team rep will receive a season playing schedule and required number of new balls.
- c) One new ball is to be provided by the home team, and one good second ball approved by the umpire is to be provided by the visitor team before each game begins.

#### **BY-LAW 4 – CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- a) The league Executive will decide the type of schedule and playoff format for the championships which will be based on the number of teams which qualify to participate, the dates available, and the most opportune time to benefit financially, etc.

#### **BY-LAW 5 – PROTESTS**

- a) Protests arising out of any games must be made to the President in written form within 48 hours after the protested game. A copy of the score sheet is also to be provided with the letter and the umpire must mark on the score sheet when the protest took place. The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$75.00. Such protests shall be handled by the Protest Committee. Should the protest be upheld the \$75.00 will be refunded.
- b) Any member of the Protest Committee that is involved in any form of protest shall not be involved with the Protest Committee over that particular protest.

#### **BY-LAW 6 – SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

Any member of this Association who violates this Constitution and By laws or refuses to abide by any decisions passed by this body, shall be subject to penalties at the discretion of the Association.

- a) Playing with a player who is not registered or permitting improper conduct by its players or officers during any game are also causes for ejection and/or suspension. Improper conduct at the park before or after league games will also result in ejections and/or suspensions. Altering rules to benefit a team or player may also result in ejections and/or suspension.
- b) Ejections & Suspensions may consist of the following:
  - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> offense – 1 game suspension
  - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – 3 game suspension
  - 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – suspended for the balance of the season

4. Depending on the circumstances the above may be surpassed and suspension may be warranted

The final decision will be at the discretion of the executive depending on the offense.

- c) A penalized member will be notified through proper channels of his/her penalty by the Executive. Such member has the right appeal within 48 hours of receipt of notice. Said appeal must be in writing to the Executive.

#### **BY-LAW 7 – APPOINTMENT OF UMPIRES**

The league Executive will handle the arrangements with the umpires of the regular league games and the playoffs.

- a) The umpires will receive a copy of the Constitution and By-laws, and the Rules and Regulations of the Durham Co-ed Slo-Pitch Association.
- b) At no time what so ever shall an umpire be approached by any player or spectator during a game to discuss any rules or regulations unless you are playing in that game. Only the coaches or team reps should be approaching umpires, and only one per team, to cause less of a conflict.
- c) Any protests must be written on the score sheets and the umpire may be requested to come speak with the protest committee.
- d) The Umpire fees for all scheduled games will be agreed upon by both the head umpire and the Executive.

#### **BY-LAW 8 – SPECIAL EVENTS**

Special events such as the mid-season tournament, league playoffs, year end banquet, etc., will be handled by the league Executive and the league Representatives.

#### **BY-LAW 9 – FINES FOR MISSED MEETINGS**

Every team in the league MUST have a representative at all scheduled league meetings. Failure to do so will result in a \$10.00 fine being levied against that team. This fine or accumulation of fines MUST be paid in full before the playoffs or the team will not be eligible to play in the playoffs.