

So you want to start a Slo-Pitch team. There are a few things you need to know to get you started. This guide aims to answer your questions and get you properly prepared for the upcoming season.

Welcome to Squamish Slo Pitch. We are a co-ed slo-pitch league run by an executive board of volunteers. Our season runs from April to July for Spring and August to October for Fall (optional). As a league we run 4 tournaments as well as hold one or two privately organised tournaments. We have three divisions (A,B,C), new teams always start in C and work their way up. To start a new team, you must first contact the league to notify us of your intentions.

Our league email is squamishslopitch@gmail.com

Website: <http://squamish-slopitch.com/>

Facebook: Squamish Slo Pitch

If you are looking to join an existing team, please join our facebook page. Pinned to the top of the page is a form that you can fill out so that coaches looking for players can contact you.

How much are team league fees?

The league fees for the 2020 season are **\$1,200.00** per team plus a \$250 performance bond. The \$250 performance bond is refundable (minus any fines for infractions) at the SSPA annual general meeting or may be carried over to the next year.

Individual player fees are different for all teams, depending on each team's fundraising, tournament play, and sponsorship.

What do league fees include?

Your team's league fees include; 20 league games, league playoff tournament in July, Yearly Umpire clinic, SPN carded umpires, and SPN registration and insurance. **You must be registered with SPN-BC to have insurance.**

What fields do we play at?

SSPA plays at Hendrickson Park fields and Brennan Park Centennial Fields.

What days of the week do we play on?

Our allotments are Sunday to Friday (No games on Saturdays).

Game times are: Monday to Friday at 6:45 pm and 8:15 pm

· Sundays at 11:30am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30pm and 7:00pm

Our league is run by an elected group of volunteers who all play on teams in the league. Most positions run a 2 year span and the positions are elected at the annual general meeting (AGM).

On our website you will find important dates for meetings. Every team is required to send two representatives to each meeting. Your team will be fined if no one attends and that fine will be added to your league fees. At these meetings you will receive valuable information about the upcoming season, rule changes, league changes and umpire updates. You will get the dates and cost of league fees as well.

On the website you will also find the master schedule, standings and a list of team contacts. If you need to **cancel a game**, you must email the league and the other teams contact UNLESS it is the same day, in which case you must text the Umpire allocator and make direct contact with the other team.

There is an umpire clinic that runs every April. The cost of the clinic is already in your league fees and it is very important that someone from your team attends. You do not have to volunteer as an umpire, however the clinic provides a deeper insight into the rules surrounding the game and is an invaluable experience for everyone who attends. If you do want to volunteer to be an umpire, that's even better! Plus we pay you for it! Please speak to **Daryl** for more information on that. (You'll meet Daryl when you come to the clinic).

Equipment Required

Our local Source for Sports sells all the equipment you need and they usually offer a discount for our league. Items generally supplied by the team:

- SPN approved softball bats
- Helmets in various sizes
- Bases for when your team plays at B5
- Pitchers mask
- Hot Dot soft balls
- Score cards and line up cards

All players need their own glove and it is HIGHLY recommended that everyone wear grass cleats. Batters must wear a helmet at all times, as well, the pitcher must wear a mask while pitching. Teams supply bats, but players often have their own as well.

Bases are required only when playing on B5 (Brennan Park field 5) and the home team supplies the bases for that game.

Many teams have local sponsors that help with equipment and league fees in return for a logo on your jersey or a commitment of patronage to the business. Jerseys are not mandatory and are up to the discretion of the team.

Any additional questions can be answered by emailing the executive at squamishslopeitch@gmail.com