

Edmonton 45/50+ Slo-Pitch

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1 Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics

- 1.1 All slo-pitch participants are expected to, at all times, display respect for the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, coaches, officials, other volunteers, media, friends, and spectators and to treat everyone respectfully, regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- 1.2 No ESSPA League Member or Fan:
 - 1.2.1. will conduct themselves in behavior contrary to this code both on and off the field.
 - 1.2.2. will cause any form of personal abuse, including verbal, physical and emotional abuse, towards other athletes, officials, host personnel, spectators and others.
 - 1.2.3. will refuse to abide by an official's decision, threaten an official, or at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or make incidental physical contact with the body or kick dirt or other matter on the official or attempt to cause physical contact when disputing a decision. This includes causing or attempting to cause physical contact another participant at any "ESSPA" game or tournament.
 - 1.2.4. will make any disparaging remarks or actions towards other athletes, officials, host personnel, spectators and others.
 - 1.2.5. will react in a violent manner to any incident nor use any form of profane, vulgar, obscene or abusive language or gestures, whether it is directed at an official, opponent, playing colleague, team official, tournament official or spectator. Neither will they tolerate profane, vulgar, obscene or abusive language or gestures from any supporters and other members of their team.
 - 1.2.6. will use intimidating or threatening behavior towards officials, opponents, playing colleagues, team officials, tournament personnel or spectators nor will they condone any other's activity that openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass, or threaten an official.
 - 1.2.7. will make objectionable demonstrations by throwing bats, gloves or other equipment in a forceful manner.
 - 1.2.8. will discuss publicly with participants and spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner any decision by the officials or any opinions of players.
 - 1.2.9. will cause the destruction of property belonging to others.
 - 1.2.10. will use any intoxicating substances during the course of the game, or appear to be in an intoxicated condition.
 - 1.2.11. will harass, heckle, insult, jeer, or use verbal tactics to embarrass or insult an association representative, employee or other participant at the site before, during or after a game.
 - 1.2.12. will use any improper and unapproved equipment.
 - 1.2.13. will give false or misleading information or fail to cooperate with a legitimate request from an ESSPA official in the discharge of his/her official duties.
 - 1.2.14. will when requested by the game official, refuse to assist him/her in the enforcement of this Code of Conduct and the control of players making threats.
 - 1.2.15. will engage in a verbal attack upon an official or other participant or spectator after they

have been ejected from a game or make a verbal threat of physical violence upon an official.

- 1.2.16. shall incur Non-payment of team-incurred debts.
- 1.2.17. shall fail to provide current team accident and liability insurance coverage forms.
- 1.2.18. shall play under an assumed name
- 1.2.19. shall falsify an official ESSPA document.
- 1.2.20. shall write checks with non-sufficient funds or account closed checks to an ESSPA official, umpire, member team, individual or business.
- 1.2.21. shall commit acts of fraud perpetrated against an ESSPA official, team or individual.
- 1.2.22. shall commit acts of larceny perpetrated against an ESSPA official, team or individual.
- 1.2.23. shall use any ESSPA logos or trademarks without express permission.
- 1.2.24. shall commit any acts that are contrary to the objectives and purposes of ESSPA.
- 1.2.25. shall compete with or against individuals or teams who are disqualified from ESSPA play.
- 1.2.26. shall commit any other acts of disqualification as listed in ESSPA Code.

1.3 **Penalties:** Violation of any of the above may result in suspension or disqualification.

2 CHOPPING/BUNTING

2.1 A batter is out when he “bunts” or “chops down” on the ball.

3 CALLED GAME

3.1 **For league Round-Robin games, no inning shall start later than TEN MINUTES before the start of the next scheduled game.**

4 COMMITMENT LINE

4.1 Once a runner coming home touches or crosses the “commitment line” (20 feet from home plate) he/she must continue to the “scoring plate”, otherwise he/she is out.

5 COURTESY RUNNER/S

5.1 Cuthbertson Division / “AA” Division

5.1.1. Courtesy runners shall follow the “SPN” rules. Maximum of seven (7) per game and the same runner only run once (1) per game.

5.2 Hirsch Division

5.2.1. Each courtesy runner can only run twice (2) per game.

5.2.2. A courtesy runner may be used to replace the batter that has just reached a base. Special allowance for injured members may be requested from the opposing manager to allow a courtesy runner from home plate as per the Brawler rule.