

# VALLEY MEN'S SLO-PITCH

## **Name of Organization**

Valley Men's slo-pitch League

## **Objectives**

- To Foster and improve Slo-Pitch in Valley East with a view to providing a recreational Facility for men in the Valley
- To promote a spirit of good sportsmanship in team activity, while keeping in mind a good moral and physical well being
- To establish and Maintain a set of uniform playing rules for playing the game of slo-pitch
- To institute and regulate competition for the league

## **Membership**

Membership in this league shall be made up of persons who agree to abide by the constitution and playing rules of the league and organizations affiliated with the league. Membership/league Fees shall be determined every year by examining the cost of operating the association and the league

## **The Executive Committee**

- **Commissioner**
- **Up to 3 Advisors**
- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **Statistician**

**Commissioner:** The commissioner shall be the head of the association and shall preside at all meetings of the executive board. He shall have a vote on all matters but shall not exercise such a vote except to solve a tie vote. He shall appoint committees in the best interest of the league in order for it to continue to operate at the highest efficiency possible. He shall supervise all activities given to the committee.

**1<sup>st</sup> Advisor:** Shall replace the commissioner in his absence. He shall have one vote on all executive decisions.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Advisor:** Shall replace the 1<sup>st</sup> advisor in his absence. He shall have one vote on all executive decisions.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Advisor:** Shall replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> advisor in his absence. He shall have one vote on all executive decisions.

**Treasurer:** Shall keep accurate record of all money coming in and going out of the association. He must prepare a financial report for all functions and report them to the meetings. He shall give monthly reports. He shall have one vote on all executive decisions.

**Secretary:** Shall record minutes of all meetings and prepare the minutes for the meetings. He shall have one vote on all executive decisions.

**Statistician:** Shall record all data pertaining to the wins and losses of each team and the players present at each game to the website.

**Team Managers:** Every team will have one Manager and a secondary contact that will be responsible to field a team for the season. (Maximum 24 Players). The manager is also responsible for the collection of all league fees from their team. The manager is responsible to attend all league meetings or to designate someone to attend. The manager will also ensure that his players abide by the constitution and all league rules.

## **Section 1:**

- **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the committee is November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> of the succeeding year.

## **Section 2:**

- **Voting procedures:** All votes will be decided by a Majority vote. In Case of a tie the commissioner will vote to break a tie.

## **Section 3:**

- **Conflict of Interest:** When dealing with his own team in any matter before the executive, that member of the executive shall have no vote but may speak and provide information.

## **Section 4:**

- **Amendments:** All rule changes can only be done by 51% of the representatives and committee present at the meeting

## **Section 5:**

- **Team Standards:** All Teams must conduct themselves as a team and meet league standards. If a team does not meet these standards, the team could face ejection from the league. After forfeiting a third game, the team at fault is to appear before the committee for a hearing, with an additional bond to be posted for the balance of the year. There shall be no profane language by team members while playing a game. Smoking and/or alcoholic beverages are not permitted on or around baseball fields. (To follow city by-laws).

## **Section 6:**

**Umpire in Chief:** The executive shall appoint an umpire in chief for a one-year term. His or her duties will be appointed by the executive committee. Umpires must be carded, and NSA approved.

## **Section 7:**

**New Team Fees:** Every new team will have an additional \$120.00 bond above the Membership fee for the year.

## **Section 8:**

**Tournament fees:** Our July or September tournament will be part of your yearly membership fees. If a Team doesn't participate in either tournament, they will lose their money.

## **Section 9:**

**Rules:** 1. The qualifying age will be 16 years of age. Any ineligible players found to be playing will be ejected from further play in the league and his team will forfeit all games that player participated in.

2. Teams must register at least 10 players with the league and must hand in league fees prior or at the first game of the regular season. **(Fines may be given to teams if not complete)**

3. All players must be registered with NSA before the first game of the regular season

4. Final Roster must be handed in before the second round of the regular season

5. Players must have a minimum of 5 games played to play in the playoffs. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure that all names on roster cards are complete with first and last name and for it to be legible. Committee will check for mistakes made as we entered them on the website but if found that the players name wasn't legible or was incomplete the team will be fined 50\$

6. There will be a cage 2ft by 6ft installed in front of pitcher approximately 10 to 15 ft in front of pitcher's mound. Pitcher's mound is to be 46ft in front of home plate. Any ball that comes in contact with the cage, dead ball will be called, and batter is called out.

7. A maximum of three courtesy runners under the age of fifty are to be registered on the roster card before the game. Any player fifty and over will have unlimited courtesy runners allowed. The courtesy runner chosen can only run once per inning.

8. With the commitment line and safe line being implemented there will be **no tagging at home.**

9. One Homerun per inning

10. Three spare balls must be on fence in the designated holder before the game starts. If a batter goes to home plate with no balls in play the batter is out.

11. Shoes with non-metallic cleats may be worn but absolutely no steel cleats.
12. Regulation games are 7 innings with a 6 run per inning max. The 7<sup>th</sup> inning is an open inning.
13. Mercy Rule, if a team is leading by 15 runs after 5 innings game is over
14. Fines for forfeited games are as follows
  - 1<sup>st</sup> game is \$30
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> game is \$40
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> game is \$50

If by chance, there is more than 3 games forfeited the executive committee will have a meeting with team Manager.
15. In all cases of a forfeited game, the winning team points go to the team not at fault and the score will be 7 – 0
16. Pitchers must make contact with the pitcher's plate when starting his delivery
17. There must be a designated player/coach at the beginning of the game to determine who is to approach the umpire for any discussions. Anybody else that decides to talk to the umpire can be ejected from game. **(Umpires discretion)**

## **Section 10:**

<b>1. <u>Unsportsmanlike:</u></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> offence	3 games
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offence	5 games
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offence	10 games
	4 <sup>th</sup> offence	29 games

<b>2. <u>Barreling:</u></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> offence	10 games
	2 <sup>nd</sup> offence	29 games
	3 <sup>rd</sup> offence	life

**4.Fighting:** Any player/players caught fighting will be immediately ejected from league play until further investigation is made. Upon findings

executive committee will decide on the severity of suspension. **(life ban from league to be expected)**

**5.Ejected Player:** Any Player that is ejected from a game and continues to harass the Players and/or the umpire from off the field, the umpire will issue a two-minute warning to that's players team. If the ejected player continues to disrupt the game after the two-minute warning, his team will then forfeit the game.

**Any unserved suspensions will be carried over to the following year or once the player returns to the league.**

**6. Offense reports:** 1. All offenses that occur, a report must be filled out by umpire and a copy handed over to the executive Committee. The report shall be handed to committee no later then the following game. Once the report is handed to the committee an email explaining the consequence of the player(s) action will be sent to the teams coach no later than 7 days of receiving report.

1. Players Name
2. Team Name
3. Offence committed

**Any rules not covered by our constitution we are to refer to the NSA rules and regulations.**

**Everything will be available in our website**