



Year End Playoff Rules August 11 – 13, 2023

- 1) **Home Team:**
 - a) Round Robin Games: Higher seeded team from the regular season standings will have choice of home or away.
 - b) Finals Games: Higher seeded team from the completed round robin games will have choice of home or away.

- 2) **Mercy Rule:** A Mercy rule (12 runs) is in effect after five or more complete innings (or four and a half innings, if the home team has scored the 12 runs to mercy). The home team must have as many opportunities to bat (to tie or win the game) as the visiting team.

- 3) **Time Limit:** (Hustle on and off the field!)
 - a) Round Robin Games: Games are scheduled for 1 hour and 30 minutes. No new innings to start after 1 hour 15 minutes.
 - b) Finals Games: There will be no time limit.

- 4) **Grace Period:** 10 minute grace period from scheduled game time, unless otherwise stated by tournament convener. 7-0 win for the team that showed.

- 5) **Homerun Rule:** Homeruns are unlimited. NOTE: If a fair ball hits the netting above the chain-link fence, it is considered a homerun.

- 6) **Tie Games;**
 - a) Round Robin Games: Stays as a tie game (No extra innings will be played)
 - b) Finals Games: Decided by using the SPN tiebreaker rule.

- 7) **6 & 4 Format:** (6 guys maximum are allowed to field) 3 options;
 - a) With 4 girls and 6 guys you are allowed to have an 11th batter (Extra Hitter.)
 - b) With 4 girls and 5 guys the 6th guy will be an automatic out and EH is not allowed.
 - c) With 3 girls the 4th girl will be an automatic out and EH is not allowed.

- 8) **Extra Hitter:** 3 options;
 - a) Allowed one extra hitter who can be a guy or girl.
 - b) Allowed two extra hitters but one must be a girl.
 - c) Any additional batters must follow the alternating format.

- 9) **Batting:** All batters will begin their turn at bat with a 0 – 0 count

- 10) Four Ball Rule:** Four balls in a row to a male batter with no strikes in the count, the male batter will advance to 2nd base when followed by a female batter. The female batter must then take her turn at bat.
- 11) Ball Size:** Men will hit the 12" ball; ladies will have the option to hit either the 12" or the 11" ball.
- 12) Maximum Runs Per Inning:** All games will have a limit of 7 runs per team per inning, except the 7th, which will be unlimited.
- 13) Anticipation Rule:** There is no anticipation on the swing. Leading off is not allowed and the runner will be called out.
- 14) Score Sheet:** The winning team is responsible for handing in the score sheet.
- 15) Player Eligibility:** Players must play a minimum of **8** regular season games with that team in order to be eligible for the playoffs.
- 16) Bat Rule:** As legal bats used will have the USSSA compliance mark located on the bat. If a player uses a bat deemed illegal by SPN, the batter is out and play goes back to where it was before the player batted.
- 17) All other rules as per the 2023 SPN rule book.**
- 18) The Nisku Ball Federation executive committee has the right to make changes as they see fit for the league year end playoffs.**

Have fun and good luck to all the teams!!!!