



## Thunderchicken Rules

### SPN rules apply with the following exceptions

SPN Rules can be found at <http://www.slo-pitch.com/PPP/card6/c620.aspx?r=0>

- a) Banned Bats – a list of banned bats can be found at [http://www.asasoftball.com/about/certified\\_equipment.asp](http://www.asasoftball.com/about/certified_equipment.asp)

Bats must have the **one of** following stamps on them



A team that with a banned bat as a first time offence will be confiscated by the Urban Rec staff and be returned at the end of the season. A team that is caught with a banned bat as a second offence will receive an automatic 4 week suspension from league play. Don't bring banned bats – leave them at home or in the car. If they are in your bat bag or sitting on the grass – they are considered to be in play.

Baseball bats are also considered a banned bat.

- b) Bases will be provided by the league. The home team on the schedule for the 5:45 game will be responsible for picking up the bases and setting them up on the field (use the rope included in the equipment bag). Encroachment line cones should be placed another rope length past 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases. Equipment bags will be picked up and returned to the white storage shed that is located at the North End of Hallen Field. The away team on the schedule will be responsible for providing a suitable game ball approved by the opposing team captain. The losing team in the 7:15 game will be responsible for returning the bases to the storage bin no later than 9:00pm. Each team will be responsible for providing their own bats, balls, and any other equipment deemed necessary.
- c) There are no glass bottles allowed at the fields. 1<sup>st</sup> offense will result in an automatic 4 game probation. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will result in a 4 game suspension and disqualification from the playoffs.
- d) On close plays the Tie Always go to the fielding team

- e) A player that touches home base or the green mat must be called out – players must run behind the plate and mat to avoid collisions. A commitment line exists 20 feet from home plate. Once a runner has rounded third and gone beyond the commitment line they must continue to home plate and may not return to third base.
- f) A 130ft encroachment line will be used for female batters. If any of the 4 fielders (3 outfielders & the rover) are inside the line at the time the ball is hit, the female batter will receive a free pass to 1st base after the conclusion of the play. NO base runner will be in jeopardy of being put out at the next base they are going to. (The female batter could hit the ball past the fielders encroaching, in which case the play would continue) Once there is contact the fielders are free to come past the line.
- g) No Steal Cleats are allowed.
- h) The home team on the schedule will get last at bats
- i) A regulation game will consist of seven innings and the three out rule. Mercy rule of 5 runs per inning is in effect for all but the last (7<sup>th</sup>) inning which is open.
- j) If tied after 7 innings, the eighth inning (time permitting) is started with the first batter up immediately put on second in both the top and bottom of the inning. If time will not permit a tie breaking inning then the game shall be recorded as a tie.
- k) Maximum of 10 players on the field of which a maximum of 5 can be male. To avoid forfeit a team needs a minimum of 8 total players of which a maximum of 5 can be male. If a team of at least 8 players can not be fielded within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time the game will be recorded as a 1-0 victory for the non-forfeiting team. At this point it is encouraged that the teams redistribute players and just play for fun.
- l) Games are self-umpired. The team at bat will provide a player to be the umpire at home base as well as an assisting official at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> who can assist the umpire. The Umpires final decision will not be argued under any circumstance. The integrity of the league rests on the integrity of the players to fairly officiate the games. Any issues that arise should be discussed between team captains only and if they are unable to agree on a solution the situation will be documented and brought to the attention of the league commissioner as soon as is practical .
- m) All games will be played as scheduled unless otherwise noted on the rain out line by 4pm on game day at **604-878-RAIN (7246)**. The team captains can agree to suspend play due to poor weather that occurs after play has started. The game will be deemed incomplete and will be rescheduled unless 4 innings of play have been completed.
- n) A batting order and list of substitute players must be filled out by each team prior to the start of each game. Batting order must remain as listed on the game sheet, a substitute player must take the batting position of the person whom they replace. **Batting order must alternate Male/Female.**

- o) A pitch is a strike if it has a **6 to 12 foot arc** and it either lands on home plate or on the pitching mat. It will be called a ball otherwise. The pitcher must directly between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base as per SPN Rules.
- p) A foul ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is an out.
- q) This is a hitting league; as such there are **No Walks**. Should a batter be pitched 6 consecutive “balls” they are entitled to ask for a new pitcher for the remainder of that inning.
- r) Safety bags are used at 1<sup>st</sup> Base. If the runner touches the white half of the bag they will be considered still in play and may be tagged out if not touching the base. A runner who intends to over-run first must only touch the orange half of the bag. The first baseman should never be touching the orange half of the bag if this occurs the runner will be called safe under any circumstance where an out depended on the fielding team being in contact with first base.
- s) Sliding is allowed at any 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base but must not interfere with the fielding team completing a play otherwise the sliding player will be called “out”. A player may slide into 1<sup>st</sup> if they are on their way back from second base. A player who slides into first from home will be called out. This will be decided at the discretion of the umpire only.
- t) Bunting is not allowed.
- u) No leading off or stealing of bases is allowed. Base runners cannot leave the base until the ball has been hit. Should a player leave the base prior to bat-ball contact they are out.
- v) Ball Out of Bounds “Overthrow” Rule: base runners are entitled to advance when a fair batted ball goes out of bounds, whether or not the ball is first touched by a fielder. (For Thunderchicken Slo-pitch out of bounds is considered to be 5 paces from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Lines including behind home plate) Once the ball is Out of Bounds - The ball is dead, base runners are awarded two bases from the base held at the time of the pitch or a single base beyond the one they were approaching (more than ½ way there) or had safely reached prior to an overthrow.
- w) Please note that the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public is illegal and is subject to a fine if apprehended by the RCMP.
- x) Please be responsible for the clean up of your dugout area following play.
- y) A player must play a minimum of 2 games in the regular season to be eligible for playoffs.
- z) No team shall ever wear a red uniform as per committee vote.

**The Thunderchicken League has a long standing tradition of good old fashioned fun! We encourage you to solve any conflicts with respect for your opponent and in keeping with the intended fun atmosphere. Any situation that arises that can not be quickly put to rest through a calm discussion between team captains should be brought to the attention of the League Commissioner ASAP.**

**RAIN-OUT HOTLINE 878-RAIN(7246)**

**Updated at 4:30 pm every day**

**- PLEASE CALL EVERY DAY REGARDLESS OF THE  
WEATHER -**

**Rainouts will be called at the SOLE Discretion of UrbanRec**

**ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL US AT 879-9800**