



2027 NSA CANADA SLO-PITCH / ONE NATION SLOWPITCH NORTH AMERICAN SLOWPITCH CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT RULES

Game Cards: Umpires will not use personal "game cards" to track the official score or lineup; instead, teams are required to submit official **lineup cards** before the game, and the official score is tracked via a team scorebook, scorekeeper, or digital app. Winning team will confirm score has been submitted to drawboard table. **Real-Time Scoring;** One Nation uses a built-in scoring system and app called **OneScore** to track live game stats, scores, and updates during the NASC.

- **Player Eligibility:** All players must be registered in both NSA Canada Slo-Pitch Player Classification System (PCS) and must be registered in the One Nation System. (Please do not register with One Nation System until after January 1st, 2027. **Standard Adult Age:** Players on an adult team must be **18 years of age or older**.
- **Youth Exception:** Players **16 years of age or older** are permitted to play in NASC *only if* all players, the minor player, and their parents/legal guardians sign an official release holding One Nation Slowpitch and NSA Canada Slo-Pitch harmless including release of all form's financial liability, losses, or lawsuits arising from specific activities, services, or risks.

Time Limits: All games will be on a hard stop of 7 innings complete or an hour and fifteen minutes.

Warm-Ups: There is no form of warmup on the field after the first inning.

Coin Toss: The home team will be decided by a double coin toss, until the finals-at which time the team from the winner's bracket will have choice of home or visitor.

Home Plate: The plate is live in all divisions. All runners coming home must be tagged except for a force play. Any unnecessary charging or running the catcher at home plate will result in the ejection of the offending player. In NACS play batters in all divisions shall start with a one (1) and one (1) strike count.

Home Run Rule:

- (Men's/Women's Open) DHH + nine (9) over the fence home runs then all other over the fence home runs are outs
 - (Men's/Women's B) DHH + seven (7) over the fence home runs then all other over the fence home runs are outs
 - (Men's/Women's C) DHH + five (5) over the fence home runs then all other over the fence home runs are outs
 - (Men's/Women's D) DHH + three (3) over the fence home runs then all other over the fence home runs are outs
 - (Men's/Women's E/ Rec) DHH + one (1) over the fence home run then all other over the fence home runs
- *Across all divisions, teams are permitted to assign a Designated Home Run Hitter. The DHH can hit an unlimited number of homeruns without counting against the divisions cap or incurring standard IEO penalties.**

Mercy Rule is in Effect In all divisions:

- **20 runs** after 4 complete innings (or 3½ innings if the home team is ahead)
- **12 runs** after 5 complete innings (or 4½ innings if the home team is ahead)

Courtesy Runners:

- Per Inning Limit: Teams are allowed **one courtesy runner per inning** for a regular base runner

- Roster Eligibility: Any eligible player on the official lineup (including available substitutes) may act as a courtesy runner
- Batting Turn Conflict: If a courtesy runner is still on base when their own turn to bat comes up, the team must either take an out at the plate or remove the runner from the base (recording an out there) so they can take their turn at bat
- Pitcher Runner: The pitcher may use a courtesy runner (often to allow time to put on protective equipment) without it counting against the team's standard one-runner-per-inning limit
- Multiple Runs for Pitcher: A player can run for the pitcher more than once or anytime the pitcher is on base, provided they follow the same gender-matching and reporting requirements

Extra Innings:

- In Round Robin Play extra innings will occur based on time and opportunity. Alternatively Round Robin games will end in a tie.
- In playoffs, No format change will occur, visiting team will bat and then home team will bat and game will carry on until a winner is determined.

Protests: Protests shall not be allowed or considered if they are based solely upon a decision involving judgement on the part of an umpire. Protests shall be received and considered Only on the following circumstances.

- Misinterpretation of a Rule: If a team believes an umpire applied a playing rule incorrectly, they can lodge a formal protest.
- Player Eligibility: Protests regarding an ineligible player on the opposing team's roster.

Protest Fee: A rules or player eligibility protest must be accompanied by a **\$100 (USD Cash) protest fee**

Eligibility Window: A player eligibility protest must be lodged during tournament play **before the 1st pitch of the 4th inning**, or directly at the moment the disputed player enters the game