2019 Mixed Slo-pitch Rules

General:

1. Minimum age of players is 16, <u>no exceptions</u>. This is for insurance reasons.
2. Games must be played until the full 7 innings are completed.
3. No metal cleats are allowed.
4. Teams will ump their own games. Please make sure your umpire has a good grasp of the rules.
5. **A minimum of 8 players is needed to play. Teams cannot have more guys on the field than girls. If only 4 girls are available that game then only 4 guys can field positions. Teams can still bat all of the male players. If you have less than 4 girls or less than 8 players it is considered a forfeit.**
6. **There will be a $50 team charge for any forfeit whatsoever. This fee must be paid to the league before your next game. If you know you're not going to be able to fill your team that week make sure you call the other team.**
7. **For any game in which replacement players are needed, each team may only replace up to 3 players. If any more players are needed it would be considered a forfeit.**
8. Both teams must text Dustin their final score after the game. If you don't report your score by Friday at the latest you will incur a $5 fee that will need to be paid before the year end tournament.
9. **For days where bad weather is an issue all games must be played unless league convener (Dustin) has called the games for that time. He will err on the side of caution when deciding whether games will be cancelled. 7:30 Games will be decided by 6:30pm, 9:00 games will be decided at 8:00pm. Let's try to get as many games in as possible, a little rain never hurt anyone.**

Offense:

1. All players must bat. If a player must leave before the end of the game they will be considered an out when their spot comes up in the order.
2. No bunting.
3. No stealing bases.
4. No lead-offs but there will be anticipation* allowed.
   *Anticipation is being allowed to come off the bag when a ball is swung at and missed.
5. Sliding is permitted at 2nd and 3rd base only.
6. A caught fly ball is live, runners must tag on a caught fly ball.
7. If the runner crosses the commitment line between 3rd and home they must go home. Runner must run behind home plate. The runners foot must be on the ground in order to be called safe at home. Crossing the threshold is not enough.
8. Home plate is NOT live. If a runner touches home plate while trying to score they will be called out.
9. The infield fly rule is in effect. If a pop-up stays within the infield while runners are on 1st and 2nd with less than 2 out then the batter is automatically out.
10. When running to first base the runner must use the orange safety bag (unless trying to extend to extra bases), the 1st baseman must use the white bag.
11. You must alternate between a guy and a girl in the batting order.
12. Walks are mandatory in every at bat. (Including bases loaded)
13. If a male batter is walked on any combination of pitched they will be awarded 2nd base. The following female must take her at bat.
14. Courtesy runners will be used only after a player has reached 1st base. You will be allowed 3 courtesy runners per game. A male cannot run in the place of a female.
15. An inning will end after 3 outs have been made or if 5 runs have been scored.

Defense:

1. Outfielders must stay on the grass until ball is put into play.
2. **Pitchers must pitch no closer than the pitchers mount and no further than 10 feet past the pitchers mound.**
3. A pitch must be 6 feet in height. Anything lower must be called a "No-pitch" by the umpire. A "No-pitch" is an automatic ball but the batter still has the option of swinging if they choose. If this happens then regular pitch rules will apply.
4. If a team only has 8 players available then a catcher can be supplied by the opposing team if both teams agree to it.
5. If a ball thrown out of play from the <u>outfield</u> (example: over the fence, into the dugout) then all runners will be awarded 2 bases.
6. If a ball is thrown out of play from the <u>infield</u> the runners will be awarded only 1 base.