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AMENDMENTS Nr. 1 - COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS October 2009

Amendments shown with redlining (additions and strike-throughs).
Rewritten or new articles shown in bold, italicized and underlined.

Adopted by: ESF Executive Council on 30/07/2009

Articles changed: 41.01 Players, 41.02 Batting Order

New Articles: 41.03 Competition System, 41.04 - Field, Schedule and Competition Requirements

Changes take effect: 30/10/2009

Reasons for change: Developments in slowpitch tournaments and the increase of the size of the slowpitch community, and their expectations and needs, requires that we provide for aspects of slowpitch competition to distinguish this from fastpitch competition. These include: facilities of venue; the number of the games played each day and during the tournament for each team; the duration of the competition; the specifics for what ball is to be used. We will review the effectiveness of these changes.

41.01. PLAYERS **[rewritten]**

The number of players is ten (10), as follows: five (5) males and five (5) females; two (2) males and two (2) females in the infield and the outfield; and one (1) male and one (1) female as pitcher and/or catcher.

41.02. BATTING ORDER **[amended]**

The Batting Order shall alternate gender **between male and female batters, but can start with either gender.**

41.03. COMPETITION SYSTEM **[new]**

Every ESF slowpitch coed competition shall be completed under the Page System. Qualification to the Page System shall be as follows:

41.03.01.

Four teams: triple round robin.

Teams ranked 1-4 play the Cross Play Off finals.

Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 10/12

Round Robin Games: 18

Total Games: 22



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41.03.02.

Five teams: triple round robin.
Teams ranked 1-4 play the Cross Play Off finals.
Team ranked 5 will be fifth in the competition.
Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 12/15
Round Robin Games: 30
Total Games: 34

41.03.03.

Six teams: double round robin.
Teams ranked 1-4 play the Cross Play Off finals.
Teams ranked 5 and 6 play against each other to determine places 5 and 6.
Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 11/13
Round Robin Games: 30
Total Games: 35

41.03.04.

Seven teams: double round robin.
Teams ranked 1-4 play the Cross Play Off finals.
Teams ranked 5-7 play a single round robin to determine places 5, 6 and 7.
Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 13/15
Round Robin Games: 42
Total Games: 49

41.03.05.

Eight teams: single round robin.
Teams ranked 1-4 play the Cross Play Off finals.
Teams ranked 5-8 play a Page System to determine places 5, 6, 7 and 8.
Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 8/10
Round Robin Games: 28
Total Games: 36

41.03.06.

Nine teams: single round robin.
Teams ranked 1-4 play the Cross Play Off finals.
Team ranked 9 will be ninth in the competition.
Teams ranked 5-8 will play a Page System to determine places 5, 6, 7 and 8.
Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 8/11
Round Robin Games: 36
Total Games: 44

41.03.07.

Ten teams: single round robin.
Teams ranked 1-4 play the Cross Play Off finals.
Teams ranked 5-6 play each other to determine places 5 and 6.
Teams ranked 7-8 play each other to determine places 7 and 8.
Teams ranked 9-10 play each other to determine places 9 and 10.
Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 10/12
Round Robin Games: 45
Total Games: 52



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41.03.08.

Eleven teams: two groups – one of five teams “a” and one of 6 teams “b”.

Each group plays a single round robin.

Teams ranked 1, 2 and 3 in both groups play a single round robin “c” in which the games between these teams in the first round “a” and “b” will also be considered as played games for this round robin “c”.

Teams ranked 4, 5 and 6 of both groups play a single round robin “d” in which the games between these teams in the first round “a” and “b” will also be considered as played games for this round robin “d”.

Teams ranked 1-4 in round robin “c” then play the Cross Play Off finals.

Teams ranked 5 and 6 in round robin “c” play each other to determine places 5 and 6.

Teams ranked 1-4 in round robin “d” then play a Page System to determine places 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The team placed fifth in round robin “d” will be placed 11th.

Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 7/11

Round Robin Games: 40

Total Games: 49

41.03.09.

Twelve teams: two groups “a” and “b”, both of six teams.

Each group plays a single round robin.

Then teams ranked 1 and 2 of both groups play a single round robin “c” in which the games between these teams in the first round robins “a” and “b” will also be considered as played games for this round robin “c”.

Teams ranked 3 and 4 in groups “a” and “b” play a single round robin “d” in which the games between these teams of the first round robins “a” and “b” will also be considered as played games for this round robin “d”.

Teams ranked 5 and 6 in groups “a” and “b” play a single round robin “e” in which the games between these teams of the first round robins “a” and “b” will also be considered as played games for this round robin “d”.

Teams ranked 1-4 in round robin “c” then play the Cross Play Off finals.

Teams ranked 1-4 in round robin “d” will play a Page system to determine Places 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Teams ranked 1-4 in round robin “e” will play a Page system to determine Places 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Minimum/Maximum Games per Team: 8/10

Round Robin Games: 39

Total Games: 51

41.04. FIELD, SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS [new]

Every ESF slowpitch coed competition shall be conducted according to the following regulations.

41.04.01.

Play in ESF slowpitch coed competitions shall begin no earlier than Tuesday of the competition week and can, at the discretion of the Technical Commission, begin on Wednesday or (in the case of a four-team competition with two available competition fields only) on Thursday.

41.04.02.

Games will be scheduled at intervals of one hour and fifty minutes.



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41.04.03

Any competition involving four or more teams requires two competition fields, on the basis that a maximum of six (6) games per field per day can be played, or 12 games per day in total, if play is not interrupted by weather or other circumstances. If Saturday is reserved for Page Playoff and other placing games, the maximum number of round robin games that can be played is as follows:

In a competition beginning on Thursday: 24

In a competition beginning on Wednesday: 36

In a competition beginning on Tuesday: 48

41.04.04.

The minimum number of games that a team can be scheduled to play on one full competition day (not shortened by weather or other circumstances and apart from the final day of competition) is two. The maximum number of games that a team can be scheduled to play on one full competition day is four.

41.04.05.

The minimum outfield fence distance from home plate (unless special compensation is granted by the Technical Commission prior to the start of competition) is 275 feet (83.82 metres).

41.04.06.

Every ESF slowpitch coed competition will be conducted with 11-inch balls when females are batting and 12-inch balls when males are batting.

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