

- 1) The wording of the following rule, "When a team cannot field the minimum roster players, the other team will win the game by a score of one to zero." – be changed to – ***"Should any team forfeit a game for any reason, either in regular season or during a tournament, the score will be counted as 8-0."***
- 2) New Rule: ***When a runner is on any base and a batter swings and misses the ball and the runner steps off the base, he is not deemed to be out and will be allowed to return to the base. This rule will not apply to balls or called strikes, just when a batter swings and misses.***
- 3) Elimination of a Rule: ***"Players should play at least 15 regular season games to play in the year end tournament."***
- 4) New Rule: ***If a player with an obvious injury during a game cannot continue, he will not be ruled out during subsequent at bats. However, his removal from the game must be reported to the umpire/opposing captains at that time.***
- 5) The wording of the following rule, "The pitch must be delivered at a slow speed and have an arc between eight and fifteen feet on its path to the home plate. Height of the arc is to be determined at the umpire's discretion." – be changed to – ***"The pitch must be delivered at a slow speed and have an arc between six and twelve feet on its path to the home plate. Height of the arc is to be determined at the umpire's discretion."***

Re: the above potential rule change – we received several requests for pitching height changes (6 to 12, 6 to 15, 8 to 12, etc.) – After discussion at the AGM and prior to voting, we will entertain any motion changes surrounding the wording – but we will start with 6 to 12 and go from there

- 6) New Rule: ***"A member in good standing who is injured and whose return date is unknown can only be replaced on the roster once he officially withdraws from the league."***
- 7) The wording of the following rule, "Three pitching warm ups in the first inning, one warm-up pitch per inning thereafter. A warm-up ball through the infield in the first inning only. The umpire will move the game along and players will co-operate in order to play nine innings." - be changed to - ***"Five pitching warm-ups in the first inning, one warm-up pitch per inning thereafter. A warm-up ball through the infield in the first inning only. Relief pitchers will also be permitted five pitching warm-ups upon entering the game, one warm-up pitch per inning thereafter. The umpire will move the game along and players will co-operate in order to play nine innings."***
- 8) The wording of the following rule, "There is no limit to the number of home runs a player or team may hit during the regular season or during tournament play." – be changed to – ***"A team will be limited to 3 home runs during a game until such a time that the other team has also hit 3 home runs. At this point, a "Plus 1" rule will take effect whereby a team will only be permitted to hit one more home run than the opposing team at any given time during the game. A home run that causes a team to go up by more than one home run will be deemed an out."***

- 9) The wording of the following rule, “No jewellery is allowed to be exposed. This means wedding bands, watches, bracelets, neck chains, etc. Umpires will be required to explain the “No Jewellery” rule before the game with Captains. Any player wearing jewellery will be called out taking his place in the batter’s box. If a player is unable to remove a wedding band, it must be covered by a glove while playing the game (at bat, running bases or in the field). NO EXCEPTIONS. Players who wear medical alert bracelets or pendums are to let team Captains as well as Umpires know that they wear them.” – be changed to – **“Jewellery will be permitted if, in the opinion of the umpire, the wearing of such jewellery does not cause a safety concern.”**
- 10) New Rule: **“Players in their second year in the league may not be drafted by the same team/captains that they played for in their first year.”**
- 11) Rule Discussion: It has also been suggested that the league come to a consensus on attempting to throw players out from the outfield at first base either during the season or during tournaments. As it stands now, it’s a gentlemen’s agreement that is followed by some captains/players but not by others. Come tournament time, it’s probably a 50/50 split with how people feel about it. Perhaps a good discussion for the AGM as I believe we either need to have a rule on it or we don’t. The in-between stuff is not working.
- 12) PROPOSED NEW BY-LAW: **“No league member of the Burlington Oldtimer’s Slo-Pitch League shall hold the position of Director and Team Captain within the same league season. This By-Law shall take effect starting in the 2012 season.”**
- 13) 2012 Board Candidates: 10 BOSL Members running for 9 Board of Director Positions. Those running are as follows (in alphabetical order); **John Andersen, John Bowers, Scot Cameron, Tom Clancy, Dan Cranmer, Larry Gagnon, Jason Gerrity, Jim Hindley, Dale Latendresse and Mike Porkolab.**