

GIRLS SLOPITCH

Revised: **June 2026**

Effective: **Sept 2026**

1.0 DATE

The WOSSAA Slopitch Championship tournament shall be held one week prior to the OFSAA Festival.

2.0 LOCATION

The location of the Championship shall be determined by that year's WOSSAA Convenor. The Convenorship shall follow a rotation as indicated in the Rotating Calendar of Convenorships (see website).

3.0 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

The Championship will be an invitational tournament to be held over one or two days. No team will play more than four (4) games in one day.

4.0 ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

4.1 It is the responsibility of Conference Convenor to communicate the WOSSAA representatives to the WOSSAA Convenor after the Conference Championship, no later than the next school day.

4.2 All schools will pay an entry fee. The amount of the entry fee will be set by the WOSSAA Convenor and will be sufficient to cover the fixed costs of the Championship.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY

5.1 As per WOSSAA Regulation 3.

5.2 Rowan's Law

- a) In accordance with Rowan's Law, confirm in writing, that student athletes and their parent/guardian (if student athlete is under 18 years of age) have reviewed their Board's concussion awareness resource and concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months OR that the student athlete and their parent/guardian (if student athlete is under 18 years of age) have reviewed the OFSAA concussion awareness resource and OFSAA concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months.
- b) In accordance with Rowan's Law, all coaches and trainers confirm in writing, that they have reviewed their Board's concussion awareness resource and their Board's concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months OR that they have reviewed the OFSAA concussion awareness resource and OFSAA concussion code of conduct within the previous twelve (12) months.

5.3 A maximum of twenty (20) players may be declared eligible for WOSSAA.

5.4 All participants must be OFSAA eligible to compete at WOSSAA.

6.0 RULES AND OFFICIALS

6.1 The current Slo-Pitch Ontario rules as of **September 1st of the current school year** shall govern play at the WOSSAA Championship for all matters not included in these playing regulations.

- (a) A maximum of twenty (20) players may dress for a game.
- (b) A game consists of (7) innings. The game ends if the team batting second has scored more runs in six innings than the other team has scored in seven innings. No new inning will begin after one hour and fifteen minutes. This must be declared by the umpire at the start of the inning.

- (c) Tie games will be broken as follows: With no outs in their offensive half of the extra inning the teams will place a runner at second base (last player who made an out) and play extra innings until a winner is declared.
- (d) All games must be officiated by two (2) Softball Ontario carded umpires.
- (e) Runners are instructed to slide or attempt to avoid contacting a fielder. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless they have scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected from the game.
- (f) A 2' x 3' mat will be used for the strike zone. Pitches must have an arc between 6' and 12' from the ground. Pitching distance: 45' – 55'. A "ball" will be called by the umpire if the pitch is not within this range. A strike is called when it follows an arc of 6 feet to 12 feet and comes into contact with any part of the plate.
- (g) A scoring line at home plate and a commitment line 21 feet from home plate shall be used.
- (h) The distance between the pitching rubber (or marked line) and home plate is between 45-55 feet at the discretion of the pitcher, measured from the back of the plate. The rubber mat (2x3) to be placed on top of home plate.
- (i) The distance between the bases shall be 70 feet.
- (j) Any game suspended for any reason will resume from the point of suspension. In the event of inclement weather causing a delay, the game will be considered complete after five innings.
- (k) The infield fly rule is in effect.
- (l) A team is limited to a maximum of 5 runs scored per inning. The last inning (as called by the umpire) is unlimited scoring, regardless of what inning it is. The "mercy" rule is 17 runs after 4 innings or 12 runs after 5 innings.
- (m) Games are 75 minutes in length with no new inning to start after 60 minutes as per the umpires timepiece.

6.2 The WOSSAA Convenor shall be responsible for obtaining the best umpires possible.

6.3 WOSSAA Convenors are also responsible for supplying one competent minor official to act as scorekeeper.

6.4 Any coach or player dismissed from a WOSSAA game shall automatically receive an additional one game suspension. If the dismissal occurs in the gold medal game, the suspension shall be applied to OFSAA competition. All player and coach dismissals at WOSSAA Championships must be reported to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will be responsible for reporting all dismissals to the school's Principal and Athletic Director.

7.0 UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

7.1 Uniforms as per the OFSAA Slo-Pitch Playing Regulations.

7.2 Any batter/runner is ruled out immediately if discovered wearing exposed jewelry. If, after making a play, a defensive player is discovered wearing exposed jewelry, the manager of the offensive team may take the result of the play or have that play nullified and have the batter return to bat with the same count as before the infraction, having all base runners return to their previous base as before the infraction.

7.3 The 11" Optic Yellow Worth Hot Dot or Hot Dot Elite ball will be used during Championship play.

7.4 All bats must adhere to the USSSA Licensed/Approved bat policy. To be legal, the bat must be marked with the "USSSA BFP 1.20" mark on its taper, known as the "thumbprint". Both the 220 lbs and the 240 lbs compression stamps will be accepted.

7.5 Pitchers and catchers must wear a face mask during Championship play.

7.6 Metal cleats are not allowed.

8.0 AWARDS

WOSSAA gold, silver, and bronze medallions (22) shall be presented to members of the top three (3) teams in the Championship. The school represented by the Championship team will receive a WOSSAA Championship plaque to be retained by the school.

9.0 OFSAA ENTRY

9.1 The WOSSAA Champion will advance to OFSAA.

9.2 When WOSSAA is the host Association for OFSAA, WOSSAA will accept two entries to OFSAA.

- a) If the OFSAA host school is not participating in the WOSSAA Championship, the WOSSAA Champion would proceed to OFSAA. The OFSAA host school would be the second entry.
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9.3 Any team attending OFSAA will be responsible for paying their own OFSAA fees.