



# SPECIFIC COMPETITION REGULATIONS

## SLOW PITCH COMPETITIONS

### PARTICIPATION

**01.01. CSPECh - Co-ed Slowpitch European Championship:** Held every two years, in odd-numbered years. One National Team is permitted from each Member Federation of the ESF.

**01.02. MSPECh - Men's Slowpitch European Championship:** Held every two years in even-numbered years. One National Team is permitted from each Member Federation of the ESF.

**01.03. CSPESC - Co-ed Slowpitch European Super Cup:** Held every two years, in even-numbered years, in the first week of August. Each Member Federation is permitted to enter up to two teams, being the winners of that Federation's National Championship Cup (or equivalent competition) for each of the two previous years. Should either or both such winner(s) choose not to take up their place(s), or if one team is the winner in both previous years, the Member Federation may determine the team(s) entitled to participate.

**01.03.01.** In addition, the defending winner of the previous CSPESC may enter by right.

**01.03.02.** In addition, the host Club of the current year's Competition may enter, as long as the host country has not already entered three teams by virtue of 01.03 and 01.03.01 above.

### TEAM REQUIREMENTS AND COMPETITION SCHEDULING

**02.01.** Players' licence (CR 08) requirements apply for all participants. Each club team that qualifies for participation in an CSPESC shall be entitled to include a maximum of four (4) Pick-Up Players on its final competition roster.

**02.02.** The number of players on the field is ten (10): the same as fastpitch plus an extra outfielder. For co-ed competitions, the ten (10) players must consist of five (5) males and five (5) females: two (2) males and two (2) females in both the infield and outfield, and one (1) male and one (1) female as pitcher and catcher.

**02.02.01.** The batting order shall alternate between male and female batters, but can start with either gender.

**02.03.** Play in ESF slowpitch competitions shall generally begin no earlier than Tuesday of the competition week but can, at the discretion of the Competitions Commission, begin on Monday, Wednesday or -- in the case of a four-team competition with two available competition fields only -- on Thursday.

*NOTE: The starting date will be based on the number of teams entered and available fields and lighting.*

**02.03.01.** The CSPECh shall be played in the month of July. The MSPECh shall be played in the months of May or June. The CSPESC shall be played in the first week of August.

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

**02.04.** Any competition that consists of more than four entries will require two competition fields. The assumption is that a maximum of six (6) games per field per day (without lights) can be played or twelve (12) games per day in total, assuming no disruption by weather or other circumstances. Saturday is reserved for the Page Playoff and other placing games.

**02.05.** 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 first and final days of competition) is two. The maximum number of games that a team can be scheduled to play on one full competition day is three.

## **FENCE & BALL SPECIFICATIONS**

**03.01.** The minimum outfield fence distance from home plate (unless dispensation is granted by the Technical Commission) will be 275 feet (83.82 metres).

**03.02.** All ESF co-ed slowpitch competitions will be conducted with an 11-inch ball when females are batting and with a 12-inch ball when males are batting. The preferred 12" ball is the .52 COR / 300 Compression specifications as per ISF Regulations.

**03.02.01.** The MSPECh will be conducted with a 12-inch ball. The preferred 12" ball is the .52 COR / 300 Compression specifications as per ISF Regulations.