



**WHAT LEAGUES VALUE MOST**

**2018 LEAGUE AFFILIATION PROGRAM**

*Our League Program has been developed to support and encourage your league to run as directed by your members. Slo-Pitch National does not dictate how your league operates. We are here to provide you with any assistance you may need and provide your teams and players with the following benefits:*

**INSURANCE - Let us do the work for you!**

- SPN will liaise with municipality for ease
- **Zero deductible secondary accident insurance benefits**
- \$5,000,000 liability insurance for league executive and all members of each team
- Co-naming/proof of insurance certificate and host liquor liability banquet insurance

**TEAM BENEFITS**

- 2018 Official Slo-Pitch National Rule Book
- 30 game scorebook
- Slo-Pitch National annual magazine
- Online team waiver/roster forms for easy team management
- Discounts with our partners on seasonal sporting goods and merchandise

**WEBSITE WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION**

- Easy online registration with step-by-step on-screen instructions
- Features to assist league organizers
- New and improved website with answers to frequently asked questions
- Access to sponsors, photos, forms, contact information, etc.

**MERCHANDISE - Affordable & Convenient**

- Nationally Sponsored prizing
- 2 sets included in League Registration with SPN
- Discounted prices for additional prizing from a great selection
- Sizing available upon request
- Discounted Worth SoftBalls

**MARITIMES CHAMPIONSHIPS - MONCTON, NB**

- Front-of-the-line access to Molson Slo-Pitch Provincial Championships
- Discount on entry fee for each league team

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 27 Divisions**

- Molson Slo-Pitch National Championships hosted in multiple locations across Canada

**OFFICIATING PROGRAM**

- Province-wide network of trained, professional umpires
- Local UIC available for assistance
- National officiating program with clinics hosted across New Brunswick
- Convenient online testing
- League clinics can be organized

*Your dedication and commitment to your league, through your volunteer efforts, can sometimes be overwhelming, and knowing this, we are always here to offer advice, or assistance. We are committed to continue our support of leagues from across Canada and their hard work of organizing the week-to-week league activities for slo-pitch teams in their communities.*

*I hope that when you review the enclosed materials your league will decide to be part of our winning team in 2018. If you have any questions about the enclosed material, please feel free to contact me to discuss them further. Your opinions always matter and help SPN continue to deliver the best slo-pitch programs to players across this wonderful country.*

*Have a terrific slo-pitch season!!!*

*Mike Harding*



# 2018 MARITIMES LEAGUE REGISTRATION

## MEMBERSHIP RATES

*\$95 (Incl. GST) per team – Fully Insured Annual Membership*

## ONLINE LEAGUE REGISTRATION (Optional)

- *Paper copies for Team Registration*
- *Online registration (completed by Provincial Coordinator)*

**NOTE:** *If your league was registered online in 2017 you can transfer that information to 2018 and edit it accordingly...no need to start from scratch! You'll get the option when you login to your account with your existing username and password.*

*We will be introducing new features in the future that will be of particular interest to league organizers, so stay tuned for further updates as the year goes on.*



# INSURANCE PROGRAM

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The information contained in this document provides a general overview of the subjects covered and in no way constitutes a legal contract and does not bind any of the described coverage. It is not intended to be taken as advice regarding any individual situation and should not be relied upon as such. In all cases the actual Master Insurance Policy documents on file with Slo-Pitch National will prevail.

Slo-Pitch National has entered into an agreement with Jones Brown Inc. Insurance Brokers and Consultants to offer various insurance packages for Slo-Pitch activities to teams, leagues, tournament conveners and umpires.

Because of the league or tournament operations actions, you are open for possible suit from third parties. You may not be liable but you may need to be defended in court. Protection is available during approved games, practices or team travel as a group. Insured teams or leagues may take advantage of the various benefits included. The majority of league executives and tournament conveners are volunteers that care about the game and promote the game first. It would be appalling if a good volunteer were sued and was not protected under the various insurance programs available. Slo-Pitch National strongly recommends each league or team become a fully insured member and take advantage of the added protection available.

## WHAT

### 1. Liability and Secondary Accident

For official insured team members (players, coaches, managers, batboys/girls, score-keepers) as listed and signed, or electronically accepted, on SPN Official Waiver/Roster Form and umpires. Insurance applies only when you are playing with (and on the SPN waiver/roster of) a team that is insured through Slo-Pitch National. It covers you while playing WITH THAT TEAM and is NOT transferable from team to team. Some maximums and limitations apply.

IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT that the SPN Waiver/Roster Form (properly completed and signed, or electronically accepted, by all team members) is returned to the National Office immediately as the National Office must be able to confirm that the injured party is a member of the insured team. The approval of a liability or accident/dental claim could be jeopardized if the National Office does not have a properly completed and signed, or electronically accepted, Waiver/Roster Form when the claim is submitted.

LIABILITY covers you, as stated in the opening paragraphs, from possible suit from third parties.

SECONDARY ACCIDENT could pay for such items as: crutches, emergency ambulance/taxi, sound natural teeth, physiotherapy, etc. for which coverage is not already available under your own or an existing plan. This policy is secondary to any existing health plan of which you are already a member (personal or through employers) and also secondary to any government offered plan in your region, whether or not you are a member. **There is no fee to make an accident claim or file an incident report.**

**This is NOT a loss-of-wage or income policy.**

ALCOHOL - if a claim is submitted for secondary accident coverage in which alcohol could be regarded as a contributing factor, this may jeopardize an insurance company's approval of such a claim.

ASSAULT - if a lawsuit were to be laid against an insured member as a result of an assault by that insured member then our liability policy would not apply.

DEDUCTIBLE - on our liability policy a deductible of \$1,000 applies to bodily injury and all expenses.

### 2. Host Liquor Liability

Contact the National Office for details and application forms.

CONVENER HOST LIQUOR LIABILITY for conveners (may also co-name municipalities, sponsors and facility owners).

LEAGUE BANQUET HOST LIQUOR LIABILITY for league executives (may also co-name municipalities, sponsors and facility owners).

### 3. Group Team Travel

In case teams travel outside of Canada. Must be booked in advance. Call the National Office for information.

## WHO

### 1. Teams

**SINGLE TEAMS\*** (LIABILITY & SECONDARY ACCIDENT) Available for all Slo-Pitch National sanctioned tournaments and all Slo-Pitch National approved tournaments across Canada and for all games, including league playoffs, that the insured team is involved in during league play. Liability coverage is \$5,000,000 per occurrence. Cost for Team Liability and Secondary Accident coverage is included in your insured team registration fee\*

**ENTIRE LEAGUES\*** (TEAM LIABILITY & SECONDARY ACCIDENT, EXECUTIVE LIABILITY) When all teams in the league are insured members of SPN. Covers activities as for single teams, PLUS SPN liability coverage will include league executives for all league games and playoff games.

Some maximums and limitations apply. A \$1,000 deductible applies on the liability policy. \*A surcharge may be added in various regions - contact your Regional Director.

**2. Umpires** (LIABILITY & SECONDARY ACCIDENT) Coverage for all games, tournaments and leagues sanctioned/approved by SPN while in an SPN uniform. \$5,000,000 liability coverage. Cost of Liability and Secondary Accident coverage is included in umpire membership fee. Umpire insurance coverage does not begin until the umpire has passed the exam.

**3. Conveners** (CONVENER HOST LIQUOR LIABILITY) Covers the convenue or host group for \$5,000,000 liability (e.g. someone leaves the headquarters area and gets into an accident). It has nothing to do with the games.

- Tournament must be fully sanctioned by Slo-Pitch National with all teams being members in good standing for the current year.

- Completed application form and certified cheque or money order must be received at the National Office a **minimum of 2 weeks before** the tournament date.

- Available only to insured members in good standing who meet SPN hosting criteria.

**4. League Executives** (LEAGUE BANQUET HOST LIQUOR LIABILITY) Covers league executive/host for league banquets (e.g. someone leaves the event and gets into an accident). This is available to leagues that are fully insured members prior to July 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. \$5,000,000 coverage. Completed application form and certified cheque or money order must be received at the National Office a **minimum of 2 weeks before** the tournament date.

**5. Municipalities, Sponsors & Facility Owners** May be co-named on Convener Host Liquor Liability coverage (\$5,000,000) and also for liability arising out of league play, on written request from the insured member. They may also be co-named on League Banquet Host Liquor Liability.

## WHEN

(LIABILITY & SECONDARY ACCIDENT) Coverage commences upon receipt of paid insured registration by SPN National Office, Regional Director or Provincial Coordinator. **Coverage will expire Dec 31, 2018 for teams, leagues and umpires insured in 2018.**

## HOW

### Accident Claim Procedure

**There is no fee to make an accident claim or file an incident report.**

**1. Within 30 days of the accident** the insured (team or member involved) must advise the SPN National Office and request an Athletic Accident Claim Form, and specify:

- name of insured team and injured person
- whether claim is for medical or dental injury
- the event it occurred in (e.g. league game or tournament)
- name of league or tournament
- date and location (e.g. diamond/park name)

The National Office will confirm that the applicant is on the waiver/roster of the insured team, advise the insurance company that a claim has been issued and send out a Claim Form.

### 2. When you have the Claim Form

- fully complete the required portion
- have the attending physician/dentist fully complete their portion
- attach receipts to-date\* for all insured accounts which you are required to pay
- forward the completed Claim Form to the address printed on the form without delay

**Proof of claim, including a report from the attending dentist, doctor or specialist must be submitted within 90 days of the accident.**

Receipts paid up to the time you return the Claim Form should be included with the form.

\*Later receipts may be sent directly to the insurance company.

The SPN office will sign a confirmation of insured membership for the current year and then forward the completed Claim Form to the insurance company claims department on behalf of the insured.

For claims requiring a further report from a doctor, dentist, osteopath, etc., the insurance company will forward any necessary forms to the insured on receipt of the original completed (approved by Slo-Pitch National office) Claim Form. **There is no fee to make an accident claim or file an incident report.**



# REQUEST AN INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

**Fax completed form to SPN (902) 864-5712**

*(Allow a minimum of 3 business days for processing – certificate will be emailed to contact)*

**CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:** *(Use one form for each event)*

**League Play:** *Games played during the 2018 season.*

League Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tournament:** Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. P.M.

End date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. P.M.

*Host Liquor (if applicable) - \$150 payable to Slo-Pitch National (2 weeks prior to tournament)*

**League Banquet:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet location: \_\_\_\_\_

*Host Liquor (if applicable)*

**Special Occasion Permit # (mandatory for Host Liquor):** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT FOR EVENT:**

**Convener's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is designated to handle the following: \* Impaired patrons \_\_\_\_\_

\* Disruptive/abusive patrons \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that this is an application only. It does not constitute an insurance policy. Insurance shall become effective only on issuance of a policy or written binder specifically authorized by the company or agency. Quotations will be based upon the information provided and applicant warrants information provided.*

Authorized signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Named Insured:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(i.e. Permit Holder/Event Host/SPN League name)*

**Certificate Holders:** *(i.e. City/Town/Municipality/School board/etc.)*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Park/Diamond Names:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Special requests/comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** One certificate will be issued free of charge. Request for additional certificates or changes will be charged a \$20 administration fee.



**We think our service and products are the best, but don't just take our word for it!**

"Our league has been part of the SPN program for 25 years. We have been involved with the league for 6 years. The assistance we have received from the SPN office, the umpires & the other leagues has been overwhelming. There is always someone to answer our question or help us out."

**Garth & Theresa Wintle, Niagara Slo-Pitch League**

"After 20+ years of affiliation with SPN the relationship only grows stronger year after year!"

**Mick Jackson, Sarnia Slo-Pitch League**

"The Ottawa Nepean Slo-Pitch League (ONSPL) has been a member of SPN since 1989. The affiliation program and support we get from SPN has allowed us to continually offer Ottawa area teams the highest quality game play, officiating and rewards. We are looking forward to another great season with SPN in 2017".

**Leo Tardioli, Ottawa Nepean Slo-Pitch League**

"I, like many of the volunteers affiliated with the SPN program am also the League President of the Centennial Slo-Pitch League based out of Etobicoke. I believe it's important that our volunteers understand the challenges associated with the day to day operations of running a league. I am confident that this is part of what makes Slo-Pitch National a strong organization that relates well to leagues and their specific needs across Ontario."

**Bill Miller, President of Slo-Pitch National, President Centennial Slo-Pitch League Etobicoke**

"Sudbury Mixed Slo-Pitch League has been a member of SPN for 10 plus years now. Players like the many benefits, including the prize selection SPN has to offer. The umpire program is the best here in town. The office staff at SPN is always there to help and assist the players or league with whatever question or issue they may have."

**Shawn Bomhower, Sudbury Mixed Slo-Pitch League**

"Our league has enjoyed a great partnership with Slo-Pitch National for over 25 years. From the Umpires Program to tournament and insurance support, SPN has all the bases covered for your league's needs!"

**Maureen Truman, Hamilton Ladies Slo-Pitch**

"Our members can walk on the diamond feeling 100% percent confident in being supported by SPN! My name is LA and I have been affiliated with SPN for more than 30 years!"

**Lea Anne Shepley, Essex County Slo-Pitch**

**Leagues range in size from 4 teams to over 185 teams! Big or small, our benefits and services are reviewed and updated on an annual basis to ensure we are meeting the needs expressed by our membership every year.**



## **WANTS YOU!**

*Don't know what to do with your spare time this summer?*

**Become a Slo-Pitch National Umpire!!**

### **DEPUTY UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF - NOVA SCOTIA**

*Victor Hubley*

C: 902-219-4274 / 902-864-3938

[Victor.hubley@bellaliant.net](mailto:Victor.hubley@bellaliant.net)

### **DEPUTY UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF - NEW BRUNSWICK**

*Mark Gough*

*Moncton, NB*

*506-961-9375*

[monctonsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:monctonsoftball@gmail.com)

### **DEPUTY UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF - PEI**

*Clark Wood*

*902-341-7458*

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***If you would like information on  
Slo-Pitch National umpires for your league  
Please contact us***



## FAQ's – League Affiliation

Q. *What if we as a league use a different rule book or have modified rules from the SPN rulebook?*

A. *Affiliation with SPN does not require the use of our rulebook. The use of the rulebook is not mandatory for leagues in any way.*

Q. *Why should the league affiliate for insurance purposes if half of the people have their own private insurance coverage?*

A. *If half of the people already have insurance coverage through some other form it may be noted that if they do not have full coverage then SPN will reimburse the remaining eligible claim as a secondary insurance. Also, if only half of the participants have coverage then there is still half without insurance coverage and these teams/players represent a risk to the tournament organizers if an incident occurs where someone is looking for compensation for third party liability. Remember, you may not have any direct responsibility but as a league executive member you may be named in a suit against the league and be called to court to defend yourself which can be an out-of-pocket legal and time expense.*

Q. *Would you have to use the SPN Umpires for our league if we affiliate?*

A. *No, SPN dictates that registered umpires are required for National Qualifying tournaments and Provincial and National Championships. WE do not make any stipulations for using registered umpires for league play.*

Q. *Does SPN have sponsors and is it a problem if our league has different sponsors?*

A. *SPN does have nationwide sponsors, such as Molson Breweries, Worth softballs, Easton Bats, amongst others. Regionally, SPN Maritimes has received support from Source For Sports. However, SPN Maritimes simply encourages all members to support or sponsors. Individual leagues and teams are free to use whatever sponsors they feel is best for their individual situation.*

Q. *Does SPN enforce the use of specific balls, bats, bases, etc. if our league affiliates?*

A. *Again, registration with SPN does not compel any league to use a specific brand or manufacturer of equipment.*



# 2018 MARITIMES UMPIRE CLINICS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<i>April 21</i>	<i>Moncton Location TBA</i>	<i>Mark Gough (506) 961-9375 monctonsoftball@gmail.com</i>
<i>April 28</i>	<i>Halifax Sportswheels Training Complex (the Warehouse)</i>	<i>Victor Hubley (902) 219-4272 victorhubley@eastlink.ca</i>



**Our long standing relationships with industry leaders  
and member leagues across the Maritimes speaks  
volumes!**





**Coed Super Series – June 23/24<sup>th</sup> Yarmouth, NS**

**Men's 35+ – Date TBA Halifax, NS**

**Coed – August 18/19 Truro/Bible Hill area, NS**

**Men's Open/D/Rec – September 7/8/9 Location TBA**

**Women's Comp/Rec – September 8/9 Location TBA**