



Softball (Slowpitch) – COMPETITOR NOTES

It is compulsory for all entrants in this event and their supporters to read this notice and comply with its stipulations. They are also responsible for familiarising themselves with the Event Location, Rules and all its hazards. Please inform your supporters of their responsibility to comply.

Signing your waiver or completing your online entry is an indication you agree to comply with these guidelines.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

- ⊗ You are responsible for your own health and safety during the event.
- ⊗ You should only undertake to participate in this event if you believe that you are fit to do so.
- ⊗ At no stage during this event should you engage in activity that would threaten your own safety and the safety of other people.
- ⊗ You should obey marshal and Event Staff where they are instructing you for your safety.
- ⊗ Marshals, Officials and Referees are giving up their time to help you, please treat them with respect. If you have any issues with a Marshals, Officials and Referee's conduct please do not approach them independently – please refer to the Event Manager.

GENERAL NOTES

- ⊗ The roads are open for all normal traffic but should not impact on the Softball (Slowpitch) event. The event takes place in a public area.
- ⊗ Competitors must behave in a manner that is safe, fair and demonstrates good sports conduct before, during and after the race.
- ⊗ Please report any accidents to the Event Director or marshal during the event.
- ⊗ Please give assistance to fellow competitors in need of help.
- ⊗ If your match has finished, please have consideration for others still playing.
- ⊗ Dogs must not accompany competitors or marshals in position in this event.
- ⊗ If spectators have no choice but to bring dogs, they must be on a leash at all times and kept well clear of all competitors.

GAMES REGISTRATION

All participants are required to check in at the Registration Desk at the Games Hub (Rotorua Energy Events Centre) in person before playing sports or taking part in an activity.

For safety and security, we cannot accept someone checking you in on your behalf. This includes Teams. Each Team Member is required to check in individually at the Games Registration.

VENUE

The venue for the Softball (Slowpitch) Event is Rotorua International Stadium, Devon Street West, Rotorua.

PARKING

Parking is provided at the Venue. There is sufficient parking available for competitors and spectators.



EVENT CHECK-IN

Event Check-in for the Softball (Slowpitch) will be at the following times:

Wednesday 8th March 2023 – 08.00am

COMPETITION RULES

This will be a Softball (Slowpitch) tournament played in accordance with Softball NZ Official Rules of Softball 2014-2017

Team composition

Minimum of 9 players and a maximum of 16 players including a non-playing coach / manager & team scorer.

Mixed – Require a minimum of 4 females on the field at any one time.

A minimum of 9 players required on the field to start a game.

Competition structure

Round Robin, with semi-finalists determined after round robin play.

Competition Description

All games will be played for 7 innings or a maximum of 75 minutes with at least 15 minutes between games.

Each team will play all other teams in the pool.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 🏆 Win = 3 points
- 🏆 Draw = 1 point
- 🏆 Loss = 0 points

Pool winners will be determined by who has the most points!

Equipment

We will be using 12-inch Dimple Batting Machine Balls (this is to ensure a safer competition for fielders and those who may not have played the sport previously).

General Rules

- 🏆 The Pitch must come in slowly with a perceptible arc of between 1.8 and 3.6 meters (6 and 12 feet) from the ground. The pitcher must start with and keep one foot on the plate until the ball is released.
- 🏆 Strike Zone: Between the Batters chest height (solar plexus and knees) call at the plate when the Batter is in their normal stance.
- 🏆 Players: There are 10 players on defence at one time (one additional outfielder).
- 🏆 Stealing: There is no stealing or leading off. Runners must remain in contact with the base until the ball passes over home plate or is a hit. A runner off base when the ball is hit out – no pitch is called.
- 🏆 Bunting: There is no bunting, or “chopping” down at the ball. Batter is out.

- 🚫 Strike Three: Third Strike is always out and the ball is dead (example: A Batter on a count of two strikes who then hits a “foul ball” is out).
- 🚫 Batter Hit By Pitch: May not take a walk to the first base, Ball is dead and “ball” is called (Confirm dead ball and a ball on the Batter).
- 🚫 Courtesy Runner: May be used once per inning. The courtesy runner must be the player who is the last person to bat. If it is the first inning, it must be the player who is furthest from batting.
- 🚫 Change of Inning: This will happen at 3 out or 7 runs ahead.
- 🚫 Batting Order: Male, Female, Male, Female, etc
- 🚫 Substitutes: Starting player can be substituted. No re-entries and no issues if the batting order goes to the same Gender x 3.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY / DRAW

The Schedule of Play / Draw for your competition will be available as soon as practicable after Registration for the Games closes on 10th February 2023.

The Draw will be available via the Games APP and Website.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are welcome to attend the Softball (Slowpitch) Event. APES Games 2023 staff and the Softball (Slowpitch) Event Team will strive to keep all spectators safe from harm, but all spectators are responsible for their own personal safety.

Here are some pointers to help spectators stay safe while watching the event:

- 🚫 Be responsible and keep your own safety in mind.
- 🚫 Always follow and obey marshal’s instructions.
- 🚫 Observe and follow all event signs.
- 🚫 Stay within designated spectator areas.
- 🚫 Do not enter any restricted areas. If you are unsure, please ask a marshal.
- 🚫 Children to be accompanied at all times.

PRIZE GIVING

Prize Giving will take place at the Games Hub, Rotorua Energy Events Centre between 5pm – 7pm on Thursday 9th March 2023. Full details of the medal ceremony will be provided once Games Registration closes on 10th February 2023.

KEY CONTACTS / INFORMATION

Name	Role/Organisation	Contact Number
Angela Everson	Sports Co-ordinator – Softball	021 0899 8493
Graham Perks	APES Games Sports Manager	021 191 3660

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Food and Drink will be available for purchase at the venue.

Physio services are available through Go Physio (1221 Haupapa Street, Rotorua – Tel: 07 347 8380) who will be operating a Drop-in Clinic 8am – 5pm Monday 6th March – Friday 10th March 2023 - <https://gophysio.co.nz/>