

State Line Slowpitch League — 2026

Official League Operations Manual

I. LEAGUE OVERVIEW

- **Location:** Veterans Park – 755 Fellows Road, Genoa City, WI 53128
 - **League Director:** Bryce Inman – 951-250-2483 – bryce@shockersbaseball.org
 - **Assistant Director:** TC Karnatz – 815-404-3761
 - **Season Start:** Week of May 18, 2026
 - **Season End:** Week of August 25, 2026
 - **Total Teams:** 12
 - **League Type:** Adult 12” Slowpitch Softball – Competitive Division
 - **Structure:** 10-game regular season followed by single-elimination playoffs
 - **Ruleset:** ASA / USA Softball Official Slowpitch Rules
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II. LEAGUE PURPOSE AND VISION

The State Line Slowpitch League provides an organized, competitive, and recreational softball experience for adult players in the Stateline area.

The league emphasizes:

- Fair play and good sportsmanship
 - Community engagement and recreation
 - Safe, enjoyable competition for all participants
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III. TEAM & PLAYER STRUCTURE

A. Division

Competitive

B. Team Composition

- **Maximum roster size:** 15 players
- **Minimum to start a game:** 8 players
- **Roster Rules:**

- All players must be officially rostered before the first game
- All players must sign a League Waiver prior to participation
- No substitutes outside of rostered players
- No double-rostering across teams
- **Roster Lock:** 2 weeks prior to Opening Day

C. Captain Responsibilities

- Register team and submit payment by deadline
 - Ensure roster compliance and waiver completion
 - Maintain communication with league officials
 - Report scores and incidents following each game
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IV. SEASON FORMAT

A. Regular Season

- **10-Game Regular Season + Rainout Makeups** (May 25 – August 14, 2026)
- Open time slots available each week for rainout rescheduling
- Single-Elimination Playoff (August 17 - 21, 2026)

B. Playoffs

- All 12 teams qualify for postseason play
 - **Play-In Round:**
 - Q1: Seed 5 vs 12
 - Q2: Seed 6 vs 11
 - Q3: Seed 7 vs 10
 - Q4: Seed 8 vs 9
 - **Quarterfinals:**
 - Top 4 seeds join play-in winners
 - QF1: Seed 1 vs Winner Q4
 - QF2: Seed 2 vs Winner Q3
 - QF3: Seed 3 vs Winner Q2
 - QF4: Seed 4 vs Winner Q1
 - **Semifinals & Championship:**
 - SF1: Winner QF1 vs Winner QF4
 - SF2: Winner QF2 vs Winner QF3
 - **Championship:** Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2
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V. GAME ADMINISTRATION

A. Game Length

- 7 innings or 1-hour time limit, whichever comes first
- 10-run rule applies after 5 innings

B. Start Time

- Teams must be ready 15 minutes prior to scheduled start

C. Game Balls

- League provides ASA-approved 12" softballs

D. Equipment

- ASA-approved bats only (no rolled or altered bats)
- Helmets **recommended for pitchers**
- Players may wear any team shirt — matching uniforms not required

E. Umpires

- One umpire per game
- **\$35 per game**, paid by league
- Responsible for enforcing rules, maintaining order, and verifying scores

VI. FEES & FINANCIAL STRUCTURE

Item	Cost	Notes
Team Entry Fee	\$750	Paid at registration
Umpire Fee	\$35/game	Paid by league
Field Maintenance	Included	Managed by league
Championship Awards	Included	Provided by league

- **Payment Deadline:** March 1, 2026
 - **Accepted Methods:** Through www.statelineathletics.com
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VII. LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

- Team registration via online portal
 - Player waivers required prior to participation
 - Roster lock two weeks prior to opening day
 - League carries general liability insurance
 - Players are responsible for personal individual injury coverage
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VIII. GAME OPERATIONS

- Home team keeps the official scorebook
 - Umpire keeps scorecard; both captains verify results post-game
 - Rainouts:
 - One week reserved at end of regular season for final makeups
 - Lightning or severe weather: suspend play and resume only when safe
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IX. STANDINGS

- Official standings updated weekly on website and social media
 - Rankings determined by:
 1. Win percentage
 2. Head-to-head record
 3. Run differential
 4. Runs allowed
 5. Coin flip
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X. COMMUNICATION

- League communication via email and text
 - Schedule updates and standings posted weekly
 - Captains must monitor messages for any time or weather changes
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XI. SAFETY & CONDUCT

- First-aid kit available at all games
 - Immediate stoppage for injury or lightning
 - Sportsmanship and respect toward umpires and players required
 - Fighting or verbal abuse results in removal from league
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XII. END-OF-SEASON

- Awards Presented:
 - League Champion
 - Runner-Up
 - Captains will receive a post-season feedback form for improvement suggestions
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XIII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION (CHECKLIST)

Team Registration Form
\$750 Team Fee
Signed Player Waivers
Finalized Roster (15-player max)
Captain Contact Information