



# SOFTBALL LEINSTER BYE-LAWS

## 2024

### ADDENDUM

This is an addendum concerning **III.1. Gender in Line-up and Fielding Positions**. This addendum was agreed by the Softball Leinster Committee on Wednesday 08 May 2024 and shall apply from this day forward for the rest of the 2024 Season

#### **Section III: The Rules of Play**

The rules of play are those of the WBSC (World Baseball Softball Confederation) as contained in the current WBSC rulebook specific to co-ed slowpitch softball and SI regulations with the following adjustments.

#### **1. Gender in Line-up and Fielding Positions**

1.1. **Inclusivity** - SL is an inclusive softball association and as such we strive to keep inclusivity at the forefront of our sport. SL adopts the SI policy in all matters of inclusivity. This document contains guidelines for gender inclusion within games, with guidelines for umpires and roster: [SI Gender Inclusion Policy 2021](#)

#### **1.2. Gender split**

1.2.1. Prem Division and Division 3 teams will be playing **max. 5 players of any one gender** in the 2024 season (for 10-player lineup; max. 6 of any given gender for 12-player line-up under the WBSC extra player rule). The established rules for alternating players by gender apply accordingly.

1.2.2. Division 1 and Division 2 teams should strive to play **max. 5 players of any one gender**; however, there will be no penalty in the 2024 season for playing a maximum of 6 players of one gender in a 10-player line-up. The established rules for alternating players by gender apply accordingly.

**1.2.2.1. In Division 1 and Division 2, a 12-player line-up may only be max. 6 of any gender.**