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To: Minor Association Presidents

CC: Board of Directors, Minor District Coordinators, DUICs and PUIC and Staff

From: Diane St-Denis, Executive Director

Subject: Update on Tryout and Team Selection Special Operating Rules

As most of you are aware, the Minor Advisory Council is currently putting the final touches on a Tryout and Team Selection procedure, which will be added to our Special Operating Rules that will take effect for the 2027 season.

At this time, several operational questions remain regarding the implementation of these new tryout and selection procedures, specifically how they will be monitored and enforced in cases of non-compliance. There have also been a few requests for an additional town hall to address these operational questions.

Therefore, the Board has elected to adopt one key aspect of the current draft for the 2027 season:

- **U11 Rep:** Tryouts **may not begin before January 1, 2027**, for the upcoming season.
- **U13 to U19 Rep (A & B):** Tryouts **may not begin before the Sunday of Labour Day weekend** (September 6, 2026) for the upcoming season.
- Provided that no tryouts begin before the applicable start date, tryouts are not required to start on those exact dates; associations may schedule tryouts anytime after the permitted start date.
- Fall skill development camps or clinics are permitted, provided they are not used to make roster offers prior to the applicable tryout selection date.
- As currently listed in the SORs, there are no tryouts for C-level ball.

We recognize that some associations may have already signed rental agreements for dates that do not comply with the above. **We will provide a one-time exemption process for this fall:**

- **Exemption Criteria:** An association may request an exemption only if they provide written documentation (such as a facility contract or permit) predating this announcement that proves its field or facility was booked prior to our published start date.

The above ensures we can accommodate legitimate pre-existing commitments while we transition as a province to the new timelines. Please submit your exemption request to executive.director@softball.bc.ca.

The Minor Advisory Council will be hosting a second and final town hall this fall to provide further information on the implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of the new tryout SORs for the 2028 season.

Do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions.