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To: Minor Fastpitch Member Associations

CC: Board of Directors, District Coordinators & Staff

From: Diane St-Denis, Executive Director

Subject: Notice of Change to 8.1.21 Maximum 20 Games in Minor Fastpitch SORs

The Board of Directors approved on September 1st a change to rule 8.1.21 Maximum 20 Games in Minor Fastpitch SORs. The rule change originated from the Minor Advisory Council.

At the Minor Advisory Council's request, we are circulating the change today, as we believe it could influence decision-making by coaches and athletes during the upcoming tryout season.

THE CHANGE

The previous rule read:

8.1.21. MAXIMUM 20 GAMES - A team may not pick up the same player for more than 20 combined games as a pick-up player where that SBBC team registers at a higher classification and/ or category. Playing in more than 20 combined games will result in the player being ineligible to participate in an SBBC District Playdown tournament, an SBBC Provincial Championship and a Canadian Championship. A waiver may be applied for by the player contacting the Umpires & Championships Director in writing to request permission. The waiver will be determined at the Umpires & Championships Director's sole discretion in consultation with the Minor District Coordinator(s). The number of games calculation will be from March 1st to June 15th of the playing season. It will include all tournament, exhibition and regular season games, both in and out of province

The new rule reads

8.1.21. MAXIMUM 20 GAMES

- a. A player is limited to participating in no more than 20 games as a "pick-up player" at a higher classification and/or category than their registered classification and/or category.
- b. Playing in more than 20 games will result in the player being ineligible to participate in any District Playdowns, Provincial Championships, Western Canadian Championships, or Canadian Championships. The onus is on the player to track their pick-up participation (date/times/team/location) should they need to prove compliance with this regulation.
- c. The player may apply for a waiver. A waiver may be granted at the sole discretion of the Umpires & Championships Director in consultation with the relevant Minor District Coordinator. The number of games calculation will run from March 1st to June 15th, and shall include all tournaments, exhibition, and regular-season games, both in and out of province.

I encourage you to speak with your District Minor Coordinator if you have questions about applying the new rule. A list of the Coordinators and their emails is available [here](#), or you can contact our office at info@softball.bc.ca or 604.371.0302.

Thank you,