



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Member Associations
Independent Teams

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

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Subject: Important Board Decisions & Policy Updates for the Upcoming Season

The Board of Directors of Softball BC would like to inform our members of recent decisions made at recent meetings that may affect your planning for the upcoming season.

U13 Representation at Western Canadians

Historically, Softball BC policy has sent 'A' classification teams to Canadian Championships and 'B' classification teams to Western Canadian Championships. This approach ensures BC sends its top-ranked teams to national competitions while offering 'B' classification teams an exciting postseason interprovincial event.

At its March meeting, the Board of Directors approved a change to the identification process for teams representing British Columbia at the U13 Western Canadian Softball Championships. To provide a postseason interprovincial event for both 'A' and 'B' classifications in the U13 category, the Board approved sending both the U13 A Provincial Champion and the U13 B Provincial Champion to Western Canadians.

Softball BC currently receives two berths to the Western Canadian Softball Championship. As such, these berths will be allocated based on provincial championship finishes as follows:

- 1st Berth: Highest finisher (with an LOI) in U13 A
- 2nd Berth: Highest finisher (with an LOI) in U13 B

Should additional berths be available beyond a British Columbia host, the allocation will continue in alternating order as follows:

- 3rd Berth (if available): Next highest finisher (with an LOI) in U13 A
- 4th Berth (if available): Next highest finisher (with an LOI) in U13 B
- and so forth

U11C Celebration of Softball

At its September 1st meeting, the Board of Directors approved discontinuing the U11 Celebration of Softball regional events, effective this season.

A lack of host applicants for these regional events and direct feedback from districts preferring local events—which allow for a more inclusive and flexible format—were key factors in the Board's decision.

In light of the decision to discontinue the U11 Celebration of Softball regional events, the Board of Directors approved a reduction in the annual membership fee for the U11C category from \$35 to \$25 per player. We recommend associations, leagues and teams review the updated annual membership fee list [here](#).

The U11 Rep Showcase will continue to be offered and delivered at two locations within British Columbia.

New "Alcohol at Softball BC Sanctioned Competition Policy"

The Board of Directors also approved a new policy at its September 1st meeting: "[Alcohol at Softball BC Sanctioned Competition Policy](#)". We recommend that minor associations, as well as adult leagues and teams, carefully review the policy and ensure you have conversations with your members, including players, coaches, managers, umpires, parents, and spectators.

Please contact the office if you have any questions about the information above.