



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Member Associations

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

From: Diane St-Denis, Executive Director

Subject: Town Hall Meeting - New Standard Operating Procedures for Tryouts

Minor Association executives, board members, and coaches are invited to attend a virtual Town Hall meeting on **Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss the new Standard Operating Rules (SORs) for Tryouts recently developed by the Minor Advisory Council.

The Board instructed the Minor Advisory Council to hold one final consultative session with members prior to approving the new rules for the 2027 edition of the Softball BC Standard Operating Rules Handbook.

Shannon Maion, Lead on the Tryout Working Group, and Kathy Weston, Chair of the Minor Advisory Council, will present the attached SORs and answer questions.

Zoom Call Instructions

Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84074852547?pwd=6vozczSqqMuq24KkmFEhheLkwj5iSkc.1>

Meeting ID: 840 7485 2547

Passcode: 504650

Tryout and Team Selection SORs Proposal

8.2.3 TRYOUTS AND TEAM SELECTION

8.2.3.1 TRYOUT START DATES

Tryouts for Rep teams shall not begin before the dates outlined below:

- a. **U11 REP** – Tryouts may begin any time after January 1 for the upcoming season.
- b. **U13 TO U19 REP A/B** – Tryouts may not begin before the Sunday of the Labour Day weekend for the upcoming season.
- c. Associations may conduct Rep A and Rep B tryouts at the same time or on different dates, provided that no tryout begins before the applicable start date.
- d. Tryouts are not required to begin on the earliest permitted start date. Associations may conduct tryouts at any time after the applicable start date.
- e. Fall skill development camps and clinics are permitted, provided they are not used to make roster offers before the applicable tryout start date.

8.2.3.2 TEAM SELECTION OFFERS

Offers for roster spots shall be made in accordance with the following:

- a. All offers must be made in writing by email or paper copy.
- b. All offers must use the approved Softball BC offer template.
- c. Offers are for a roster spot only and do not guarantee a position, role, or playing time.
- d. For minor athletes, a parent or guardian must accept or decline the offer on behalf of the athlete.
- e. Once tryouts have started, an athlete may accept or decline an offer at any time before the offer deadline.
- f. An athlete who does not respond by the offer deadline shall be considered to have declined the offer, and the offer shall no longer be valid.
- g. Additional offers may be made after the first offer deadline. All additional offers shall have a deadline of 4:00 p.m. the next day.

8.2.3.3 **U11 REP OFFER DEADLINE**

For U11 Rep tryouts:

- a. Athletes shall have until 4:00 p.m. on the third day after tryouts start to accept or decline an offer. First day of tryouts is considered day 1.
- b. An athlete who does not respond by 4:00 p.m. on the third day shall be considered to have declined the offer, and the offer shall no longer be valid.
- c. New offers may be made after the first offer deadline, provided athletes are given until 4:00 p.m. the next day to accept or decline the offer.

8.2.3.4 **ASSOCIATIONS SELECTING REP A AND REP B TEAMS**

Where an association is selecting both Rep A and Rep B teams, offers shall be made in accordance with the following:

a. **Rep A Offers**

- i. Athletes shall have until 4:00 p.m. on the third day after tryouts start to accept or decline a Rep A offer. First day of tryouts is considered day 1.
- ii. An athlete who does not respond by 4:00 p.m. on the third day shall be considered to have declined the offer, and the offer shall no longer be valid.
- iii. New Rep A offers may be made after the first offer deadline, provided athletes are given until 4:00 p.m. the next day to accept or decline the offer.

b. **Rep B Offers**

- i. Rep B offers may be made after 5:00 p.m. on the fourth day after tryouts start. First day of tryouts is considered day 1.
 - ii. When Rep B offers are made, athletes must be given until 4:00 p.m. the next day to accept or decline the offer.
- c. The Rep A and Rep B offer windows are staggered to allow Rep A offers to be made before Rep B offers.

8.2.3.5 ASSOCIATIONS SELECTING REP B ONLY

Where an association is selecting Rep B teams only:

- a. Athletes shall have until 4:00 p.m. on the third day after tryouts start to accept or decline an offer. First day of tryouts is considered day 1.
- b. An athlete who does not respond by 4:00 p.m. on the third day shall be considered to have declined the offer, and the offer shall no longer be valid.
- c. New offers may be made after the first offer deadline, provided athletes are given until 4:00 p.m. the next day to accept or decline the offer.

8.2.3.6 IMPLEMENTATION

These tryout and team selection rules shall take effect for the 2028 season.