



ACTION BULLETIN

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Date: April 2nd, 2026
To: Association Presidents & Independent Teams
CC: Minor Coordinators, Men's and Women's Coordinators, Slo-Pitch Coordinators, and Staff
From: Shaquille Gilbert
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Subject: Letters of Intent (LOI) for 2026 Western and Canadian Championships

Please take note of the following important details regarding the submission process for Letters of Intent (LOIs) for the 2026 championship season. All teams intending to compete in a Canadian or Western Canadian Championships must complete and submit the appropriate Letter of Intent by the deadlines outlined below.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams intending to compete in the Canadian Championships must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to Softball BC using the links below by the listed deadline:

[Letter of Intent – Canadian Championship \(Minor Fastpitch\)](#) - May 1, 2026

[Letter of Intent – Canadian Championship \(Men's and Women's Fastpitch\)](#) - June 1, 2026

For additional information and championship dates, please visit the [Softball BC website](#).

Teams intending to compete in the Western Canadian Championships must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to Softball BC using the links below by the listed deadline:

WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (MINOR FASTPITCH ONLY)

[Letter of Intent – Western Canadian Championship \(Minor Fastpitch\)](#) - May 1, 2026

Please note: Western Canadian Championships are no longer offered for Men's and Women's Fastpitch divisions.

For additional information and championship dates, please visit the [Softball BC website](#).





MUST ATTEND OR BE SUBJECT TO A \$2,500 FINE

Prior to completing your LOI, coaches and association executive members, please take note that teams who complete an LOI, qualify for a championship and fail to attend will be **subject to a \$2,500 fine** in addition to disciplinary action.

The Softball Board of Directors had approved, in December 2025, an edit to Article 15, which reads as follows:

- 15.2. *MUST ATTEND - Teams that have submitted a Letter of Intent to participate in a Western Canadian or a Canadian Championship, and have qualified for that championship, are obligated to attend. Teams failing to attend shall result*
- a. *In their Association being subject to a \$2,500 fine from Softball BC and disciplinary action, including but not limited to being declared ineligible for Western Canadian or Canadian Championships for the following season when the team has six or more returning players. If the team is registering as an Independent Adult Team, the team will be subject to the fine and disciplinary action.*
 - b. *The Association may be liable for additional costs, including but not limited to entry fees, administrative fees and penalty assessments made by the Western Canadian Softball Association or Softball Canada, incurred by Softball BC if a replacement team is not found to take that spot. If the team is registering as an Independent Adult Team, the team will be subject to the fine and disciplinary action.*

Note: A team cannot intentionally forfeit a game in order to avoid having to decline a berth for the Western Canadian or Canadian Championship. If a team is deemed by the Softball BC Representative assigned to the event to have intentionally forfeited a game, the team's association or in the case of an independent adult team, the team will be subject to the above penalties in 15.2. The team can appeal the decision by providing a written justification and supporting documentation demonstrating the necessity of the decision.

For further information and event dates, please visit the [Softball BC website](#).

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Shaquille Gilbert at shaquille.gilbert@softball.bc.ca.

