



Minor Advisory Council Minutes Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Attendance

- See Appendix A for the Council attendance chart
- Diane St-Denis, Executive Director

Regrets

- Darren Simpson, Board of Directors Representative

1. Territorial Acknowledgement and Opening Remarks

K. Weston, vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. She offered a brief land acknowledgement.

2. Quorum

See Annex A.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by B. Hawkins, seconded by E. Lee, to approve the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

Motion by E. Lee, seconded by B. Hawkins, to approve the minutes of June 7, 2026, with one edit: correction to Baukje Edamura's name.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Email Votes - n/a

6. Business Arising

a. Motion Bat Person

B. Edamura presented a new motion which included the edits required to other "related" SORs. Council agreed that SOR 8.1.23 also needs to be addressed in the proposed motion. B. Edamura to bring back the revised motion for the next meeting.

Action: Edamura to bring motion to the next meeting.

b. 8.1.22 Maximum Games

The Board will review the Council's motion on September 1, 2026. If approved, the office will circulate a bulletin prior to September 6, 2026 to ensure coaches and players consider the revision when making commitments to any team this fall.

Action: Office to report back on vote outcome from September Board meeting.

c. Tryout Policy for Rep Ball

Council discussed the Board's decision and ensuing bulletin issued on July 18th.

Action: G. Johnson to write a letter to the Board on behalf of the Council requesting they reconsider allowing exceptions, as they feel the exceptions nullify the intent of setting a deadline.

Council agreed to postpone discussion on the Tryout policy until the next meeting when S. Maion is in attendance.

d. Working group recommendation on Renegades Motion

The outcome of the discussion held at the last meeting will be forwarded to the Board for their September 1st meeting.

Action: Office to ensure Council's feedback on the motion is include in the September Board meeting package.

e. Overthrow correction

The Office will be following up with L. Crosby on the work assigned to him and request an update for the next meeting.

Action: Office to follow up with L. Crosby.

f. Limiting Combined Team to One Per District

The letter from D9 will be brought forward at the September meeting to discuss whether combined teams should be limited to one per district for the U11R Showcase.

Action: Office to ensure this item is on the September agenda.

g. District Playdowns Time Limits Discussion

The Office is to work with K. Weston to draft a motion to break down Article 8 to show what is (i) league rules, (ii) district rules, (iii) provincial rules.

Action: Office to ensure an update on this item is on the September agenda.

h. SORs modifications

K. Weston is to bring back the actual wording/changes to a future meeting for review and approval to ensure the correct information is captured.

Action: Weston to bring motion (one document) to the next meeting.

i. Questions for a MAC meeting

K. Weston also had several questions for the council to discuss. All of these items will be moved to September. She is to bring back the actual wording/changes or motions to a future meeting for review and approval to ensure that the correct information is captured.

Action: Weston to bring motion (one document) to the next meeting.

7. New Business

a. Board request to alter 8.3.5.2

During a discussion on 2027 membership fees, the Board of Directors noticed that the SORs don't reference the inclusion of a manager on the roster. As such, the directors instructed St-Denis to have the Minor Advisory Council review SOR 8.3.5.2. To reflect a change allowing for five (5) coaches and one (1) team manager, plus one Approved Minor Junior Coach to be on an approved roster.

The Council did not support the recommended change. The Council felt the duties of a manager (definition) vary between associations and, as such, would require the inclusion of a definition in the SORs for all associations to comply with. The Council was also of the opinion that if a team prioritizes having a manager on the field of play (which includes the dugout), they can abandon one coach position to make room for the manager.

b. Edit to 8.6.14.4.d

Moved by A. Douthwright, seconded by B. Edamura, to edit 8.6.14.4.d as follows:

8.6.14.4 The following applies to “B” and “C” teams picking up players for Provincial Championships:

- a. Within a given District, teams will be permitted to pick up in the following order:
 - i. The team that places first at District Championships.
 - ii. The team that is hosting the Provincial Championships.
 - iii. Teams that earned pro rata spots in the Provincial Championships, in the order in which they finished at Districts.
- b. Each team will be given 48 hours to select their pickups before the next team is given their turn.
- c. In-District pickups must be approved in writing by the District Minor Coordinator.
- d. Teams must pick up from within their District where there are players available ~~as defined in the Pick-Up Chart located in Appendix E-~~, **either in the same age category OR playing Category (ie, B to B, C to C)**
- e. A player that declines an invitation to be a pickup for a team within their District may subsequently accept an offer to be a pickup for another team within their District, but may not be a pickup for any team outside their District for any Provincial Championship that season

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: Motion to be circulated to the members for feedback before the second vote at the next Council meeting.

c. Rule missing: 18.1.1.i Coach Registration

B. Edamura raised questions about a possible rule omission in the 2026 Softball BC SORs. She believes the omission happened due to updates to the coaching certification summary table in Article 18. She questions if the rule omission was deliberate or whether it happened by mistake.

The 2025 Softball BC Handbook, 18.1 listed Softball BC's coaching requirements and 18.2 provided a table which summarizes the coaching requirements for each age group/classification for Softball BC/Westerns/Canadians. Section 18.1 included 18.1.1.i, which required teams to have an appropriate NCCP level coach listed on the Softball BC Team Registration form, and it also required teams to have a minimum of 2 coaches registered with the team.

The 2026 Softball BC SORs have changed 18.1 so that it now lists the summary table that used to be in 18.2. It also stripped 18.1 of all of its subsections, including 18.1.1. This means that it is no longer a requirement for teams to have an NCCP-qualified coach on their roster (only on the field of play), and it is no longer required that teams have a minimum of 2 coaches on their roster.

The change to Article 18 happened as a result of the BOD vote to accept the Coach Development Committee's updated coaching requirements as per the BOD minutes from December 6/7 2025. As a result of the vote, Article 18 was altered so that the table that was previously listed in 18.2 was moved to 18.1 and the subsections of 18.1, including 18.1.1.i were removed. What isn't clear from the BOD minutes is whether the removal of 18.1.1.i was included as part of that vote or the intention of the vote was to update the table in 18.2 and to leave 18.1.1.i intact.

Council requested D. St-Denis review the above edits with the Coaching Development Committee to confirm if they had intended to remove of 18.1.1.i or if it was an inadvertent omission.

Action: St-Denis to report back at the next meeting.

d. Edit to 8.8.2.2

Moved by K. Weston, seconded by A. Doughwright, to table the motion to the next meeting **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

e. Edit to 9.1.13

Moved by K. Weston, seconded by A. Doughwright, to table the motion to the next meeting **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

f. Allowing Women's Team to Pick Up from U20C

The Board of Directors supported a request from the Men's & Women's Advisory Council to allow teams in the Men's & Women's D Division to pick up players from a U20C team for the 2026 season only. They directed the Men's & Women's Advisory Council to consult with the Minor Advisory Council on the motion before approving permanent change to the SORs.

Moved by B. Edamura, seconded by G. Johnson, that the Men's & Women's D Division be allowed to pick up players from a U20C team

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: Office to inform the Men's and Women's Advisory Council Chair and bring the motion to the Board September meeting

8. Reports

a. Minor Development Fund

K. Weston reported having received two submissions for the current application window to be reviewed by the committee. She will have a report for Council's next meeting.

b. 2026 Championships

D. St-Denis provided a brief report. She thanked all of the coordinators who accepted a supervisor position at this year's provincials. She noted that staff are meeting in mid-August to debrief on this past season and to review UIC and Supervisor reports to identify potential recommendations to SROs to the councils and the Board.

She indicated that work has started on the 2027 Championships Schedule and call for bids will be out in August. Discussion ensued suggesting more coordination with the Umpire Advisory Council on host selections and umpire assignments to provincials.

c. Board of Directors

i. Work assigned to Governance Committee

The Committee met on July 27th. Nothing to report at this time.

ii. District Review Working Group

The working group is conducting interviews as part of its data collection process. The Chair will be providing a written report to the Board in September, which the Board rep can speak to it at their next Council meeting.

iii. Assignr

The Office will be sending out the evaluation survey in the next few weeks and hopes to have a report ready for September.

iv Rural Participation Pilots Evaluations

Email is going out tomorrow, July 30th, to Council to identify the data that must be submitted to the office to prepare the final report.

v. Tournament Sanction Working Group

The working group has concluded its mandate and provided a report to the Board which will be discussed at their September meeting. The Board rep can speak to it at their next Council meeting.

9. Round Table Check-in

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting - Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

APPENDIX A

QUORUM

		Weight	In attendance	Votes	
1	Bill Hawkins	6	1	6	
2	Al Charlesworth	3	1	3	
3	vacant				
4	Houtan Maleki	3	no		
5	Baukje Edamura	3	1	3	
6	Liz Lee	4	1	4	
7	Shannon Maion	3		0	Tracey Oye replacing - non voting
8	Kathy Weston	7	1	7	
9	Michelle Kirkbright	5	no		
10	Margaret MacDonald	3	1	3	
11	Amy Douthwright	3	1	3	
12	Andy Ferguson	3		0	
13	Patrick Beckerton	3		0	
14	Chris Young	3		0	
15	Gord Johnson	3	1	3	
	Total	52	8	32	
	31.8 votes is 60%			61.54%	