



Minor Advisory Council Minutes

September 22, 2026



Attendance

- See Appendix A for the Council attendance chart
- Darren Simpson, Board of Directors Representative
- Diane St-Denis, Executive Director

1. Territorial Acknowledgement and Opening Remarks

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

2. Quorum

See Appendix A.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by B. Hawkings, seconded by A. Doughtwright, to approve the agenda as circulated. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting

Moved by E. Lee, seconded by A. Charlesworth, to approve the minutes of July 29, 2026. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Email Votes - n/a

6. Business Arising

a. Outcome of Motion/Information Sent to the Board

D. St-Denis provided a brief overview of the actions taken by the Board following the last Minor Advisory Council Meeting (See Appendix B).

b. Bat Person Motion

Moved by E. Lee, seconded by A. Doughtwright, to approve the recommended changes to SOR 8.1.23 and the addition of 8.1.25, 9.1.27, 8.3.6, 9.2.10, 8.6.1.12.1.g, 10.5.4, 11.5.4 (See Appendix C for full text). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note - The numbering at the bottom of page 5 has one too many "1" s.

Action: Office to send the motions to the Men's & Women's Advisory Council Chair for feedback on their inclusion in the Men's and Women's Fastpitch SORs.

c. Tryout Policy for Rep Ball

Moved by B. Hawkins, seconded by H. Maleki, to approve the addition of the Tryout and Team Selection SORs as listed in Appendix D.

S. Maion noted that the addition of this SOR needs to be accompanied by an education campaign to inform all members (participants and coaches) as to why the addition is

being made (empower the players), how to report concerns, and consequences for non-compliance.

D. St-Denis recommended the Council hold another town hall meeting to present some of the learnings from this past season and the language for the new SORs.

Action: Office to schedule a town hall meeting. Office to coordinate with S. Maion and K. Weston on a date.

d. Overthrow correction

L. Crosby provided the following proposal (Appendix E) to

- A. Add a section on Overthrown to Article 7. I also provide an example that could be used as an additional Article 7 Clarification.
- B. Amend ruling on Stealing regarding advancing to home to reference Wild Throw when discussing a continuation of a play and add a reference to the Overthrow situation.
- C. Correct Clarification #4 from overthrow to wild throw

Moved by B. Hawkins, seconded by S. Maion, to adopt the recommended changes proposed by L. Crosby (Appendix E). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: Office to consult with L. Crosby for review of the edits to the SORs before publication for clarity.

e. Limiting Combined Team to One Per District

Consensus was that U11R teams should have priority to register for the Showcase. Districts that do not have a registered U11R program are allowed to create a U11R team to attend the Showcase. Subject to space availability at the Showcase, those districts may create more than one team.

Action: K. Weston to draft the SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) to be used by the office as it pertains to SOR 8.3.2.1.

f. SORs modifications

K. Weston shared a copy of the clerical edits to be made to the SORs during the meeting (see Appendix F).

Action: Office to apply all edits for the 2027 edition of the SORs.

g. Edit to 8.6.14.4.d

This was the second vote on this motion. Original motion is in Appendix G.

Moved by A. Ferguson, seconded by K. Weston, 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 - Office to send to the Board for approval.

- h. Allowing Women's Team to Pick Up from U20C
This was the second vote on this motion.

Moved - K. Weston, seconded by A. Doughtwright, that the Men's & Women's D Division be allowed to pick up players from a U20C team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action - Office to send to the Board for approval.

- i. Rule missing: 18.1.1.i Coach Registration
D. St-Denis noted that this item is currently under review with the coaching development committee.

7. New Business

- a. Edit to 8.8.2.2 (Appendix H)
Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by S. Maion, to alter 8.8.2.2 to read
~~A five-run maximum rule shall apply in all half innings.~~ Maximum of 5 runs per half inning and open after 5 innings.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rationale: This is what the teams are used to, as it is what is in Article 7. If we do not want innings above 6 to be open, we should amend Article 7 to match. It's confusing that the recommendations in Article 7 don't match our U13C championship rules.

Action - Office to send to circulate to membership for feedback.

- b. Edit to 9.1.13 (Appendix I)
Moved by A. Doughtwright, seconded by K. Weston, to alter 9.1.13 to read:

9.1.13 INFIELD FLY - The Infield Fly rule shall not apply to U9, and U11 and U13. Does apply to U13 U15 and up older. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rationale: To align the boys' and girls' SORs, as well as Article 7.

c. Edit to 8.6.13 (Appendix K)

Motion received from the Abbotsford Minor Fastball Association

Moved by A. Doughtwright, seconded by M. MacDonald, to alter 8.6.13 to read:

8.6.13. CLASSIFICATION CHANGE - Any team placing 1st in a Provincial Championship must move up in classification, if playing in the same category and having six (6) or more returning players to the team in the following year.

Exception: The following applies only to the women's U20C category. Any team placing 1st in a Provincial Championship returning the following year with six (6) or more returning players, must either:

- (a) Move to the women's division;**
- (b) Move to the U19B; or**
- (c) Remain at U20C and be ineligible for districts and provincials for the first year they return as a U20C team**

MOTION FAILED (1-10-0) D8 was in favour

Coordinators were sympathetic to the request but acknowledged that the system needs to be revised vs a one-off fix. A deeper discussion in tiering was recommended for a future meeting.

**Action: Office to inform Abbotsford of the outcome of their motion.
Chair to ensure the topic of tiering is on the next agenda.**

d. Edit to 8.3 Registration

D. St-Denis presented recommendations specific to registration. The recommendations:

8.3.1 - edit to align with bylaws

8.3.2 - addition addresses executive rosters

8.3.3. - addition addresses registration before participation

B. Hawkins inquired how we can eliminate inactive members from our membership list.

D. St-Denis noted that a membership policy is being developed to complement the bylaws. The new policy will address dormant associations (did not register a team).

Action: Office to bring back recommendations referencing the location of the deleted and modified SORs in the 2026 Handbook.

e. Recommended Edit to Western Canadian Regulations

Similar to the work K. Weston, E. Lee, T. Warren and D. Simpson completed following the U13 Western Canadian Championship hosted in Abbotsford in 2025, the office asked the Softball BC UIC and Supervisor assigned to the U19 Westerns to provide feedback on potential changes to the WCSA SORs.

Consensus was to move this item to the next meeting, as the formal notice of motion for WCSA SOR changes are due by December 1st.

Action: Chair to ensure this item is on the next agenda.

f. New Format for SORs

K. Weston noted that she had not had time to review this matter with the office. She hopes to have an update by the next meeting.

Action: Chair to ensure this item is on the next agenda.

g. Discussion: Players leaving to play for US teams

K. Weston referenced players signing up with US-based teams. She would like the council to discuss this topic at a future meeting. G. Johnson suggested forming a working group to clearly understand trends and identify solutions that address both needs and gaps.

Action: Chair to ensure this item is on the next agenda.

h. Discussion: Guidelines for U11Rep tryouts and all the fall programs being run

E. Lee would like to see guidelines in place for fall clinics. The group agreed that each coordinator will provide guidance to their districts on the topic, as it is too late for this season. The group would need to develop recommendations by the end of the spring for next season.

**Action: Tryout working group to develop recommendations for next season.
Chair to keep this item on the agenda for a later meeting.**

i. Player Movement, Team Viability and Competitive Balance

K. Weston provided some feedback on this email. She noted that it raises the question again about boundaries, as it could prevent five players from one team from moving to a different district and lead to the team folding. She noted she doesn't believe the email needs to be addressed other than bringing the topic of boundaries to the District Review Working Group's agenda.

8. Reports

a. Minor Development Fund

The deadline for applications is October 1st. The Chair of the MDF Committee will host a call to discuss the application before the end of October.

b. District Review Working Group

K. Weston sits on the committee along with B. Edamura and B. Hawkins. Nothing substantial to report at this time.

c. Championships

i. 2027 Calendar and Call for bids:

Bid window closes October 15, 2026. A few corrections have been made to the proposed schedule due to Softball Canada announcements regarding Canadian Championship dates.

d. Board of Directors

i. Assignr

Umpire Advisory Council recommending full provincial adoption. A working group is being assembled to drive implementation by February 1, 2027.

ii. Rural Participation Pilots Evaluations

This report was to be presented at the next Board meeting. Committee members were asked to provide feedback no later than October 5th.

iii. Tournament Sanction Working Group

Board received the report and adopted the recommended edit to Article 17. The office will circulate an update on the working group recommendations to all minor association presidents, adult program contacts, coordinators, DUICs, and tournament directors.

D. St-Denis noted that the office will be altering the tournament sanction form to make it a true sanction application form, the issuance of a sanction (email) confirming required reporting, and the consequences of non-adherence.

9. Round Table Check-in

Round table discussions are not documented.

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next Meeting - October 21st

Key timelines

- Call for Agenda Item (two weeks prior): October 7th
- Operations Update (10 days prior): October 11th
- Agenda and meeting package out (7 days prior): October 14th

APPENDIX A QUORUM

		Weight	In attendance	Votes	
1	Bill Hawkins	6	1	6	
2	Al Charlesworth	3	1	3	
3	vacant	1			
4	Houtan Maleki	3	1	3	
5	Baukje Edamura	3		0	
6	Liz Lee	4	1	4	
7	Shannon Maion	4	1	4	
8	Kathy Weston	7	1	7	
9	Michelle Kirkbright	5	1	5	
10	Margaret MacDonald	3	1	3	
11	Amy Douthwright	3	1	3	
12	Andy Ferguson	3	1	3	Left call at 8:30
13	Patrick Beckerton	3		0	
14	Chris Young	3		0	
15	Gord Johnson	3	1	3	Arrived at 7:21
	Total	54		44	
	31.8 votes is 60%			81.48%	

Appendix B

Outcome of motions sent to the Board of Directors (Sept 1, 2026 meeting)

8.1.21 Maximum Games

Moved by K. Langley / L. Larson, to amend section a of the motion to read: 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.

Moved by R. Benson, seconded by D. MacKenzie, to approve the amended motion, which shall replace the current 8.1.21 in the SORs

- 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.

CARRIED (6-1-0) Langley against

[As requested by the MAC, the Office sent out a bulletin on September 2nd to the minor fastpitch associations.](#)

2026 Review - U11C Celebration

Moved by D. MacKenzie to discontinue the U11 celebration effective immediately and reduce the annual membership fee for U11C to \$25.

CARRIED (6-1-0) Benson against

[Office informed the membership on September 14 of the Board's decision.](#)

NEW Alcohol at Softball BC Sanctioned Competition Policy

Moved by K. Langley, seconded by J. Hawes, to approve the Alcohol at Softball BC Sanctioned Competition Policy as proposed (Appendix A).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by K. Langley, to approve the following changes to section 3.10 of the bylaws for presentation at the AGM (Appendix D).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Selection Procedures for District Delegates

Moved by R. Benson, seconded by D. Simpson, to approve Selection Procedures for District Delegates as presented (Appendix E).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Policy on Alcohol at Softball BC Sanctioned Competitions

1. MINOR EVENTS

A. Consumption of Alcohol at Softball BC Sanctioned Events

In accordance with the Softball BC Code of Conduct, participants (players, coaches, managers, umpires) and spectators shall refrain from consuming, promoting or selling alcohol at sanctioned Softball BC minor events, which include age categories from Learn to Play to U20.

B. Exception for Permanent Structure

- i. The host facility must have a permanent structure where alcohol can be sold and consumed, and must comply with all city, municipal and provincial liquor licensing regulations.
- ii. Participants and spectators may only consume in licenced areas AND not within 10 feet of the backstop and dugouts/team benches.

C. Result of non-compliance

- Spectator: removal from the facility, and possible ban from future events
- Participant: removal from the facility
- Coach: removal from the facility
- Association with Participant or Spectator(s) in breach of Policy: \$1,000 fine, loss of future hosting privilege, and association suspension
- Host Association for non-enforcement: \$1,000 fine, loss of future hosting privilege, and association suspension

2. ADULT EVENTS

A. Consumption of Alcohol at Softball BC Sanctioned Events

Host may sell alcohol at sanctioned Softball BC adult events, which include all categories above U20, but must comply with the following:

1. The host must provide Softball BC with a copy of their Beer Garden/Liquor Liability Insurance coverage, purchased through our broker. Softball BC's insurance includes a liquor liability exclusion; therefore, a host who wants to serve alcohol must have their own insurance.
2. The host must secure the required special event permit and comply with provincial and municipal laws and regulations.
3. While the legal requirement for solid fencing around beer gardens at festivals/events has been removed, Softball BC requires that the designated beer garden area be clearly marked and located away from the backstop and dugout. The ideal location would be beyond the outfield fence.
4. Softball BC will expect the host to ensure the beer garden area is monitored by a volunteer whose sole responsibility is to manage guests and their consumption. This is intended to supplement the servers who are also Serving It Right (SIR) certified.

B. Result of non-compliance

- Spectator: removal from the facility, and possible ban from future events
- Participant: removal from the facility
- Coach: removal from the facility
- Association with Participant or Spectator(s) in breach of Policy: \$1,000 fine, loss of future hosting privilege, and association suspension
- Host Association for non-enforcement: \$1,000 fine, loss of future hosting privilege, and association suspension

- 3.10 Each of the Society's Districts may designate up to ten (10) District Representative Voting Members in the Society.

District boundaries will be determined by the Board and maintained as per the official map kept in the registered office of the Society.

All Districts are entitled to designate a District Representative Voting Member for the following four (4) categories: (i) Men's and Women's Coordinator, (ii) Minor Coordinator, (iii) Slo Pitch Coordinator, and (iv) Umpire-in-Chief.

Districts are further entitled to designate one (1) District Representative Voting Member for each of the categories described below in which they have duly registered Individual Participants in that category:

- Men's Fastpitch Representative
- Women's Fastpitch Representative
- Minor Boys Representative
- Minor Girls Representative
- Slo-Pitch Men's Representative
- Slo-Pitch Women's Representative

Districts will select their District Representative Voting Members in accordance with the selection procedure and dates established annually by the Society. The District Representative Voting Members must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and of sound mind.

Where a District has the right to designate District Representative Voting Members, the District Representative Voting Member must be appointed for the following terms:

- One year:
 - Men's Fastpitch Representative
 - Women's Fastpitch Representative
 - Minor Boys Representative
 - Minor Girls Representative
 - Slo-Pitch Men's Representative
 - Slo-Pitch Women's Representative
- Two years, in odd-numbered years:
 - Men's and Women's Coordinator
 - Slo-Pitch Coordinator
 - Umpire-in-Chief from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15
 - Minor Coordinator from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15
- Two years in even-numbered years:
 - ~~Slo-Pitch Men's Representative~~
 - ~~Slo-Pitch Women's Representative~~
 - Minor Coordinator from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14
 - Umpire-in-Chief from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14

District Representative Voting Members appointed for two-year terms have more responsibilities and are required to serve on committees of the Society.

Districts must use their designated District Representative Voting Members at meetings of the Society as these individuals are the Voting members of the Society. A District Representative Voting Member may appoint an individual to act as their temporary replacement for a meeting provided (i) the substitute individual meets the criteria for an District Representative Voting Member as described above, (ii) the temporary replacement has been identified in writing to the Society not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of any meeting of the Members, and (iii) the substitute is an Individual Participant within the District of the District Designated Voting Member seeking the temporary replacement.

All business conducted at a meeting of the Members is Special Business except the following, which must be conducted at an Annual General Meeting:

- The consideration of the financial statements;
- The report of the Directors;
- The report of the auditors, if any;
- The election of Directors;
- The appointment of the auditor, if required
- Such other business as, under these Bylaws, ought to be transacted at an Annual General Meeting, or business which is brought under consideration by the report of the Directors issued with the notice convening the meeting.

A meeting of the Members may be adjourned from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

Where a meeting is adjourned for ten (10) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.

Except as provided in these Bylaws, it is not necessary to give notice of the adjournment or of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting.

Bylaw 3.10: Selection Procedure for District Representative Voting Members

1. Core Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for selection as a District Representative Voting Member, individuals must meet the following baseline criteria across all positions:

- Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- Must be of sound mind.

In addition to the baseline criteria, candidates must meet the specific requirements for their respective roles:

- Representative Roles: Must be a member in good standing with an association or club.
 - Men's Fastpitch Representative
 - Women's Fastpitch Representative
 - Minor Boys Representative
 - Minor Girls Representative
 - Slo-Pitch Men's Representative
 - Slo-Pitch Women's Representative
- District Umpires-in-Chief: Must be an umpire in good standing with Softball BC.
- Two-Year Coordinator Positions (sitting on councils): Candidates do not necessarily need to be registered with Softball BC at the time of selection, but must register with Softball BC upon taking the position.
 - Men's and Women's Coordinator
 - Minor Coordinator
 - Slo-Pitch Coordinator

2. Terms of Service

Positions are elected for the following terms.

- a. One year:
 - i. Men's Fastpitch Representative
 - ii. Women's Fastpitch Representative
 - iii. Minor Boys Representative

- iv. Minor Girls Representative
- v. Slo-Pitch Men's Representative
- vi. Slo-Pitch Women's Representative

- b. Two years, in odd-numbered years:
 - i. Men's and Women's Coordinator
 - ii. Slo-Pitch Coordinator
 - iii. Umpire-in-Chief for Districts

- c. Two years in even-numbered years:
 - i. Minor Coordinator

3. Annual Status Verification (By July 15th) Sept. 7th for 2026

The office shall annually contact individuals whose term is ending to determine whether they intend to stand for reelection.

This verification process must be completed annually by July 15th.

4. Nomination Window (By August 1st) Sept. 21st for 2026

By August 1st annually, the office will circulate to all members (as defined by the bylaws) in each district a list of all District Representative Voting Member positions up for election.

Note: If a coordinator on a council has expressed interest in standing for election, this information will be formally noted and shared with members.

Members interested in nominating themselves or someone else for one of the available positions will have until August 21st to do so; the nomination window will close then.

5. Voting Procedure (Starting August 22) Sept. 22nd for 2026

On August 22nd, the office will circulate to all eligible voting members the list of nominees for each position in their district.

- Voting Rights: A representative from each Club and Association Member will have the right to cast one (1) vote for each position open for election within their District.
- Voting Method: Voting will be conducted online via a Google Form to ensure all votes are accurately recorded.
- Timeline: The voting window will remain open for a period of exactly three (3) weeks (**2 week for 2026**) following the circulation of the nomination list and voting instructions.

Note: Should there be two or more candidates for a given role, the office will schedule a town hall meeting to allow voting delegates to meet the candidates.

6. Announcement of Results

The office will inform each district of the election results no later than September 15th **(October 6th for 2026)**.

APPENDIX C

MINOR ADVISORY COUNCIL MOTION FORM

Submitted by: Baukje Edamura

District __5__ Date: Aug 1, 2026

Seconded by: Tracy Sherlock (D5 Senior Coordinator)

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

Softball Canada rule 3.4.3.d references the need for youth that participate as a bat person to wear a helmet. SBBC SOR 8.1.10.e references the need for batboy or batgirls to wear helmets but there is currently no mechanism in the SBBC SORs that allow for batboys and batgirls to participate.

WHEREAS; (Article as currently written)

8.1 - Definition of BAT PERSON needed

9.1 - Definition of BAT PERSON needed

8.3 - SOR needed in order to support registration for Bat People

9.2 - SOR needed in order to support registration for Bat People

8.1.23 – SOR needs to be changed to allow one Bat Person to be in the dugout

8.6.1.12.1 - SOR needed in order to deal with the paperwork required at the in-person coach meeting when Bat People are used at Minor Girls SBBC events

8.6.1.12.2 - SOR needed in order to deal with the paperwork required at a Minor Girls SBBC event when Bat People are used and the coach meeting is held virtually

10.5 - SOR needed in order to deal with the paperwork required at a Women's SBBC event when Bat People are used

11.5 - SOR needed in order to deal with the paperwork required at a Men's SBBC event when Bat People are used

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion – State whether Revision, Addition, Deletion)

In order to allow batboys and batgirls to participate in SBBC events, the following SORs need to be added:

8.1.25 BAT PERSON

A bat person is allowed as long as they:

1. Wear an approved helmet with a facemask on the field and in the dugout; and
2. Received training from the coaching staff as to when they are allowed to enter the field of play; and
3. Remain inside the dugout during the play and only leave the dugout when the play has concluded, and
4. Remain fully inside the dugout. They cannot stand in the dugout entryway.
5. Cannot be younger than 8 years of age.
6. Maximum of one bat person per team can participate in any given game.

The umpires must also check the bat person's helmet when they are conducting the pre-game equipment check.

9.1.27 BAT PERSON

A bat person is allowed as long as they:

1. Wear an approved helmet with a facemask on the field and in the dugout; and
2. Received training from the coaching staff as to when they are allowed to enter the field of play; and
3. Remain inside the dugout during the play and only leave the dugout when the play has concluded, and
4. Remain fully inside the dugout. They cannot stand in the dugout entryway.
5. Cannot be younger than 8 years of age.
6. Maximum of one bat person per team can participate in any given game.

The umpires must also check the bat person's helmet when they are conducting the pre-game equipment check.

The following SOR needs to be **changed** to add additional wording (*additional wording is in italics*) to allow a bat person to be on the field of play:

8.1.23 FIELD OF PLAY

The field of play includes all of the area on the playing field side of the backstop fence bounded by the backstop fence, side fences, and extended to the outfield fence of the Playing Field, including the Dugouts.

At Softball BC District Playdowns, Regionals (including Celebrations and Showcases) and Provincials:

- a. Playing Field: The playing field is defined as the fair territory within which the ball may be played and fielded. Only those individuals listed on the Approved Softball BC roster and approved pickups *and one registered bat person* may access the playing field.
- b. Dugout: The dugout is dead-ball territory for those individuals listed on the Approved Softball BC roster and approved pickups *and one registered bat person*.

Regular Season Play:

- a. Playing Field: The playing field is defined as the fair territory within which the ball may be played and fielded. Only individuals listed on the team's roster and pickups *and one registered bat person* may access the playing field.
- b. Dugout: The dugout is dead-ball territory for those individuals listed on the team's roster and pickups *and one registered bat person*.

The following SORs need to be **added** to ensure that bat people are insured and properly registered with SBBC:

8.3.6 BAT PEOPLE

8.3.6.1 REGISTERED BAT PERSON is an individual listed on a Softball BC Bat Person roster. Each association may register one Bat Person roster. Any individual listed on the Bat Person roster is permitted to participate as a bat person in any game hosted by the association or in any game played by an association team. Individuals cannot participate as bat people unless they are registered as a bat person. Bat person rosters are for insurance purposes only. Bat Person rosters are not Minor Team rosters and do not need to be reviewed or approved by Minor Coordinators. The association is responsible for ensuring that individuals listed on the bat person roster are trained as bat people.

9.2.10 BAT PEOPLE

9.2.10.1 REGISTERED BAT PERSON is an individual listed on a Softball BC Bat Person roster. Each association may register one Bat Person roster. Any individual listed on the Bat Person roster is permitted to participate as a bat person in any game hosted by the association or in any game played by an association team. Individuals cannot participate as bat people unless they are registered as a bat person. Bat person rosters are for insurance purposes only. Bat Person rosters are not Minor Team rosters and do not need to be reviewed or approved by Minor Coordinators. The association is responsible for ensuring that individuals listed on the bat person roster are trained as bat people.

To ensure that only registered bat people participate in SBBC events such as Provincial Championships, Regionals, Celebrations of Softball, Showcases, or any other SBBC events, the following SORs need to be **added**:

8.6.1.12.1.g In the event your team is using its own bat people, a copy of your association's Softball BC Bat Person roster. In the event the host is supplying bat people, a copy of the host association's Softball BC Bat Person roster. The individuals that will be participating as bat people must be highlighted.

8.6.1.12.2.g In the event your team is using its own bat people, a copy of your association's Softball BC Bat Person roster. In the event the host is supplying bat people, a copy of the host association's Softball BC Bat Person roster. The individuals that will be participating as bat people must be highlighted.

<NOTE: there is no equivalent coach meeting SOR in Minor Boys>

To ensure that bat people can also be used in Men's and Women's divisions, the following SORs need to be **added**:

10.5.4 If a team intends to use bat people, they must submit a copy of the association's Softball BC Bat Person roster. If the host is supplying bat people, they must submit copy of the host association's Softball BC Bat Person roster. The individuals that will be participating as bat people must be highlighted.

11.5.4 If a team intends to use bat people, they must submit a copy of the association's Softball BC Bat Person roster. If the host is supplying bat people, they must submit copy of the host association's Softball BC Bat Person roster. The individuals that will be participating as bat people must be highlighted.

RATIONALE (Intent)

Tournaments such as Canada Cup have use bat people. There are numerous stories of players whose love of softball started when they had the opportunity to participate as a bat person. There are teams who would love to be able to provide bat person opportunities to younger siblings or other individuals who love softball but are not able to participate as players or coaches. There are also associations that want to provide bat people to teams they host in tournaments including SBBC Provincial events. Bat people help promote the game of softball and are a positive addition to the game. The intent of this motion is to create a mechanism that facilitates bat people and brings them into the game.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

The existence of rules that permit Bat People to participate does not compel teams to use bat people but provides a mechanism for them in the event they do. It also ensures that the only people that can participate as Bat People are properly registered and trained and insured.

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED (including definitions page)

There will need to be an administrative piece added to allow for Bat People to be registered and rostered in RAMP. There will also possibly need to be a fee associated with registering Bat People. A bulletin will need to be sent to associations to inform them of how to register Bat People and to inform them of their duty to provide instruction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If a fee is charged for registering bat people and/or a fee is charged for creating a Bat Person roster, then there is a net positive financial implication for SBBC.

PASSED _____

DEFEATED _____

WITHDRAWN _____

AMENDED _____

DATE _____

APPENDIX D

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 in September 2026 for the 2027 season.

APPENDIX E

ADDRESSING OVERTHROWS

2027 SOR Handbook Update Proposal

The 2026 SOR Handbook (current state) Rules for U13C and below clearly defines the difference between Wild Throw and Overthrown (Article 7, Clarification #3). The key difference is that during a wild throw situation the ball remains in play (live ball), whereas in an overthrown situation that ball goes out of play or is blocked (dead ball).

The standard Softball Canada ruling on a ball that is thrown out of play or blocked (overthrow) is a two-base award from the time of the throw for each baserunner.

The Softball Canada Rulebook Recommended Minor Softball Rules includes the following (page 260):

Overthrow	U7	U9	U1 1	U1 3
- Runners do not advance on an overthrow		*	*	
- Runners advance 1 base only on an overthrow				*

The idea around these recommended rules for these development-aged players is that baserunners advance and ultimately score because of a legitimate softball play (batted ball, walk, or steal), opposed to being awarded bases because of a ball that is thrown out of play by the defense.

The issue is that the 2026 Softball BC SOR for U13C and below in Article 7 only provides ruling on what to do during a Wild Throw situation. It does not include a ruling for overthrow situations; thus, it could be interpreted that overthrows be handled under the standard Softball Canada rule.

Therefore, my proposal for the 2027 SOR Handbook is to:

1. Include a section to provide a ruling on Overthrow to clearly define the intended number of bases that should be award to each baserunner when a ball this thrown out of play.

Following the Softball Canada Rulebook template, this is an example of how the Overthrow ruling would apply to Softball BC age groups:

Overthrow ³	U9	U11C	U11 R	U13 C
- Runners do not advance on an overthrow	*			
- Runners advance 1 base only on an overthrow		*	*	

**add superscript 3 to reference Clarification #3 which defines overthrow*

Note: The Board will ultimately have to decide on the base award on the ball that is overthrown at the different age groups. The above is a suggested ruling.

Please be advised that “Runners do not advance on an overthrow” means at we are placing baserunners back on the last base held at the time of the throw on a ball that is overthrown.

Example:

Runner on second. Hit to the Shortstop. Runner attempts to advance to third. While the runner is in between second and third base, the short stop throws to third base, but the ball is overthrown (misses the third base player and rolls into the dugout, out of play).

- Normal Softball Canada Rule: Runner is awarded two bases, third and home on the overthrow.

- Recommend Softball Canda U13 rule: Runner is awarded one base, third base only on the overthrow.

- Recommeded Softball Canda U9 & U11 rule: Runner is not awarded any bases and returns to last base held at the time of the throw: second base.

2. Correct Article 7 Page 16 under Stealing, the 6th ruling, to reference ‘wild throw’ and add context for ‘overthrow’:

“A player cannot advance to home on a steal, passed ball, or wild pitch. The player must be batted in or forced home by a walk, is part of a continuation of a play (i.e. **wild throw**), **or is awarded home due to 1 base advancement on an overthrow.**”

3. Finally, in the 2026 SOR Handbook Article 7 Clarification #4 (page 18) uses ‘overthrow’ when the provided example discusses a wild throw situation.

This should be corrected to:

“For example: A player cannot get a homerun on a bunt. If a batter bunts a ball and a **wild throw** occurs at first...”

APPENDIX F

Changes to the Handbook that are clerical items

Article 7 – spelling error – Replacement Runne – should be Replacement Runner.

Article 7 - Resources U7 Softball – more information about softball can be found at softball.ca/programs/timbitssoftball this look like the website is softball.ca/programs/learntoplay

8.1.22 Participation

- reference of 8.8.25 no article, I believe it should be 8.8.2.5

- reference of 8.10.3 no article, I believe it should be 8.10.2b

8.6.14.7 – as per 8.6.1.2 no article I believe it should be 8.6.12

Following Article all reference Annex but are on the website as Appendix – semantics but doesn't reference right.

9.6.3 references Annex E

9.9.1 references Annex B

9.9.2 reference Annex B

9.9.3 reference Annex B

9.9.5 references Annex B

10.10.1 references Annex F

11.10.1 references Annex F

The table of contents references annexes. But then also Appendices

The website calls them Annexes but then calls the Appendix A - G

Annexes: A

- [Appendix A Minor Provincial Championship Draws](#)
- [Appendix B Knockout Championship Draws](#)
- [Appendix C Women's Modified Round Robin](#)
- [Appendix D Women's Provincial Championship Draw](#)
- [Appendix E Minor Pickup Chart](#)
- [Appendix F Men's & Women's Pickup Chart](#)
- [Appendix G - 2026 Age and Distance Chart](#)

8.6.14.7 reference 8.6.1.2 – no such article I believe it should reference 8.6.12

Article 13.2.2 – spelling mistake of Non-refundable it's listed as On-refundable.

Esthetics – page 13, 14 and 17 have a small number on the side that doesn't need to be there.

APPENDIX G

Softball BC Motion Form

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YOUR MOTION

Please clarify which by-law, policy (found on the website), or article (in the handbook) your *
motion is intended to address. Use the section identifiers to clearly indicate which section your
motion seeks to change.

8.6.14.4.d

Please list the current content of the referenced section. *

Teams must pick up from within their District where there are players available as defined in the Pick-Up
Chart located in Appendix E

Are you looking to amend, delete, or add to this section? *

☒ Amend

☐ Delete

☐ Add

What is your proposed motion? *

Teams must pick up from within their District where there are players available, either in the same age category OR playing Category (ie, B to B, C to C)

What is the rationale behind your motion? *

From Amy: In District 11 we currently only have one B team, sometimes we do not have any. Forcing a U15B team to pickup ANY U13C player before going out of district doesn't seem fair, or even safe in some circumstances. Larger districts have an abundance of B level players to pickup, but the smaller districts do not. I feel that we are just teaching our coaches to skirt around the rules, instead of adapting the rules to make a fair playing field across all districts. I do know that I don't fully understand how these rules came about and how this is needed in larger districts, so I'm hoping we can have a conversation and come up with something that works in all areas of the province.

From Angus (U15B Coach): I believe last year I raised this as a safety issue by just needing to ask everyone. Not everyone, and U13C is a good example of this, is capable of playing B. We just can't ask every single one. It puts them at a safety risk for not just themselves, but for others. My hope Softball BC would recognize that and take safety into the decision of a pickup. I can't in good conscience put a minor athlete in that situation. I'm not trying to make this sound rude or mean, but I might as just put a pylon on the bench with a jersey because it is going to get the same amount of playing time as the others you want us to ask. Safety and capability has to be taken into consideration at some point.

Are there consequences for non-compliance with the revised section if this motion is approved? *

Same as currently

Are there other by-laws, policies, or articles that may be affected by this motion if approved? *

I think the pickup chart would stay the same, as it works for who you CAN pick up, I just don't think it should be put as a chart of who you MUST pickup. I'm pretty sure the only thing that would change is this single rule. It would be nice to keep article 9 consistent with Article 8, but it is already quite different for the pickup rules so that may need a different motion to get it in line.

Are there any financial implications if this motion is approved? *

No

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APPENDIX H

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motion seeks to change.

8.8.2.2

Please list the current content of the referenced section. *

All half innings should have a half run maximum (for U13C championship)

Are you looking to amend, delete, or add to this section? *

☒ Amend

☐ Delete

☐ Add

What is your proposed motion? *

Maximum of 5 runs per half inning and open after 5 innings.

What is the rationale behind your motion? *

This is what the teams are used to as it is what is in Article 7. If we do not want innings above 6 to be open we should amend article 7 to match. It's confusing that the recommendations in article 7 do not match what our rules are for the championship.

Are there consequences for non-compliance with the revised section if this motion is approved? *

I do not believe so.

Are there other by-laws, policies, or articles that may be affected by this motion if approved? *

I do not believe so

Are there any financial implications if this motion is approved? *

No.

APPENDIX I

Softball BC Motion Form

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YOUR MOTION

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motion is intended to address. Use the section identifiers to clearly indicate which section your
motion seeks to change.

9.1.13

Please list the current content of the referenced section. *

Infield fly in in play at U13C (for the boys handbook)

Are you looking to amend, delete, or add to this section? *

☒ Amend

☐ Delete

☐ Add

What is your proposed motion? *

Change it to match 8.1.13, does not apply to U13

What is the rationale behind your motion? *

There is no reason the boys game rules should be different than the girls. Our local association also plays games with the rules referenced in Article 7 for both boys and girls. Having conflicting information in Article 7 & Article 9 is confusing.

Are there consequences for non-compliance with the revised section if this motion is approved? *

No

Are there other by-laws, policies, or articles that may be affected by this motion if approved? *

Not that I can see

Are there any financial implications if this motion is approved? *

No

APPENDIX J

Softball BC Motion Form

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YOUR MOTION

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motion is intended to address. Use the section identifiers to clearly indicate which section your
motion seeks to change.

Handbook Article 8.6.13

Please list the current content of the referenced section. *

8.6.13. CLASSIFICATION CHANGE - Any team placing 1st in a Provincial Championship must move up in classification, if playing in the same category and having six (6) or more returning players to the team in the following year. Exception: The following applies only to the women's U20C category. Any team placing 1st in a Provincial Championship returning the following year with six (6) or more returning players, must either: (a) Move to the women's division; (b) Move to the U19B; or (c) Remain at U20C and be ineligible for districts and provincials for the first year they return as a U20C team

Are you looking to amend, delete, or add to this section? *

☒ Amend

☐ Delete

☐ Add

What is your proposed motion? *

Amend Article 8.6.13 to read as follows: CLASSIFICATION CHANGE - Exception: Any team placing 1st in a Provincial Championship returning the following year in the same age category and classification with six (6) or more returning players must either: (a) Move up an age category; (b) Move up a classification; or (c) Remain at their current age category and classification and be ineligible for districts and provincials.

What is the rationale behind your motion? *

The motion to amend article 8.6.13 is rooted in equality; all age categories and classifications should have the same options when faced with potential reclassification, not just the U20C age category.

Are there consequences for non-compliance with the revised section if this motion is approved? *

same as existing article

Are there other by-laws, policies, or articles that may be affected by this motion if approved? *

no

Are there any financial implications if this motion is approved? *

no

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