



Minor Advisory Council Minutes

February 12, 2026



Attendance

- Council members (see Appendix A)
- Darren Simpson, Board Liaison
- Shaquille Gilbert, Umpires & Championship Director (Staff Liaison)
- Diane St-Denis, Executive Director (Staff)

1. Territorial Acknowledgement and Opening Remarks

B. Edamura (chair) was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a brief territorial acknowledgement and a few opening comments.

2. Quorum

Quorum (Appendix A) was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by B. Hawkins, seconded by G. Johnson, to approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Minutes

E. Lee noted that the pro rata vote was carried but not unanimously.

Moved by M. Margaret, seconded by G. Johnson, to approve the minutes as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Email Votes

There have been no email votes since the last meeting.

6. Reports

a. Minor Development Fund

Next deadline is 5:00 p.m. on March 1 for activities taking place between May 1 and August 31

b. 2026 Championships Update

S. Gilbert provided a high level overview of the report he circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix B).

c. Board of Directors

i. Outcome of MAC Motions (Appendix C)

D. Simpson circulated a report prior to the meeting containing the outcome of each MAC motion sent to the Board of Directors.

ii. Changes to Article 15 (Appendix D)

Prior to the meeting, D. Simpson circulated a copy of the edits the Board has made to Article 15 to address teams back out of their LOIs

iii. Changes to Article 17 (Appendix E)

Prior to the meeting, D. Simpson circulated a copy of the edits the Board has made to Article 17 in the form of definitions.



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7. Business Arising

a. 8.3.2. Registered Minor Player (2nd vote)

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by B. Hawkins, to approve the following modification to 8.3.2.

8.3.2 REGISTERED MINOR PLAYER is on a Team Roster approved by their District Minor Coordinator. ~~This~~ **Their team** affiliation concludes when **all** the teams in their category/classification have ~~completed competition at the~~ **been eliminated from further post-season competition which includes Regionals, Provincial, Western Canadian or Canadian Championship. level.** **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. 8.5.2 (2nd vote)

Moved by B. Hawkins, seconded by M. MacDonald, to approve the following modification to 8.5.2

8.5.2. DISTRICT MINOR COORDINATOR DUTY - A form will be provided for District Coordinators to notify the Softball BC Office of ~~their~~ **his / her** District Teams' intent to participate **in the provincials if they secure a berth via district qualification. in each category of Provincial Championships. Failure by a coordinator** Failure to submit the form **seven (7) business days before districts prior to the deadline** will result in **the** disqualification of that District in further Provincial play **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.5.6 Pro Rata (2nd vote)

Moved by G. Johnson, seconded by A. Ferguson, to approve the following modification to 8.5.6

8.5.6. PRO RATA SYSTEM

- a) If a Championship specified to contain 16 teams (one per District plus Host Team) is not filled to 16 teams by District Representation, then each District shall be allocated by weighted lottery, with each District receiving one opportunity for each team placing second or lower for the Pro rata spot. This determination process will repeat in multiple rounds until all Provincial Championship sports are filled.
- b) **The pro rata draw for a given classification and category will take place five (5) business days before the last scheduled districts are held for said classification and category.**
- c) **Per 8.5.2, District Coordinators will submit the list of teams that intend to participate in the provincials if they secure a berth via district qualification.**
- d) **Once complete, the pro rata list will be shared with the coordinators and made public on the Softball BC website and social media.**

DEFEATED (5-6-2)

D4, 10,11,12,13 & 14 Abstained / D6 and D8 were Opposed



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Staff were directed to bring something back for the next meeting to address the concerns raised by coordinators:

- No publication of pro rata allocations.
- Confidential disclosure to coordinators.
- Coordinators decide based on consultation with their members when to disclose pro rata allocations.

c. 8.5.12 Coaches Meeting (2nd vote)

Moved by B. Hawkins, seconded by S. Clayton, to replace “8.5.12 Coaches Meeting” with this NEW section

In-Person Meeting Protocol

The head coach from each team must provide the following to the Softball BC Representative at the designated pre-Provincial Championships coaches meeting:

- A copy of your Approved Softball BC Team's Roster (from RAMP).**
- A copy of the Team's Roster for Provincials, which reflects the players attending provincials.**
- Provide NCCP qualifications for all coaches.**
- The signed Softball BC Minor Provincial Player Pick-up Approval form for each pick-up. EFFECT: Pick-ups without documents are ineligible.**
- Proof of age in the form of a photocopy of birth certificate, baptismal certificate or other recognized government identification for all players and pick-ups. EFFECT: A player is ineligible until suitable proof of age is provided to the**
- Proof of participation of each player or pick-up in a minimum of three league, exhibition or tournament games with their Registered Minor Team, in the form of game score sheets, on request. EFFECT: disqualification of a player or team following a review by the appointed protest committee. EXCEPTION: National Team Players**

Virtual Meeting Protocol

Should the Coaches Meeting be held virtually in the week before the championship, coaches will be required to provide the following information in electronic format within 24 hours of the meeting having concluded:

- A copy of your Approved Softball BC Team's Roster (from RAMP).**
- A copy of the Team's Roster for Provincials, which reflects the players attending provincials.**
- Provide NCCP qualifications for all coaches.**



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- d. The signed Softball BC Minor Provincial Player Pick-up Approval form for each pick-up. **EFFECT: Pick-ups without documents are ineligible.**
- e. Proof of participation of each player or pick-up in a minimum of three league, exhibition or tournament games with their Registered Minor Team, in the form of game score sheets, on request. **EFFECT: disqualification of a player or team following a review by the appointed protest committee. EXCEPTION: National Team Players**
- Proof of age, in the form of a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or other recognized government identification, must be provided to the Softball BC Representative no less than 3 hours prior to the start of the first game for all players and pick-ups.
- EFFECT: A player is ineligible until suitable proof of age is provided to the**
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. 8.3.4 Minor Registration (2nd vote)

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by P. Beckerton, to edit 8.3.4 Minor Registration Deadlines with the addition of 8.3.4.3.

8.3.4. MINOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

- 8.3.4.1. 'A' team rosters must be uploaded and marked confirmed by the registrar by May 1st of the current year. Additions/deletions under extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 1st of the current year. After June 1st, only the Programs & Championships Director may authorize additions/ deletions to an approved roster.**
- 8.3.4.2. All "B" classification team rosters and Executive rosters are to be uploaded and marked confirmed May 15th of the current year. All "C" classification team rosters are to be uploaded and marked confirmed by May 31st of the current year. Additions/ deletions under extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 5th of the current year. After June 5th, only the Programs & Championships Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.**
- 8.3.4.3 The Executive Director can, on an annual basis, extend the above deadlines for an association or district due to exceptional circumstances. When possible, the application for an extension must be made by the association or, in the case of the district, by the Minor Coordinator, 7 days before the deadline in question. Deadlines cannot be extended beyond 7 days before the first provincial event, including the U11 Celebration of Softball, U11**



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Showcase, 13C Regionals, or Provincials. The approval of an extension will be communicated to the member associations, including the Minor Coordinator, with the district where the extension has been granted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. 8.1.22 Maximum 20 Games (2nd vote)

Moved by A. Charlesworth, seconded by B. Hawkins to edit 8.1.22 as follows:

8.1.22 Maximum 20 Games

~~A team may not pick up the same player for more than 20 combined games as a pick-up player where that SBBC team registers at a higher classification and/or category. Playing in more than 20 combined games will result in the player being ineligible to participate in a SBBC District Playdown tournament, a SBBC Provincial Championship and a Canadian Championship. A waiver may be applied for by the player contacting the Programs & Championships Director in writing to request permission. The waiver will be determined at the Programs & Championships Director's sole discretion in consultation with the Minor District Coordinator(s). Number of games calculation will be from March 1st to June 15th of the playing season. It will include all tournament, exhibition and regular season games, both in and out of province.~~

- 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 own team.**
- 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.**
- 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 the start of the provincial championships for that age category, and shall include all tournaments, exhibition, and regular-season games, both in and out of province.**

DEFEATED

(D9, D8 and D6 against)

Staff were directed to bring something back for the next meeting to address the concerns raised by coordinators:

- Need a specific end date for the tracking window
- Retain the onus on the player to track games and to apply for a waiver.

f. SOR 8.4.1 Minor on M & W team (2nd vote)

Moved by K. Weston, seconded by P.. Beckerton to edits to 8.4.1

8.4.1. A player 18 years of age or younger A minor player other than a second-year U19A or B player or a second or third-year U20C player, may only play with or against Men's or Women's teams as a pickup or registered player with the written consent of the player's parents and the District Minor Coordinator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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Staff were directed to update the forms on the website.

g. Transfer, Release and Abandon (2nd vote)

Moved by E. Lee, M. Kirkbright to replace 8.3.2.3 Release/Abandon, 8.3.2.4 Release and 8.3.5 Transfer with a new 8.3.2.3. Release

8.3.2.3. Release

8.3.2.3.1. Prior to the Team Roster Being Approved by the District Minor Coordinator

A release for a player who has been duly registered by an association and has paid their registration fees shall only be considered if:

- a. **The player submits a written release request to the District Minor Coordinator, which must include a rationale for the release.**
- b. **The player's team will not be jeopardized or put in a position of collapse due to the player's release, as confirmed by the player's head coach.**
- c. **And the District Minor Coordinator agrees that a release is in the player's and their association's best interests.**

Once approved, the District Minor Coordinator shall instruct the Association's registrar to strike the player's name from the team's Softball BC Team Registration form. The Coordinator shall also inform the Softball BC Member Services & Communication Manager of the player's release.

8.3.2.3.2. After the Team Roster Has Been Approved by the District Minor Coordinator

A release for a player who has been duly registered by an association, has paid their registration fees, and whose Team Roster has been approved by the District Minor Coordinator, shall only be considered if:

- a. **The player submits a written release request to the District Minor Coordinator no less than seven (7) days before the start of any District playdown. The request must include a rationale for the release.**
- b. **The player's team will not be jeopardized or put in a position of collapse due to the player's release, as confirmed by the player's head coach.**
- c. **The player's head coach agrees to the request to remove them from the team's roster, and the player's association registrar agrees to strike the player's name from the team's Softball BC Team Registration form.**
- d. **The coach and association's registrar from any other team agree to accept the player's registration on their team without affecting the registration of any other player already listed on the approved roster of that team.**



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- e. And the District Minor Coordinator and Umpires & Championships Director agree that a release is in the player's and the association's best interests.

Once approved, the District Minor Coordinator shall instruct the Association's registrar to strike the player's name from the team's Softball BC Team Registration form. The Coordinator shall also inform the Softball BC Member Services & Communication Manager of the player's release.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- h. 8.1.9 Minor Girls - Definition - Footwear (2nd vote)

Moved by B. Hawkins, seconded by G. Johnson, to edit to 8.1.9 as follows:

- 8.1.9. FOOTWEAR - Players may choose to wear metal cleats beginning in the U15A, U15B, U17A, U17B, U19A, U19B, and U20C age categories and classifications. ~~Not C players, U13A or U13B.~~ **Metal cleats are not permitted in any other category or classification.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- k. Field of Play - who is allowed access (2nd vote)

Moved by A. Charlworth, seconded by Bill Hawkins to edit to 8.1.24. FIELD OF PLAY as follows:

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, extended to the outfield fence of the Playing Field, including the Dugouts.

- a. Playing Field: The playing field is defined as the fair territory within which the ball may be played and fielded.
- b. Dugout: The dugout is dead-ball territory for those who are registered on the Softball BC approved roster only

NOTE: Only those players and coaches listed on the approved Softball BC roster are allowed on the field of play and in the dugout during warm-ups and the game.

DEFEATED (all against)

Staff were directed to edit the SOR to addresses the suggestion to split the SOR into 2 sections: the window prior to roster approval and our provincial events.

- h. SOR 8.5.14 Pick-Ups

Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by K. Weston, to edit 8.4.14 PicUps as follows

- 8.5.14.1 Teams may use up to three pickups for Provincial Championships, one or more of which may be coaches, provided that **the** total number of registered players and



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coaches on the **approved** team **roster**, together with **their** pickups, **does** may-not exceed the maximum number permitted in these Special Operating Rules.

- 8.5.14.2 Pickup players are not position specific. If a team needs to pick up a player, it must first ask everyone in its district who is eligible whether they are willing to be picked up. This means all players must be asked to be a pickup, not just for a specific position, before a team can go out of district. **The Programs & Championships Director may authorize out of district pickups under extreme and unusual circumstances.**
- 8.5.14.3 "A" teams may pick up from any District **for Provincial Championships.** ~~n~~No priority is given to teams within a given District. **However, A teams must refrain from contacting "B" or "C" players until they have completed their district playdowns.**
- 8.5.14.4 The following appl**ies**y to "B" and "C" teams picking up players for Provincial Championships:
- Within a given District, teams will be permitted to pick up in the following order:
 - The team that places first at District Championships.
 - The team that is hosting the Provincial Championships.
 - Teams that earned pro rata spots in the Provincial Championships, in the order in which they **finished at Districts**~~earned those spots.~~
 - Each team will be given 48 hours to select their pickups before the next team is given their turn.
 - In-District pickups must be approved in writing by the District Minor Coordinator.
 - Teams must pick up from within their District where there are players available ~~in the same category and classification or one lower category or classification (but not both)~~ **as defined in the Pick-Up Chart located in Annex E.**
 - A player that declines an invitation to be a pickup for a team within ~~her or his~~ **their** District may subsequently accept an offer to be a pickup for another team within ~~her or his~~ **their** District, but may not be a pickup for any team outside ~~her or his~~ **their** District for any Provincial Championship that season.
- 8.5.14.5 In "C" Provincial Championships, only one of a team's pickups may be a pitcher, and such pickup will be declared at the commencement of the Championship. No other pickup may be used as a pitcher once this declaration is made.
- 8.5.14.6 Out-of-district pickups, where permitted by this section, must be approved in writing by the Minor Coordinators of the District of the team picking up the player and the District of the player.
- 8.5.14.7 The head coach must provide a copy of all approved pickup forms at the coaches' meeting held prior to the Softball BC Representative at the Provincial Championship. Teams are not required to add their pickup players or coaches to their official team roster.**



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8.5.14.8 A player who is requested to be a pickup and whose team is participating in a Western or National Championship after the Provincial Championship for which they are being picked up must have written permission from their coach before they **agree to may** be picked up. Permission may be indicated by providing a copy of the team's approved Softball BC roster to the coach of the team picking the player up.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i. 8.5.13 - classification change

Straw vote on options presented by staff failed. Staff were instructed to revise the SOR to reflect three options for the team to choose from. Remaining at U20C and competing at Provincials was not considered an option that aligned with the intent of 8.5.13.

j. Bat Person

The motion to edit to 8.1.25 bat person was table until a later date to allow staff to revise it to address the following:

- A team could have multiple bat-persons which will make the roster quite busy
- Some tournament organizers supply bat people to all of the teams.

k. Working group update on Tryout Policy for Rep Ball

In S. Maion's absence, B. Edamura confirmed that a townhall meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25 (presentation followed by Q&A).

k. Rural Participation Pilots

D. St-Denis confirmed that correspondence will be going out to minor associations providing details regarding the implementation of all three pilots.

8. New Business

a. Softball Canada - approved changes to the rulebook

Council members received a copy of the Softball Canada AGM minutes. The document contained the vote outcomes for all motions (SOR changes). D. St-Denis announced that Softball Canada is hosting a rules webinar on March 1st. Full details on the webinar will be sent to all members, coordinators and DUICs when they become available.

b. WCSA - outcome of BC Motions

Council members received a document summarizing the vote outcomes for all motions (SOR changes).

c. U13C Regionals and U11 Celebrations District Rotation

D. St-Denis reported that staff are struggling to find hosts for the U13C Regionals, the U11C Celebrations, and the U15C Regionals.

Reported reasons for not wanting to host:

- The district is planning its own event.
- Members in the district are already overcommitted from a hosting standpoint (aka - now find themselves under-resourced).



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Staff requested that the coordinators in each region work together to develop a hosting rotation to help address the "overcommitment" issue by clearly defining which district is responsible for hosting each event. In turn, this calendar would enable the district coordinator to identify their host (in district) before the provincial bid deadline.

She reported that staff have heard from a few members that these events should be cancelled, as they feel we have too many events in a very narrow window. The discussion on rotations is a good opportunity for the district coordinator to confirm whether their district plans to participate in these regional events moving forward. Information that can be brought back to our Board.

S. Gilbert will forward an email to the coordinators reconfirm the task and the deadline.

d. Townhall of Non-Compliance with Softball Canada Rules

D. St-Denis thanked those coordinators who attended the townhall of non-compliance with Softball Canada Rules held on February 4th. She circulated, as part of the meeting package, a document outlining the meeting's action items (next steps).

9. Round Table Check-in

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next meetings: Thursday, March 12, 2026, @ 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 9, 2026, @ 7:00 p.m.

Moved by S. Clayton, seconded by K. Weston to adjourn meeting.

CARRIED



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APPENDIX A Quorum

	Weight	In attendan	Votes	
Bill Hawkins	6	1	6	
Al Charlesworth	3	1	3	
vacant				
Houtan Maleki	3	1	3	Arrive at 7:05
Baukje Edamura	3	1		
Liz Lee	4	1	4	
Shannon Maion	4		0	
Kathy Weston	7	1	7	Arrived at 7:10pm
Michelle Kirkbright	5	1	5	Arrive at 7:05 / Left at 9:06pm
Margaret MacDonald	3	1	3	
Amy Douthwright	3	1	3	
Andy Ferguson	3	1	3	
Patrick Beckerton	3	1	3	
Chris Young	3	1	3	Was replaced by Sally Clayton
Gord Johnson	3	1	3	
Total	53		46	
31.8 votes is 60%			86.79%	

APPENDIX B

Event	Host	Dates	Notes
MINOR EVENTS			
Softball BC U11C Celebration of Softball Region 1 (Districts 1, 2, 3)	Oceanside Minor	June 26-28, 2026	
Softball BC U11C Celebration of Softball Region 2 (Districts 4, 5, 6, 15)			Anticipate a bid from D5
Softball BC U11C Celebration of Softball Region 3 (Districts 7, 8, 14)			Recommending cancellation - no host interest
Softball BC U11C Celebration of Softball Region 4 (Districts 9, 10, 11)			Recommending Enderby (June 12-14) to Board as they bid by the deadline
Softball BC U11C Celebration of Softball Region 5 (Districts 12, 13)			Recommending cancellation - no host interest. Teams can attend region 4
Softball BC U11 Rep Showcase			Recommending CASS/Softball City (June 12 to 14) to the Board
Softball BC U11 Rep Showcase			
Softball BC U13C Regionals Region 1 (District 1, 2, 3)	Oceanside Minor	June 26-28, 2026	
Softball BC U13C Regionals Region 2 (District 4, 5, 6, 15)	Coquitlam Moody	June 26-28, 2026	
Softball BC U13C Regionals Region 3 (District 7, 8, 14)			Finalizing details for a bid from South Surrey
Softball BC U13C Regionals Region 4 (District 9, 10, 11)	Merrit Minor	June 26-28, 2026	
Softball BC U13C Regionals Region 5 (District 12 & 13)			Recommending cancellation - no host interest. Teams can attend region 4
U15C Regional (Pilot)			Must be hosted after July 15. No interest at this time other than Merrit who will provide a firm access by the end of March.
Softball BC U13A Girls Provincial	Ridge Meadows	July 17-19, 2026	
Softball BC U13B Girls Provincial	Kelowna	July 10-12, 2026	
Softball BC U15A Girls Provincial	Langford	July 10-12, 2026	
Softball BC U15B Girls Provincial	Langley	July 17-19, 2026	
Softball BC U15C Girls Provincial	Port Alberni	July 3-5, 2026	
Softball BC U17A Girls Provincial	CASS (Softball City)	June 26-28, 2026	
Softball BC U17B Girls Provincial	Cloverdale	July 17-19, 2026	
Softball BC U17C Girls Provincial	Enderby	July 3-5, 2026	
Softball BC U19A Women Provincial	Ridge Meadows	July 17-19, 2026	
Softball BC U19B Women Provincial	Port Alberni	July 24-26, 2026	

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Event	Host	Dates	Notes
Softball BC U20C Women Provincial	Ridge Meadows	July 3-5, 2026	
Softball BC Boys U13 Provincial			Finalizing details for a bid from Terrace
Softball BC Boys U15 Provincial			Finalizing details for a bid from Terrace
Softball BC Boys U17 Provincial			Finalizing details for a bid from Terrace
Softball BC Boys U20 Provincial			Finalizing details for a bid from Terrace
Softball BC Men's Intermediate A & B Provincials			No host interest. Will wait until April to make a final decision
ADULT EVENTS			
Softball BC Women's A Provincials	Saanich	July 17-19, 2026	
Softball BC Women's Intermediate A Provincials	Richmond	July 24-26, 2026	
Softball BC Women's B Provincials	Richmond	July 17-19, 2026	
Softball BC Women's D Provincials	Richmond	July 17-19, 2026	
Softball BC Women's C Provincials	Richmond	July 24-26, 2026	
Softball BC Masters Men Provincials			No host interest. Will wait until April to make a final decision
Softball BC Men's Slo-Pitch Provincials	CASS (Softball City)	September 18-20, 2026	
Softball BC Women's Slo-Pitch Provincials	CASS (Softball City)	September 18-20, 2026	
POST PROVINCIAL EVENTS IN BC			
Western Canadian Chamionship - U19 Women's & U20 Men's	Ladysmith	August 6-9, 2026	
Canadian Championships - U15 & U15 Boys	CASS (Softball City)	Aug 5 to 9	



APPENDIX C

Outcome of MAC Motions Sent to The Board of Directors

Moved by K. Langley, seconded by R. Benson, to approve the following edits to 8.6.4

8.6.4. TIME LIMITS:

- a. U19A, U17A, U19B, U17B: none
- b. U20C, U17C, U15A, U15B: no new inning after 90 minutes. **A time limit will be in effect for the bronze medal game. No new innings after 90 minutes. No time limit will be in effect for all gold medal games.**
- c. U13A, U13B, U15C: no new inning after 90 minutes **except the gold medal game in the gold division/pool. ~~No time limit will be in effect for the Gold Pool, Gold Medal Game only.~~**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by L.Larsen, seconded by D. Simpson, to approve the new Guidelines for Music for all Softball BC Regional and Provincial Events.

Responsibility

The Head Coach is responsible for ensuring that their team, which includes players, staff, parents/guardians, and spectators, adheres to these guidelines.

Policy

1. All music (including pre-game/warm-up) must be good taste and profanity-free (otherwise known as “the clean” version)
2. Between innings, the team on defence gets to play the warm-up music.
3. To ensure the pace of play is maintained, all music must stop as the batter enters the batter’s box. A batter cannot delay the game in order to have a walk-up song played.
4. The music volume must be set so it does not disrupt other games on adjacent/nearby diamonds.

Authority

The tournament management committee is responsible for implementing this policy.

If the playing of music is delaying or interfering with the game's progress:

1. A member of the tournament management committee will issue a verbal warning to the head coach.
2. If the team continues to not adhere to guidelines. The tournament management committee will instruct the coach that they are no longer allowed to use music OR player intros for the remainder of the game.
3. If the team continues to disregard the guidelines, the tournament management committee will issue a pro tem suspension to the head coach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



APPENDIX C

Outcome of MAC Motions Sent to The Board of Directors

Moved by K. Langley, seconded by D. Simpson, to approve the following edits to 8.1.5 Designated Player.

DESIGNATED PLAYER – The designated player rule is in effect for **A & B categories in for** U15 and above **categories**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by D. Simpson, seconded by D. MacKenzie, to approve the following edits to SOR 8.3.6.2.

8.3.6.2 - Five (5) ~~coaches total team staff members, including coaches, assistant coaches, managers and treasurers~~, plus one Approved Minor Apprentice Coach paired with the rostered Mentor Coach. Apprentice Coaches are approved before Rosters are submitted, through an online application (see Article 18).

CARRIED (5-1-0) L. Larson against

Moved by D. Simpson, seconded by D. MacKenzie, to delete SOR 8.1.15.

CARRIED (5-1-0) L. Larson against

Moved by R. Benson, seconded by D. Simpson, to approve the following edits to SOR 8.1.23 recognizing that the staff will ensure the sections referred to in the motion are reviewed at the time of publication to ensure they are referring to the correct SORs.

8.1.23 Participation

This definition applies to games played using the batting order modification described in Section 8.6.9.1, **along with 8.7.25 (U13C Regional Championships) and 8.8.3.b U11C Celebration of Softball and X.X.X U11Rep Showcase**.

All Players on the entry roster shall **receive participate in** a minimum of 2 defensive innings **in the first (12 outs) by the end of the 4th inning of the games, unless injured or unavailable**. If the player is ill or injured, they must be removed from the batting lineup to be compliant with this definition. In a run-ahead game, a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players.

This is protestable in all Softball BC Championships/Events as defined above. Violation of this will result in the Head Coach, in the case of U13C or U11Rep or the NCCP-qualified coach in Article 8.6.9.1, being ejected at the time of protest along with a one-game suspension.

CARRIED (5-0-1) K. Langley abstained



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Moved by L. Larson, seconded by D. Simpson, to approve the following edits to SOR 13.7.6,

13.7.6 AUTOMATIC one (1) game suspension when ejected in or after the 5th Inning **for a behavioural ejection; this does not pertain to a technical ejection.** Any coaches or players ~~--Participants~~ who are ejected in the 5th inning or later at Districts or Provincials will automatically receive a one (1) game suspension for the following game.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by R. Benson, to approve the following edits to SOR 8.6.12.

8.6.12. U13A, U13B, U15B, U15C, U17B, U17C, U19B, U20C PLAYOFF ROUND:

- a. Teams will be seeded after the round robin as per 8.6.11 **SEEDING. All teams shall be placed into playoff pools as follows:**
 - i. **Eight (8) teams or less: all teams advance to the Gold Division playoff pool.**
 - ii. **Nine (9) to 15 teams, the top half of the teams advance to the Gold Division playoff pool. The remaining teams advance to the Silver Division playoff pool. In the event there is an odd number of teams, the extra team advances to the Gold Division, subject to approval by the Umpires and Championships Director.**
 - iii. **16 or more teams, the top eight teams advance to the Gold Division playoff pool. The remaining teams advance to the Silver Division playoff pool.**

~~Teams will be seeded after round robin play as per 8.7.11. The top 8 will play in the Gold Division, with the bottom 8 (or less, if less than 16 teams) playing in the Silver Division.~~

- b. **The Gold Division playoffs shall be modified double-knockout (Annex 'B'). The first round of playoff games are to be played Saturday night. Medals shall be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers.**
 - c. **The Silver Division playoffs shall be single-knockout (Annex 'J'). In the event there are more than eight (8) teams in the Silver Division, playoff games can start Saturday night to eliminate all but eight (8) teams in the Silver Division. All other playoff games are to be played on Sunday. Medals shall be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place finishers only.**
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by J. Hawes, to approve the edits to articles 8.1.10, 8.1.11, 9.1.15 and 9.1.6 as presented

8.1.10 Helmets

In accordance with Softball Canada Regulation 2.1.9, A helmet that is cracked, broken, dented or altered will be declared an illegal helmet and removed from the game.

- a) For an on-deck batter, batter, batter-runner and a runner, a helmet must have two ear flaps (one on each side) and must be of the type that has safety features equal to or greater than those provided by the full plastic cap with padding on the inside. A liner covering only the ears does not meet the specifications of a legal helmet.
- b) For a catcher or a defensive player, a helmet may be the skull type without earflaps.
- c) For U17 categories and below, all on-deck batters, batters and base runners must have an attached face mask.
- d) Youth age players who coach in the first and third base coach's box.
NOTE: A youth age coach registered only as a coach is not required to wear a helmet when coaching in the coach's box.
- e) Youth age representatives that participate as a batboy or batgirl while on the field or in the dugout.

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e) Youth age representatives that participate as a batboy or batgirl while on the field or in the dugout.

8.1.11 Protective Equipment

a) **MASKS.** All catchers must wear a mask, throat protector, and helmet. Catchers (or other members of the defensive team) must wear a mask, throat protector and helmet while receiving warm-up pitches from the pitching plate, or in the warm-up area. If the person catching the pitch will not wear the mask, they must be replaced by a person who will do so. An extended wire protection attached to the mask may be worn instead of the throat protector. The ice hockey goalie style facemask is approved for use by catchers. If there is no throat protector built onto the mask, the throat attachment must be added to the mask before using.

1. If the person catching for the pitcher will not wear the mask, after a warning, they will be removed from the game.
2. If the person catching for the pitcher is anyone other than a team member and will not wear the mask after a warning, it shall mean the removal of the coach or manager of the offending team.

b) **FACE MASKS.** Any defensive or offensive player may wear an approved plastic face mask/guard. Face masks/guards that are cracked or deformed, or if padding has deteriorated or is missing, are prohibited from use and must be removed from the game. Catchers may not wear the plastic face mask/guard in place of the regular mask with a throat protector.

Pitchers in the U17 and below categories are required to wear a protective face mask.

c) **BODY PROTECTORS.** All youth/minor catchers must wear a body protector.

d) **SHIN GUARDS.** Youth/minor catchers must wear shin guards that will offer protection to the kneecap.

e) **PROTECTIVE LEG/ ARM GUARDS.** These may be worn by a batter and a batter-runner.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

g. Tie-breaker

Moved by K. Langley, seconded by D. MacKenzie, to approve the edits to the tie breaker rules as presented

- 8.1.25. **TIEBREAKER - Starting with the top of the eight inning OR the first new inning after time has expired: for each half-inning thereafter until the game ends, the offensive team starts its turn at bat the player**



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scheduled to bat last in that respective half-inning placed on second base as a runner.

8.6.5. Ties are permitted in round robin play. Ties are NOT permitted in playoff games and extra innings must be played until there is a winner. For all playoff games that are tied after 7 complete innings or after time has expired, subsequent innings shall be played using the TIEBREAKER rule.

9.1.26 TIEBREAKER - Starting with the top of the eight inning OR the first new inning after time has expired: for each half-inning thereafter until the game ends, the offensive team starts its turn at bat the player scheduled to bat last in that respective half-inning placed on second base as a runner.

9.6.1.5. Ties are permitted in round robin play. Ties are NOT permitted in playoff games and extra innings must be played until there is a winner. For all playoff games that are tied after 7 complete innings or after time has expired, subsequent innings shall be played using the TIEBREAKER rule.

9.6.3.6. Ties are permitted in round robin play. Ties are NOT permitted in playoff games and extra innings must be played until there is a winner. For all playoff games EXCEPT the final game that are tied after 7 complete innings or after time has expired, subsequent innings shall be played using the TIEBREAKER rule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by D. Simpson, seconded by R. Benson, to approve the edits to articles 8.6.11 and 9.6.4 as presented

Replace .6.11 Seeding and 9.6.4. KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL with the following:

8.6.11 - Seeding

The final seeding shall be determined as follows:

- a. Won-Loss record. If still tied, then:
- b. When only two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the game between the tied teams is declared the winner. When three or more teams are tied, or when two teams are tied, but have not played each other in the qualifying round, only criteria (c), (d), (e) and (f) will apply in that order.



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- c. Combined Run Differential (Total runs for minus total runs against). Note: Run differential limit is +7 or -7 runs per game. If still tied, then:
- d. The least (fewest) runs scored against during the entire qualifying round. (Note: full team records from the qualifying round shall be used). If still tied, then.
- e. Most runs scored for during the entire qualifying round (Note: full team records from the qualifying round shall be used). If still tied, then:
- f. If time and facilities permit, play a tie-breaker game. If time and facilities do not permit, the final seeding will be determined by a coin toss by the Softball BC Representative or designate.

9.6.4. KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – At the end of the qualifying round the top four or six teams advance to the Knockout Championship Draw final and will be determined as follows:

- a. Won-Loss record. If still tied, then:
- b. When only two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the game between the tied teams is declared the winner. When three or more teams are tied, or when two teams are tied, but have not played each other in the qualifying round, only criteria (c), (d), (e) and (f) will apply in that order.
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- e. Most runs scored for during the entire qualifying round (Note: full team records from the qualifying round shall be used). If still tied, then:
- f. If time and facilities permit, play a tie-breaker game. If time and facilities do not permit, the final seeding will be determined by a coin toss by the Softball BC Representative or designate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by R. Allan, seconded by B. Edamura, to approve the following motion from the Minor Advisory Council.

Softball Canada has a plan to systematically develop players once they enter the sport, up until they reach their full potential. This process is called Long-Term Player Development (LTPD). The LTPD guidelines are an important step in aligning player development and program development across the country and our province, at all levels and for all ages. Softball BC's minor softball rules follow the guidelines of the LTPD model and the Athlete Development Matrix set out by Softball Canada.

- These rules are guidelines for U9, **U11C, U11R and U13C programs.**
- ~~U11C, U11R and U13C~~ The rules will be enforced at all Softball BC **U11C Celebrations, U11R Showcases and U13C Regional Events.**



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- Softball BC rules shall apply in all cases not covered below. **FAILED**
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15.1. LETTER OF INTENT

- a. To represent BC at a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship, teams must complete and submit a Letter of Intent to Softball BC. Deadline for submission is as follows:
 - Minor (U13-U19) - May 1st of the current playing season
 - Adult (fastpitch only) - June 1st of the current playing season
 - Adult (slo-pitch only) - June 1st of the year PRECEDING the championship

Note: The president of the minor association or, in the case of an adult team, the team manager will receive notification seven (7) days before the LOI window closing of their team's LOI submissions to date. The same recipient will receive confirmation within 24 hours of the LOI window closing of their team's LOI submission.

- b. In instances where BC is allowed to send more than 4 teams in a designated category to Canadian Championship, the teams who have submitted an LOI will be provided with an opportunity to retract their LOI by the deadline established by the Softball BC Office.

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.
~~upon their commitment to do so may be liable for costs and further disciplinary action if a replacement team is not found to take that spot. Consequences may include:~~
 - a. ~~The club/association to pay all costs including but not limited to entry fees, administrative fees and penalty assessments made by the Western Canadian Softball Association or Softball Canada due to failure by the team to appear at said championship.~~
 - b. ~~DISQUALIFIED from attending Districts or Provincials and ineligible for Western Canadian or Canadian Championships for the following season when the team has six or more returning players.~~

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

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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.

- 15.3. REPRESENTATIVE TEAM - The team representing British Columbia at Canadian ('A' Classification) or Western Canadian ('B' Classification) Championships shall be as follows:
- BC1: The highest placing team at the qualifying Provincial Championship team to have completed a "Letter of Intent" by the due date.
 - DEFENDING CHAMPION: Where the defending champion from the previous year's championship is eligible to attend in the same category, and has submitted a "Letter of Intent by the due date, that team shall be designated as DC.
 - PRO RATA TEAM - where Softball Canada or Western Canada Softball Association has allocated additional spots to Softball BC, those teams shall be designated as BC2, BC3, BC4, etc., based on their place of finish at the qualifying Provincial Championship.

Note: If two teams who have put in their Letters of Intent for a Western or Canadian Championship are knocked out at a provincial at the same point in the championship (for example, tied for 6th or tied for 8th) and one or the other team will attend the Championship in the last available spot, the two teams will have a playoff game to determine which team will attend the Championship.

- 15.4. FOLLOW UP - Unless otherwise stipulated by Softball BC before the start of the Provincial Championship, Within 24-48 hours of winning a Provincial Championship, the a team who has qualified for a Western Canadian or a Canadian Championship must contact the Softball BC office (Umpires & Championship Director) to confirm their participation and receive further information within 24 hours of the completion of the Provincial Championship.

Note: The Softball BC Representative assigned to a Provincial Championship will notify and remind all teams who qualify for a Western Canadian or a Canadian Championship of the above requirements.

- 15.5. TRAVEL ASSISTANCE - ~~See Article 20:~~
- 15.5.1 Where Softball BC has designated funds to assist teams in travel costs to their respective championship, the funds will be paid to the club/association directly. Travel assistance is provided only to the team designated as BC1 (unless the defending champion team finishes higher at the appropriate Provincial Championship and had submitted a Letter of Intent before the deadline, in which case the DC will receive the travel assistance). Funding is based on a formula of number of teams and distance to the championship destination.

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15.5.2 RECIPIENTS - The recipients of the team travel fund will be as follows:

1. Teams must participate in a Provincial Championship, providing a championship is held to qualify.
2. Softball BC will determine the funding allocated to teams travelling to Western Canadian and Canadian Championships in the same year as they qualified for the event.
3. The amount of payout to teams is based on how far they travel and other travel funding available.
4. The highest finishing team from the Provincial Championship travelling to a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship is eligible to receive the travel funding. The amount of travel one way must be equal to or greater than 400 kilometres to be eligible. (Ferry travel to and from Vancouver Island is considered to be applied as a 400 km trip).

~~15.6. PRIOR YEAR CHAMPION - Prior year's Provincial Champion (Slopitch and Mixed Orthodox only):~~

15.7. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - To be eligible to participate in any Minor Western or Canadian Championship, all players must have participated in three games in an affiliated league with the team on which they are registered.

15.8. CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR PLAYERS

Girls: To be eligible for Western Canadian Championships, all minor 'B' teams must be made up of no fewer than 11 players who have not registered on any 'A' classification team in the preceding year **with the exception U13A**. For the purposes of this, players from teams reclassified from 'A' to 'B' by the Umpires & Championships Director pursuant to Articles 8.2.2 d), 8.6.1, 9.2.1.6 and 9.2.10.6 shall be considered 'B' players.

Boys: To be eligible for Western Canadian Championships, all boys' teams must be made up of no fewer than 11 players.

15.9. HOST TEAM:

The host team for a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship will be selected by the host association and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

MEN AND WOMEN - If a team from the host association, city and/ or District wins the Provincial Championship, then the second-place team in the Provincial Championship would also go to the Canadian or Western Canadian Championship.

MINOR - If a host association/district/city does not compete in Provincials, the host team will be based on the decision of the host, declared prior to the Provincials.

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This article applies to all Minor and Men's & Women's Tournaments, Exhibition and League Games. Softball BC's Sport Liability and Participant Accident Insurance does not cover Softball BC members participating in unsanctioned tournaments and exhibition games.

17.1 DEFINITION

17.1.1. Exhibition Game - Single game between two opponents.

17.1.2. Exhibition Series / Ice Breaker - A series of exhibition games scheduled for the same day or subsequent days between a core group of teams is considered a tournament.

17.1.3. League Game - A game scheduled by an oversight body (league executive) for a specific date, time and location between two teams.

17.1.4. Tournament - Three or more teams playing a series of games in round-robin, pool play or elimination brackets that take place over one or more days.

17.2. TOURNAMENTS HOSTED BY A SOFTBALL BC MEMBER

All softball tournaments hosted by Softball BC teams and/or associations and held within the Province of BC, must be sanctioned by Softball BC for membership benefits to stand.

17.2.1. APPLYING FOR A SANCTION

- a. Sanction applications are completed online. Team /Association applying for a sanction must be a member in good standing with Softball BC.
- b. RULES All rules, regulations and policies of Softball BC are to be adhered to.
- c. Tournament Sanctions should be obtained at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of the tournament. ANY applications received less than three (3) weeks prior to the tournament may be assessed a late fee of \$50.00. A sanction application MUST be accompanied by the signed / approved by the District UIC - "Online Sanction Request Form".
- d. Tournaments must use Provincial classification when inviting teams to participate in their event. (Senior A, Intermediate B, U23, etc., NOT Division 1, Division 3,... etc.)
- e. The tournament sanction, if granted, will be issued by the Softball BC office with the tournament details being posted to the website.
- f. **Without prior approval from the Umpires and Championship Director**, no sanctions will be issued in conflict with scheduled District Qualifier or Regional/Provincial Championships in the area.
- g. To avoid unnecessary confusion and turmoil at the tournament in the event of inclement weather, it is recommended that all tournament organizers adopt some form of rainout rules. Teams should be advised of these rules before they participate in a tournament.
- h. Umpires MUST BE registered with Softball BC or other Softball Governing Body if out of province. Registered umpires must be in an official uniform.
- i. The tournament host must secure and forward to Softball BC proof of insurance (CGL – Commercial General Liability) from all non-Softball BC Affiliated teams participating in the tournament. Non-Softball BC Affiliated teams are not allowed to participate in the tournament without proof of insurance.
- j. Softball BC's Injury and Liability Insurance covers teams in good standing with

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Softball BC when participating in tournaments hosted by a Softball BC Member in good standing. Proof of membership can be verified with the Softball BC Office.

17.2.2. RESULTS

- a. Any irregularities, problems, conflicts, etc. must be reported to Softball BC within 72 hours after the completion of the tournament.
- b. For Minor Tournaments Only
 - i. The results of all minor tournaments, together with any recommendations as to team classification, shall be forwarded by the tournament hosts to the Softball BC office immediately upon conclusion of the tournament for the use by Association administrators and Minor Coordinators to properly assess and classify teams in their respective Association/District.
 - ii. Failure to submit tournament results may result in having future sanction requests denied.

17.3. IN PROVINCE EXHIBITION GAMES / SERIES & LEAGUE GAMES

17.3.1. ~~Between members in good standing~~—Softball BC's Injury and Liability Insurance does cover both teams when the game or series is between two Softball BC teams in good standing.

17.3.2. Softball BC Members are **not** allowed to participate in exhibition games/series against teams that are non-Softball BC Members unless the opposing team is duly registered, and by extension sanctioned, by a Softball BC recognized Provincial, National or International Sport Governing Body. Failure to adhere to this requirement will void all Softball BC insurance coverage for the game(s) in question. ~~Against a non-Softball BC affiliated team – The Softball BC's Sport Liability and Participant Accident Insurance does not cover the Softball BC team participating in a game against a non-Softball BC affiliated team. Teams are responsible for securing their own liability and medical insurance.~~

17.4. TOURNAMENTS HOSTED BY A NON-SOFTBALL BC MEMBER

Softball BC Members are not allowed to participate in tournaments against or hosted by teams that are non-Softball BC Members unless the opposing team is duly registered, and by extension sanctioned, by a Softball BC recognized Provincial, National or International Sport Governing Body. Failure to adhere to this requirement will void all Softball BC insurance coverage for the game(s) in question

~~17.4.1. The Softball BC's Sport Liability and Participant Accident Insurance does not cover Softball BC members when playing in a tournament hosted by a non-Softball BC Affiliated team~~

~~17.4.2. The Softball BC members are responsible for securing their own liability and medical insurance.~~

17.5. PARTICIPATION IN OUT OF PROVINCE EXHIBITION / LEAGUE GAME OR TOURNAMENTS

17.5.1. In accordance with Softball BC rules, members who wish to play or officiate softball outside of BC, **but within Canada**, are no longer required to notify the office unless they require a travel permit. ~~must advise Softball BC by completing the Softball BC Travel Advisory Form.~~

17.5.2. The Softball BC's Sport Liability (CGL) and Participant Accident (PA) Insurance does cover members in good standing with Softball BC when participating in out-of-province exhibition games or tournaments as long as the team has the following terms met:

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~~The member(s) has advised Softball BC Office of their travel by submitting a Softball BC Travel Advisory Form and;~~

- a. The Softball Canada affiliated Provincial or Territorial Softball Association has sanctioned the exhibition game or tournament.
- b. ~~The opposing team is duly registered, and by extension sanctioned, by a Softball BC recognized Provincial, National or International Sport Governing Body.~~

17.5.2.1. Members are responsible for having their own travel medical insurance when traveling out of province to ensure you are covered for out-of-pocket expenses e.g., hospitalization, medication, ambulance, and treatment fees for injuries sustained off the field of play. Please note: The British Columbia Medical Services Plan (BCMSP) does NOT provide medical coverage to you in another province.

17.5.3. ~~Softball BC Members are allowed to participate in tournaments against or hosted by teams that are non-Softball BC Members as long as the opposing team is duly registered, and by extension sanctioned, by a Softball BC recognized Provincial, National or International Sport Governing Body.~~

~~In cases where the exhibition game or tournament is not sanctioned by a Softball Canada affiliated Provincial or Territorial Softball Association, members are responsible for securing their own insurance which would includes:~~

- a. ~~Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance~~
- b. ~~And adequate travel medical insurance to ensure you are covered for out-of-pocket expenses e.g., hospitalization, medication, ambulance, and treatment fees for injuries and illness.~~

~~Teams can apply to Softball BC for assistance in securing a quote from our insurance broker, SBC Insurance or use another broker of their choice. Please note, a separate form (NOT the Softball BC Travel Advisory Form) will be sent to you to collect the details necessary to provide a CGL and/or travel medical insurance quote.~~

17.6. PARTICIPATION IN OUT OF COUNTRY EXHIBITION / LEAGUE GAMES / SERIES OR TOURNAMENTS

17.6.1. In accordance with Softball BC rules, members who wish to play or officiate softball outside of ~~BC~~ Canada, are no longer required to notify the office unless they require a travel permit. ~~must advise Softball BC by completing the Softball BC Travel Advisory Form.~~

17.6.2. The Softball BC's Sport Liability (CGL) and Participant Accident (PA) Insurance does not cover Softball BC members travelling to tournaments or exhibition games / series outside of Canada.

- 17.6.3. Teams are responsible for securing their own insurance which should include:
- a. Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance
 - b. And adequate travel medical insurance to ensure you are covered for out-of-pocket expenses e.g., hospitalization, medication, ambulance, and treatment fees for injuries and illness.

Teams can apply to Softball BC for assistance in securing a quote from our insurance broker, SBC Insurance or use another broker of their choice. Please note, a separate form (NOT the Softball BC Travel Advisory Form) will be sent to you to collect the details necessary to provide a CGL and/or travel medical insurance quote.



SOFTBALL CANADA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 8, 2025
Halifax, NS

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025
Saturday, November 8 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of the 2024 Annual General Meeting minutes
4. President's Report
5. May 31, 2025 Auditor's Report and Financial Statements
6. Appointment of auditors for May 31, 2026 year end
7. Constitution and Bylaws
8. Special Operating Rules
 - a. SOR Notice of Motions
9. New Business
 - a. Rule Changes
 - b. Hall of Fame Inductees
 - c. 2026 Softball Canada Congress
10. Elections – 3 directors
11. Adjournment

President Neiles welcomed all members and acknowledged the land on which this meeting was taking place.

President Neiles called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. He appointed Guy Jacobson (SK) and Don Farr (NWT) as official scrutineers for the voting process.

Rules of Procedure

President Scott Neiles was the Chair of the meeting.

The Softball Canada Rules of General Assembly can be found in page 120 of the AGM book and our parliamentary authority for this meeting is Robert's Rules of Order, Edition 12. I will remind all participants of the following:

- Please do not interrupt others
- Please raise your hand or wait for a microphone if you wish to be recognized by the chair
- Please direct your comments through the Chair, and if necessary they will be directed to the appropriate person to respond
- Please keep all comments respectful and polite
- For voting purposes, members will vote using their voting paddles and if necessary, I will call upon the voting scrutineers to provide a count

The credentials report of votes is as follows:

Provincial/Territorial Associations	33 votes
Board of Directors	8 votes
Total	41 votes
President (in case of tie and elections only)	1 vote

Section 7.1.d. of the Softball Canada Bylaws states, "Quorum for a meeting of members shall be those delegates and Director members representing a majority of votes eligible to be cast at the Meeting". It was declared that there is a quorum and that the Meeting of the Softball Canada members was in session.

Motion Instructions

All would have received the Notices of Motion in your AGM package. As done in previous member meetings and to make this meeting as efficient as possible, we aimed to do the following:

- For Notices of Motion #1 (Agenda), #2 (Previous Minutes), #3 (President's Report), #4 (Auditor's Report & Financial Statements), and #5 (Appointment of Auditors, we had approved these motions via Consent Agenda. For a few other motions such as the Hall of Fame and 2026 Congress, we had approved these motions **by unanimous consent**.
- There are no proposed revisions to the Bylaws.
- For the revisions to the Fast Pitch and Slo-Pitch Rules, we addressed these motions where possible in a Consent Agenda. We also entertained any amendment(s) as discussed in our Motions Workshop.
- For the revisions to the Special Operating Rules, we addressed these motions where possible in a Consent Agenda. We also entertained any amendment(s) as discussed in our Motions Workshop.

Consent Agenda (Agenda Items #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5)

Motion #1, #2, #3 #4, and #5, were done via *Consent Agenda*. Should any of the members wish to independently debate and vote any one of these items, they had the right to request that separation.

These motions are referred to in pages 123 and 124 of the AGM package.

MOTIONS – AS MOVED FROM THE FLOOR

Consent Agenda

Moved by: Gary MacDonald (SK)	Seconded by: Dennis Marchiori (NWT)
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NOTICE OF MOTION #1
As moved from the floor
That the 2025 Softball Canada Congress agenda be adopted with the powers to add
NOTICE OF MOTION #2
As moved from the floor
That the Minutes of the 2024 Softball Canada Congress in Saskatoon, SK be accepted
NOTICE OF MOTION #3
As moved from the floor
To accept the President’s Report on behalf of Softball Canada’s Board of Directors
NOTICE OF MOTION #4
As moved from the floor
That the Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2025 be accepted as presented
NOTICE OF MOTION #5
As moved from the floor
That Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP be appointed as auditors for the year ending May 31, 2026
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Carried

Constitution and Bylaws

There are no proposed Bylaw revisions this year.

Motions – Special Operating Rules

There are nine (9) proposed Special Operating Rules that have been submitted to the members.

In accordance with Part Seven, Article 1 of the Special Operating Rules, these motions require a majority vote of the Members present. If adopted, these motions will become effective immediately following the conclusion of this meeting.

We aimed to approve most SOR proposals through a single formal motion and vote. Based on the Workshop the proposed format is as follows:

- Motions withdrawn: #5 & #6
- Motions via Consent Agenda: #1, #2, #3, #4, #7, #8, #9

Move to approve SOR Motions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9 via Consent Agenda

Moved by: Brooks Penrod (SK)	Seconded by: Jackie Dugger (BC)
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REFERENCE (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

SPECIAL OPERATING RULES – **PAGE 212**
PART ONE — ORGANIZATION OF A CHAMPIONSHIP

ARTICLE 1 –BIDDING AND HOSTING

1.1 Bid procedure (Excluding Orthodox FP and Masters FP)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

f) Provinces/Territories who have communities bidding on a Championship must have had at least one (1) team from the Province or Territory participate in the Championship they are bidding on the year before the Championship. If there are no other bids, except from a P/T who hadn't participated as stated above, then these bids can be considered after October 1st the year prior to the Championship.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

f) Provinces/Territories who have communities bidding on a Championship must have had at least one (1) team from the Province or Territory participate in the Championship they are bidding on the year before the Championship. If there are no other bids, except from a P/T who hadn't participated as stated above, then these bids can be considered after October 1st the year prior to the Championship.

Exception: In the year the Canada Games are presented, the absence of a province/territory at the Canadian Championships in the Games' age category won't hinder the opportunity for that province/territory to host a Canadian Championship the following year in the Games' age category.

RATIONALE

In certain provinces/territories with a limited player pool, only one team can represent the province at the Canadian Championships. The year the Canada Games are held, it sometimes becomes impossible for these provinces/territories to participate in both competitions if the dates for the Canadian Championships and the Canada Games are close to each other, since the same athletes would be playing in both tournaments. The priority is then given to the Canada Games, which would keep that team from playing at the Canadian Championships on the same year.

When the time comes to submit a bid to host the Canadian Championships, the exact date of that tournament (in the Canada Games year) is not always known. Therefore, it is justifiable to add an exception clause to enable a province or a territory to host a Canadian Championship in that age category even if it did not attend that tournament the year prior. This modification aims to maintain equity and promote the organization of championships in every Canadian province.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

Submitted by: Board fo Directors P/T Affiliation: Softball Canada

REFERENCE (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part One, Article 2.1 a)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

iii) A contract between Softball Canada and the Host Committee outlining all obligations of both parties shall be signed and guidelines as published by Softball Canada shall be followed. The host will have to send Softball Canada a deposit of \$1,500.00 at the same time as the Host Agreement Fees (2 weeks prior to the championship start date) to guarantee Softball Canada Quality Assurance on the championship to be held. This deposit will not be cashed by Softball Canada unless the host does not meet its contractual obligations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

REVISION

iii) A contract between Softball Canada and the Host Committee outlining all obligations of both parties shall be signed and guidelines as published by Softball Canada shall be followed. **If the host does not meet its contractual obligations and/or ensure Quality Assurance for the championship, Softball Canada will not return the original Bid deposit.**

RATIONALE

The \$1,500 Quality Assurance cheque has been in place for well over a decade and has no history of being cashed for any Canadian Championship in the past. The new wording would keep the Quality Assurance clause, but instead of asking for a separate cheque, Softball Canada would have the option of not returning the Bid deposit.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

Submitted by: **Board of Directors** P/T Affiliation: **Softball Canada**

REFERENCE (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part One, Article 2.4 (p. 217)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Non-Canadian Citizens - Players, Coaches and Managers that are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents may participate in a Canadian Championship provided that they have been continuous residents of Canada for one calendar year prior to the dates of the championship in which they wish to participate and meet all other residency requirements.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

ADDITION

2.4 For Women's, U23 Men's, Men's and Master Men's only. Any Non-Canadian Citizen who has participated with another country in an International sanctioned event (WBSC World Cup, Pan American Championship, World Games, Olympic Games, Pan Am Games, any WBSC sanctioned event) within the last 5 years are ineligible for Canadian Championship play.

RATIONALE

The Canadian Championships are restricted to athletes living in Canada who are Canadian Citizens/landed immigrants or who are Non resident Canadian Citizens living abroad. The athletes that participate should be athletes that support or who have supported our National Program from the minor level through to the adult stages and not represent a different National Federation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

Submitted by: Softball BC Board of Directors P/T Affiliation: BC

REFERENCE (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part two, Section 2.4, Page 217

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

2.4 Non-Canadian Citizens

Players, Coaches and Managers that are not Canadian citizens or landed immigrants may participate in a Canadian Championship provided they have been continuous residents of Canada for one calendar year prior to the dates of the championship in which they wish to participate and meet all other residency requirements.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

ADDITION

a) Players, Coaches and Managers with a student visa may participate in a Canadian Championship provided they arrived in Canada prior to September 1st of the previous year and meet all other residency requirements.

RATIONALE

Since most international students arrive in Canada in August, prior to the start of the school year begins, the current SOR could unintentionally prevent players attending school in Canada from participating in a Canadian Championship simply because they fall a few days or weeks short of the one calendar year requirement.

Example: Arriving August 25th, 2026 allows the student to participate in the 2027 season but not the 2026 season.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

Submitted by: Softball Alberta P/T Affiliation: Alberta

REFERENCE (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part two Section 2.6 Page 217

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

2.6 Provincial Non-Residents (Fast Pitch only)

- a) In U20 Men's, U19 Women's, U23 Men's/Women's Championships, all but six (6) players, and only two of these will be allowed to be pitchers, on any territorial representative team to a Canadian Championship must be a bona fide resident of that territory by the official residency date for the year of competition, with the release of the Province/Territory that the player is registered with.
- b) In U23 Men's, U23 Women's, Men's, Master Men's and Women's Canadian Championships, all but two (2) players, and only one of these will be allowed to be a pitcher, on any provincial/territorial representative team to a Canadian Championship must be a bona fide resident of that Province/Territory by the official residency date for the year of competition.
- c) These exemptions will be granted to players who meet either of the following conditions:
 - i. Canadian citizens living outside of Canada who return to their home province after May 1 and register for softball participation purposes only; or
 - ii. Canadian citizens residing in Canada WHO DO NOT register with the provincial/territorial association where they resided prior to that provincial/territorial date but choose to register with a different association of their choice. This registration must be complete by the registration date and the individual must obtain consent from the province/territory they reside in even if not registered in their province/ territory of residence; or
 - iii. Any player who has completed their playing commitments within their registered province/territory can be picked up by another provincial/ territorial representative team with the consent of both provinces/territories. These players will be considered imports and treated as such under Article 2.6 a-b.
 - iv. Any player registered in Slo-Pitch in any province/territory is eligible to be used as an import in Senior Canadian Fast Pitch Championships. NOTE: Players residing outside of Canada who declare their intent to play for their home province prior to May 1st as per the guidelines set out in Article 2.3 are not considered imports and there is no limit on the number of returning players.
- d) No player of U20 category age, or under, may exercise Provincial Non-Resident ("import") status.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

Deletion: (Fastpitch Only)

Addition: c) In Men's and Women's Slo Pitch Canadian Championships all but (2) players, on any provincial/territorial representative team to a Canadian Championship must be a bona fide resident of the territory/province by the official residency date for the year of competition.

Revise all other letters and denotions as per the addition of this SOR

le: now c becomes d and d becomes e

RATIONALE

The rule exist for Fastpitch and we're asking for Slo-pitch to have the same eligibility.

Justification is that some players who are living in regions that don't have competitive Slo-pitch, don't have an opportunity to participate.

Shane Baker in Fort St John had no connections to the BC teams, so they would not pick him up. He played with a coed with a team out of Grande Prairie, so an exception was made to allow him to play in AB with Men's Slo Pitch Team.

Manitoba - Devren Dear and Paige Churchill, who have been deemed as both National Team level athletes, but they cannot participate in Canadians, because MB does not have any competitive teams and the SK teams who are eligible to

pick them up, have chosen not to.

For the past three years, Devren has been trying to join Men's teams in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia , but weren't able to add him due to the SOR's does not allow for imports in slo pitch specific. Manitoba was happy to give the release to give him the opportunity, but the other Provinces would not accept him due to the rule.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

Increased registration fees in under represented provinces in Slo Pitch.

Final Recommendations: **Withdrawn**

Submitted by: Softball NB, Softball NL & Softball NS P/T Affiliation: NB, NL & NS

REFERENCE (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part three, Section 1.2.c.iv.e, Page 222

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Part 3 - Canadian Slo-Pitch Championships Article 1 - Organization and Participation

1.2.c.iv.e Any team from the Atlantic provinces attending the Canadian Slo-Pitch Championship can pick up to five (5) players from any of the Atlantic provinces with the release of the player's home province. All releases must be handled as per Softball Canada guidelines.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

Part 3 - Canadian Slo-Pitch Championships Article 1 - Organization and Participation

1.2.c.iv.e Any team from the Atlantic provinces attending the Canadian Slo-Pitch Championship can pick up to **two (2)** players from any of the Atlantic provinces with the release of the player's home province. All releases must be handled as per Softball Canada guidelines.

RATIONALE

The Softball P/T's within the Atlantic Provinces, are actively working to grow their relationships with the Slo Pitch communities and send teams from each province to the Canadian Championships. By reducing the number of players able to be released to (2), this will help the provinces send teams to represent each province, while still allowing for one off situations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None.

Final Recommendations: **Withdrawn**

Submitted by: Slo-Pitch Committee P/T Affiliation: Softball Canada

REFERENCE (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part three 2.7 c) Bats (see page 226/227)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

NOTE – the following applies only if bats are not supplied by Softball Canada:

- i) In addition to meeting the criteria as set out in SP-Rule 3 Equipment, section 1, all bats shall be subject to inspection and approval prior to their use in the Canadian Championship tournament.
 - a) Any bat entering the field of play area, which includes the dugout/ bench areas, any warm-up areas inside and outside the field, shall be subject to inspection and approval. If a bat is within the above identified area and has not been submitted for inspection, the Coach of the team will be ejected for that game.
 - b) If a bat initially passes the compression test prior to the start of the championship then fails later during the championship, the bat's user/owner will be asked to allow it to be sent to the manufacturer for further testing. The player may either agree to the testing or refuse to submit the selected bat. If they refuse to allow the bat to be submitted for further testing or does not present the bat for testing, they are immediately suspended for two (2) years of play with Softball Canada and provincial/territorial play. If the bat is found to be tampered with, that player is immediately suspended for two (2) years of play with Softball Canada and provincial/ territorial play. If the bat is not tampered with but just became too broken in, every effort will be made to have the manufacturer replace the confiscated bat with the current model available.
- ii) Inspection and approval procedures, as well as the means that will be used to identify bats that have passed inspection, to be used at a Canadian Championship tournament will be at the discretion of the Softball Canada representative and the tournament Umpire-in Chief.
- iii) Inspection methods may include any visual inspection and/or inspection by any mechanical means that would not risk damage to the bat.
- iv) Inspection and approval procedures, if they are to be used at a Canadian Championship, will be made known to all coaches of participating teams no later than 72 hours prior to the commencement of the tournament.
- v) Any bat not presented for inspection/approval will be considered to be illegal equipment for the purposes of the Canadian Championship tournament.
- vi) Any player using a bat that was not inspected or has failed inspection and/or approval will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament.
- vii) Teams shall have the right to have one (1) team representative present at the time of inspection of the bats submitted for inspection/approval.
- viii) There will be no appeal available for any bat that has failed inspection.
- ix) Teams will be allowed to have up to 34 bats tested free of charge. Any additional bat beyond 34 will have a charge of \$5 per bat levied on the team. All other rules pertaining to illegal equipment shall apply

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

REVISE / DELETION

NOTE – the following applies only if bats are not supplied by Softball Canada:

- i) to read "All bats must meet the 240lb compression standard and display the new (2021) USSSA NTS Tested stamp. All bats shall be subject to inspection and approval prior their use in the Canadian Championship tournament.
- ii) Inspection and approval procedures, as well as the means that will be used to identify bats that have passed inspection, to be used at a Canadian Championship tournament will be at the discretion of the Softball Canada representative and the tournament Umpire-in Chief.
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- vii) Teams shall have the right to have one (1) team representative present at the time of inspection of the bats submitted for inspection/approval.
- viii) There will be no appeal available for any bat that has failed inspection.
- ix) Teams will be allowed to have up to 34 bats tested free of charge. Any additional bat beyond 34 will have a charge

of \$10 per bat levied on the team. All other rules pertaining to illegal equipment shall apply.

RATIONALE

The new 240lb compression standard has become the norm in higher level slo-pitch competition. By adding to this SOR it leaves the existing equipment rule 2.3.1 intact for use in more recreational leagues and events.

Concerns around modified bats has decreased significantly due to current bat standards and manufacturing practices allowing us to remove a & b from point i),and eliminate that additional responsibility from umpires and supervisors.

Point iv) allows us the flexibility to implement additional bat testing procedures annually (ex: random testing, additional scheduled testing, etc). Penalty for use of an untested/unapproved bat is covered later the same section, point vi).

Increasing cost per additional bat is a deterrent to teams testing well broken-in and questionable bats “hoping” they may pass.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

Maintenance and shipping costs of existing bat testers. Potential future bat tester purchase(s). Increased cost per team to cover testing of additional bats.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

Submitted by: Board fo Directors P/T Affiliation: Softball Canada

REFERENCE (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part Four (Fast Pitch), Article 2.1 c)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

c) Ranking in the Qualifying Round

Final standings in the qualifying round shall be established using the following criteria and will revert back to i) after each criterion if the tie is broken.

i) Won/Lost records. If still tied, then:

ii) Winners of games between tied teams NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. If still tied, then:

iii) Difference PLUS or MINUS of total runs scored, with a limit of 7 PLUS or MINUS per game allowed.

a) If teams are still tied within iii) the least (fewest) amount of runs scored against in all games will be used. If still tied, then:

b) The total runs scored in all games will be used. If still tied then:

c) Positions will be settled by a coin toss.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

REVISION

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ii) Winners of games between tied teams. NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher; ~~If still tied, then:~~

iii) Difference PLUS or MINUS of total runs scored, with a limit of 7 PLUS or MINUS per game allowed;

~~iv) If teams are still tied within iii) the least (fewest) amount of runs scored against in all games; will be used. If still tied, then:~~

~~v) The Total runs scored in all games will be used; If still tied then:~~

vi) Positions will be settled by a coin toss.

RATIONALE

Housekeeping to fix list format and unnecessary wording.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

Submitted by: Board fo Directors **P/T Affiliation:** Softball Canada

REFERENCE (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part Four (Fast Pitch), Article 2.1 d)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

d) Tie Breaking

The above criteria ranking establishes the standing in the qualifying round. However, if a tie exists for the last playoff position or where it represents the difference between 1 or 2 “lives”, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a) If tied for 2 “lives” they will be ranked using the criteria in 2.1 c)
- b) If tied for last playoff position, tiebreaker game(s) will be played.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

REVISION

d) Tiebreaker Games - revision

The above criteria ranking establishes the standing in the qualifying round. If there are multiple divisions or one division where all teams have played each other within their bracket, no tiebreaker games will be played. Criteria will determine placement.
In single division modified round robin formats where all teams within the division have not played each other, tiebreaker game(s) will be played if teams are tied for the last playoff position only.

RATIONALE

Tiebreaker games should not be played in Championships where every team has already played each other especially within their own division. These ties can be settled fairly based on the results of the games played. The intent of tiebreaker games should be to ensure fairness between teams who did not play against each other or the same opponents and are tied for the last playoff spot.

Tiebreaker games have become increasingly difficult for Canadian Championship supervisors, hosts and UICs to plan for in the schedule due to timing, weather implications, field availability, and volunteer/staffing capacity.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

Rule Change Proposals

Rule Change Proposal 4, 5, 6 and 7 were withdrawn. Rule Change Proposal 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15 will be moved via Consent Agenda. Rule Change Proposal 13 will be voted on separately.

Move to approve Rule Change Proposals 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10,11,12,14, and 15 via Consent Agenda

Moved by: Scott Willis (NB)

Seconded by: Todd Neuman (AB)

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)									
Submitted by: Softball Alberta									
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	x	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL		
Rule:	3	Section:	2.7	Letter:		Number:		Letter:	
CHANGE IS:	Deletion / Revision								
CHANGE:	Delete 3.2.7 if an incorrect player is used as a temporary runner the error will be corrected without penalty when notice Add at the end of 3.2.7 This would be treated as an appeal play <i>At any time, an incorrect runner is on base in a tiebreaker inning or as a temporary runner for the catcher or pitcher of record</i>								
RATIONALE:	Make it clear in the rule book that there is an appeal play(penalty) for having the incorrect player on base as the temporary runner or tiebreaker								
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:	Carried								

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)									
Submitted by: Softball Alberta									
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	x	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL		
Rule:	3	Section:	2	Letter:		Number:	7	Letter:	
CHANGE IS:	Revision								

CHANGE:	<p>The Team may designate one player as a runner. The player shall be called Designated Runner (DR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The DR must be listed in the starting line-up; and PITCH RULES b) The DR must be listed in the last spot in the starting line up (10th with no DP or 11th with the DP) c) The DR may run for only one player per inning and may do so each time that player becomes a runner in the inning d) The DR may run for a different player each inning. e) The DR may not bat or play defense. If the DR becomes an offensive or defensive player, they forfeit their option for a DR for the rest of the game f) An Eligible player in in the game may substitute for the DR g) The DR may not re-enter the game- h) A Team is not obligated to use the DR the entire game.
RATIONALE:	It opens a lot more options for teams and players to participate. There are multiple governing bodies (Examples NAFA, USA Softball) who have the above concept in their rules.
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:	Carried

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:		<u>2026-2027</u>		(year)			
Submitted by: Softball Alberta							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	x	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL
Rule:	3	Section:	2.7	Letter:		Number:	7
CHANGE IS:	Addition						

CHANGE:	<p>Add after</p> <p>A catcher :</p> <p>A temporary runner is legal for a catcher <i>or pitcher</i> of record from the previous half inning who is on base with two (2) outs. The following provisions apply:</p>
RATIONALE:	To coincide with appeal plays and players allowed to have temporary runners
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:	Carried

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)								
Submitted by: Softball BC Board of Directors								
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	x	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	
Rule:	2	Section:	5.1	Letter:	d)	Number:		Letter:
CHANGE IS:	Revision							

CHANGE:	<p>2.5.1 d – NUMBERS:</p> <p>An Arabic number of contrasting color at least 15.2 cm (6 in) high must be worn on the back of all uniform shirts. No manager, coach or player on the same team may wear identical numbers (numbers 1 and 01 are examples of identical numbers.) Only whole numbers 00 to 99 must be used. Players without numbers will not be permitted to play.</p>
RATIONALE:	<p>We have attended many Canadian Championships and Softball Canada allowed the use of 00 and 0. If we are going to allow for this, then change the rule to reflect that 00 and 0 are recognizable numbers as they do identify the player from another player.</p> <p>As well, if you are a parent without a Softball Canada Rulebook and you google jersey numbers for Softball Canada what shows up is about Rule 3 – which says 00-99 are jersey numbers. https://softball.ca/resources/rulebook/fast-pitch-rules/official-fast-pitch-rules-of-softball/rule-3-equipment</p> <p>As we are only to follow the actual Softball Canada Rulebook we should ensure information available is consistent.</p>
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Withdrawn	

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:		2026-2027			(year)			
Submitted by: Softball Québec								
TYPE:	FAST PITCH			SLO-PITCH	x	ORTHODOX		ALL
Rule:	5	Section :	9	Letter:	A	Number:		Letter:
CHANGE IS:	Addition							

CHANGE:	<p>5.9 TOUCHING BASES IN THE RIGHT ORDER</p> <p>a) The batter-runner and all the other runners must touch bases in the right order (meaning, first base, second base, third base and home plate), unless they are victims of obstruction on a base by keeping them from touching that base or that they are placed on second base due to the application of the rule of play when a tiebreaker in extra innings.</p> <p>EXCEPTION / SC: The pitcher who gets a walk on their at-bat will be replaced by the temporary runner immediately, without the pitcher being required to touch first base. The temporary runner will take their place at first base.</p>
RATIONALE:	To accelerate the course of the game.
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Withdrawn	

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)									
Submitted by: Softball Québec									
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH	x	ORTHODOX		ALL		
Rule:	4	Section :	3.1	Letter:	A	Number:		Letter:	
CHANGE IS:	Revision								

CHANGE:

4.3 CONDITIONS FOR A LEGAL PITCH

4.3.1 PRELIMINARY ACTION BEFORE A PITCH

a) At the beginning of each half inning or when a pitcher comes to relieve another pitcher, a maximum of one (1) minute can be used to complete three (3) warm-up pitches to the catcher or to another member of the defensive team.

At the beginning of the game, or when a pitcher comes to relieve another pitcher, a maximum of one (1) minute can be used to complete three (3) warm-up pitches to the catcher or to another member of the defensive team. No pitch is authorized between half innings unless a new pitcher comes in the game.

EXCEPTION: This does not apply if the umpire delays the beginning or the resuming of play due to a substitution, a conference, an injury or any other reason given by the umpire.

SC: The umpire can allow five (5) pitches instead of three (3) if weather conditions require it.

RATIONALE:

To accelerate the course of the game.

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Withdrawn

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2026-2027 (year)

Submitted by: Softball Québec

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH	x	ORTHODOX		ALL	
Rule:	5	Section :	4.3	Letter:	a	Number:	ix	Letter:

CHANGE IS: New

CHANGE:

5.4.3 BALLS AND STRIKES

Each legal pitch that is not hit by the batter is called ball or strike by the home plate umpire.

a) A ball is called and becomes a dead ball:

...

IX. After each out when there are no runners on base, defensive players can't throw the ball to each other.

Consequence: a ball is added to the count of the following batter for each ball thrown between players.

RATIONALE:

To accelerate the course of the game.

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Withdrawn

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2026-2027 (year)

Submitted by: Slo-Pitch Committee / BOD

TYPE:

FAST PITCH

SLO-PITCH

X

ORTHODOX

ALL

Rule:

4

Section
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Letter:

Number:

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Letter:

b

CHANGE IS:

Revision

CHANGE:	Remove: “or SC: inside the pitching chute”
RATIONALE:	Removes the “Pitching Chute” and return to a single pitching plate in Slo-Pitch. This provides a more consistent delivery point and improves the umpire's ability to manage pitching arch. This REVISION is also reflected in: - APPENDIX 1. F “Pitcher’s Plate/(SC) Chute” - 4.1.4 - 4.3.7 f)
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Carried	

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)										
Submitted by: Slo-Pitch Committee / BOD										
TYPE:	FAST PITCH			SLO-PITCH		X	ORTHODOX			ALL
Rule:	4	Section :	1	Letter:		Number:	4	Letter:		
CHANGE IS:	Revision									
CHANGE:	Remove: “SC: on the point they start their delivery within the pitching chute”									
RATIONALE:	Removes the “Pitching Chute” and return to a single pitching plate in Slo-Pitch. This provides a more consistent delivery point and improves the umpire's ability to manage pitching arch. This REVISION is also reflected in: - APPENDIX 1. F “Pitcher’s Plate/(SC) Chute” - 4.3.5 b) - 4.3.7 f)									
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Carried										

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)										
Submitted by: Slo-Pitch Committee / BOD										
TYPE:	FAST PITCH			SLO-PITCH		X	ORTHODOX			ALL
Rule:	Appendix	Section :		Letter:	F	Number:		Letter:		
CHANGE IS:	Revision									

CHANGE:	Remove: “(SC) CHUTE” from the title as well as “SC: The Pitcher’s Chute is that area directly behind the pitcher’s plate within the same 61cm length of the Pitcher’s Plate and 3.05m (10ft) in depth”
RATIONALE:	Removes the “Pitching Chute” and return to a single pitching plate in Slo-Pitch. This provides a more consistent delivery point and improves the umpire's ability to manage pitching arch. This REVISION is also reflected in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4.1.4 - 4.3.5 b) - 4.3.7 f)
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Carried	

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)								
Submitted by: Slo-Pitch Committee / BOD								
TYPE:	FAST PITCH			SLO-PITCH	X	ORTHODOX		ALL
Rule:	4	Section :	3	Letter:		Number:	7	Letter: f
CHANGE IS:	Revision							
CHANGE:	Remove: “or SC: on the ground where the pitcher established their start in the pitching chute”							
RATIONALE:	Removes the “Pitching Chute” and return to a single pitching plate in Slo-Pitch. This provides a more consistent delivery point and improves the umpire's ability to manage pitching arch. This REVISION is also reflected in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APPENDIX 1. F “Pitcher’s Plate/(SC) Chute” - 4.1.4 - 4.3.5 b) 							
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Carried								

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)								
Submitted by: Softball NL								
TYPE:	FAST PITCH			SLO-PITCH	X	ORTHODOX		ALL
Rule:		Section :		Letter:		Number:		Letter:
CHANGE IS:	Revision							

CHANGE:	<p>The current Official Softball Canada Rulebook (2024 – 2025), page 22 outlines the ages for Minor Slo-pitch to have not changed to coincide with the Fastpitch minor ages,</p> <p>The ages for Minor Slo-pitch change to coincide and be consistent with the Minor Fastpitch ages</p>
RATIONALE:	<p>While the Minor Fastpitch ages changed in 2021, the Minor Slo-pitch ages did not. As Softball NL has a large Minor Slo-pitch membership, including many Associations who have both Minor Slo-pitch and Fastpitch, we are requesting that the ages for both to be consistent. We are requesting the changes to be reflected in the next edition of the Softball Canada Rulebook beginning 2026.</p>
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Carried	

Move to approve the amendment of Rule Change Proposal 13 as presented

Moved by: Shelley Rudd (AB)	Seconded by: Diego La Manna (QC)
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Move to approve the Rule Change Proposal 13 (as amended)

Moved by: Shelley Rudd (AB)	Seconded by: Todd Neuman (AB)
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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)									
Submitted by: Softball Alberta									
TYPE:	FAST PITCH			SLO-PITCH	x	ORTHODOX		ALL	
Rule:	3	Section:	2.7	Letter:		Number:		Letter:	
CHANGE IS:	New / Addition								
CHANGE:	<p>Remove 3.2.6 g), and renumber h) as g)</p> <p>Add 3.2.7 Temporary runner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Optional before two outs – mandatory after two outs ii. May be any player on the line-up card who is not on base at the time of application (even if they have previously been in the game and cannot legally re-enter the game) but cannot be a pleyer who has been ejected or removed from the game for violation of the rules iii. The player who finishes the previous inning in the pitching position (or is designated as the pitcher in the line-up card for the Visiting Team’s first inning at bat) is the only person eligible to have a temporary runner. iv. Re-entry and substitution rules are waived for the temporary runner v. If the temporary runner is on base and due to bat, they shall be replaced by another eligible player without penalty. vi. Co-ed only – Temporary Runner will be gender for gender <p>Effect 3.2.7. c) This would be an appeal play if a temporary runner is used for any player other than the pitcher of record</p> <p><i>*Note: (not to be included in written motion) penalty is addressed on Pg.38 1.2.6 Appeal Play</i></p>								
RATIONAL	<p>Make it clear in the rule book that there is an appeal play(penalty) for having the incorrect player on base as the temporary runner or tiebreaker. Don’t have this in the entering the game (substitutions). Make it consistent with Slo-Pitch and fastpitch</p>								
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Carried as amended									

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)									
Submitted by: Softball Alberta									
TYPE:	FAST PITCH			SLO-PITCH	x	ORTHODOX		ALL	
Rule:	1	Section:	2.6	Letter:	a)	Number:	iv)	Letter:	

CHANGE IS:	Deletion
CHANGE:	Remove for the catcher Should read at any time, an incorrect player is on base in a tiebreaker inning or as a temporary runner for the pitcher of record
RATIONALE:	There is no temporary runner for the catcher in Slo-Pitch
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Carried	

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>2026-2027</u> (year)									
Submitted by: Softball Alberta									
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH	x	ORTHODOX		ALL		
Rule:	1	Section:	2.6	Letter:	d)	Number:	x)	Letter:	
CHANGE IS:	Revision								
CHANGE:	Remove "the use of an incorrect runner on second base" and "the catcher or" Should read "at any time, an incorrect player is on base in a tiebreaker inning or as a temporary runner for the pitcher of record"								
RATIONALE:	There is no temporary runner for the catcher in Slo-Pitch								
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Carried									

Hall of Fame Inductees

NEW BUSINESS NOTICE OF MOTION #1	
New Business As moved from the floor	
To accept the names of the following individuals inducted into the Softball Canada Hall of Fame at the 2025 Softball Canada Congress in Halifax, NS ATHLETE – Jeff Ellsworth, PEI BUILDER – Bev Adams, NB COACH – John "Les" Howey, NL OFFICIAL – Lou Davis, NS TEAM - The 2015 Women's Pan Am Games Gold Medal Team TEAM - The 2015 Men's World Cup & Pan Am Games Gold Medal Teams	
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Carried	

After hearing no objections, the motion was adopted.

2026 Softball Canada Congress

There is currently no host for the 2026 Softball Canada Congress.

Election of Directors (3)

Since President Neiles is not up for election this year, he will continue as chair.

The following positions were available for election at this year's AGM:

- 3 Directors-at-Large (3 year terms)

We received 3 valid nominations for these 3 positions:

- Larissa Franklin (athlete) (F)
- Vanessa Kosteroski (F)
- Lisa Parkes (F)

There were three candidates for three available positions, and as such all three candidates were presented via one ballot.

After voting ballots were counted Larissa Franklin, Vanessa Kosteroski, and Lisa Parkes were elected as Directors and will each serve a three (3) year term.

Adjournment

A few remarks were made at the end of the AGM to recognize certain people in attendance.

- **Softball Nova Scotia** was thanked and presented with a plaque for all the work they put into hosting this year's AGM.
- **Larissa Franklin** accepted her *Female Fast-Pitch Athlete of the Year* award.
- **Guy Jacobson** was recognized for his outstanding years of service to Softball Saskatchewan and Softball Canada. We wish him all the best in his retirement.
- Two members, **Don Klym** and **Dave Feener**, will also be retiring but were not in attendance. We wish them both all the best in their retirement as well.

- **Jackie Dugger** is stepping down from the Board after many years of service. Her hard work on the Board and in all her other involvements will not go unrecognized, and everyone wishes her the very best.

The 2025 Softball Canada Congress was officially adjourned at 2:50 PM AST. Thank you to all members for participating.



MOTION FAILED

NOTICE OF MOTION
Special Operating Rules Submitted by: BC Date: August 13, 2025
REFERENCE: (Section, page, article, number, etc.) Page 23. Article 13, item 3
WHEREAS (Article as currently written.) Umpire-in-Chief and Deputy Umpire-in-Chief working at a Western Canadian Championship will be paid a UIC/DUIC Fee of \$50.00 per day per person that they are on site. Each umpire will be paid a game fee of \$45.00 per person per game. Any Province/Territory Association that sends teams to a Western Canadian Championship but fails to send an umpire to that Championship will be assessed a fee of \$500.00 per incident. This fee will be forwarded to the WCSA who will then forward it to the host Province/Territory Associations.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)
REVISION Umpire-in-Chief and Deputy Umpire-in-Chief working at a Western Canadian Championship will be paid a UIC/DUIC Fee of \$50.00 per day per person that they are on site. Each umpire will be paid a game fee of \$45.00 per person per game. Any Province/Territory Association that sends teams to a Western Canadian Championship but fails to send an umpire to that Championship will be assessed a fee of \$1,500.00 per incident. This fee will be forwarded to the WCSA who will then forward it to the host Province/Territory Associations.
RATIONALE It is currently cheaper for an association to accept the penalty than send their umpire to a championship.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)
\$1,000 increase per championship to any Province/Territory Association not sending an umpire.

MOTION FAILED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

Please use full sentences. Type the change in its entirety, even if you are only adding one word.							
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:	2026						
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL
	Article 1		Letter: n/a		Number: n/a		
WHEREAS:	Article 1 should list ALL championship categories.						
ADD:	5. U20 Male FP 6. Women's FP 7. Men's FP 8. Master's FP 9. Coed SP						
	Our handbook is inconsistent as it pertains to clearly indicating the championships we aim to deliver.						

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:	2026						
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL
	Article 2		Letter: n/a		Number: n/a		
WHEREAS:	Clarify age restrictions for U13.						
ADD:	Delete: (All categories 'open' except) Add a new 1 and renumber the remaining sections. 1. U13 Male and Female: The Maximum age limit shall be under 13 years of age before January 1st of the current year.						
	Why exclude U13 from the list						

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:							
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL
Article 3		Letter: n/a		Number: 1			
WHEREAS:	Clarity if required as to when a fine for a late withdrawal is applied and where the funds will be allocated.						
ADD:	<p>2. Any Province/Territory whothat withdraws an entry in any Western Canadian Championship, after June 30th of the current year,</p> <p>a) Will be assessed a \$1,000.00 late withdrawal penalty if they are unable to find a replacement team from their P/T. which will be provided to the Host P/T. The funds are to be allocated to the HOST P/T.</p> <p>b) If the P/T who withdrew is unable to find a replacement team, the Host P/T will have 24 hours to find a replacement team.</p> <p>c) This penalty will be split by the hosting P/T and the WCSA. EFFECT: If the late withdrawal penalty is not received by the WCSA by October 1st of the current year, then the defaulting P/T will be ineligible to participate in the respective category the following year.</p> <p>b) Once the draw is complete and approved by the Draw Master and a team withdraws:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i) The P/T of the team withdrawing has 24 hours to find a replacement team;</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii) Then, the Host P/T has 24 hours, the 2nd option, to find a replacement team.</p> <p>e) If a team withdraws within one (1) week of the start of the Championship and no replacement team is found, the hosting P/T will receive the full amount of the penalty.</p>						
	Line one says the funds go to the HOST, while C adds a stipulation.						
	A late withdrawal by a province should automatically lead to a penalty fee, which is allocated to the host P/T.						

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:							
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOn/ a		ALL
Article 8		Letter: n/a		Number: 1			
WHEREAS:	Alignment with Softball Canada regulations is preferred						
ADD:	ARTICLE 8 – DRESS AND EQUIPMENT 1. Players must comply with the Softball Canada Regulations be in identical uniforms . The Western Canadian Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament UIC, shall judge the acceptability of uniforms. Players unacceptably uninformed will be dealt with as follows: a) If possible, a player will be warned before a game about their appearance. b) A player participating in a game will be instructed to immediately correct the uniform deficiency. c) A player failing to correct the deficiency shall be ejected from the game. d) All players appearing on a game sheet must wear a uniform number on the back of their uniform. No number may be repeated. (Only whole numbers from 00 to 99 are permitted, a maximum of 2 digits). d) Coaches shall be respectfully dressed in similar colors to that of their team. 2. The Western Canadian Championships will use the same softballs as the Canadian Championships.						
	Avoid any misalignment with Softball Canada's uniform regulations.						

MOTION CARRIED

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:							
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOn/ a		ALL
Article 10		Letter: n/a		Number: /a			
WHEREAS:	Wish to insure all P/T, Host and On-Site Supervisor received the draws.						
ADD:	<p>ARTICLE 10 – CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS</p> <p>The WCSA Draw Master shall forward to each P/T Office, Host Chairperson and the WCSA Supervisor WCSA Board Member and each Host Chairperson/Supervisor, a copy of said draw 10 days before all Western Canadian Championships.</p> <p style="color: red;"><u>Amended Motion</u> The WCSA Draw Master shall work with each Hosting P/T Office to receive a draft of the draw, then review and forward the approved draw to each P/T Office 10 days before all Western Canadian Championships.</p>						
	Ensure all P/T, Host and On-Site Supervisor received the draws						

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:	<input type="text"/>						
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	SLO-PITCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	ORTHODOX	<input type="checkbox"/>	ALL
Article 11		Letter: n/a		Number: 3			
WHEREAS:	Flexibility is required to address extenuating circumstances						
ADD:	ARTICLE 11 3. Unless approved by the draw master , all final games are scheduled for 1:00 pm on the final day.						
	Provides some flexibility in the event a host is unable to start the final games at 1pm.						

MOTION CARRIED

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:							
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL
	Article 11		Letter:		Number: 10		
WHEREAS:	Wish to adhere to Softball Canada regulations						
ADD:	Replicate the Softball Canada rule as written in their regulation or simply reference Softball Canada (1.2.3 for Run ahead).						
	Consistency						

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:							
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOx/a		ALL
Article 16		Letter: n/a		Number: 11			
WHEREAS:	Wish for clarity as to what happens with protest fees.						
ADD:	<p>11. All protests will be handled by the Protest Committee at the TIME OF THE PROTEST. Upon arrival of the Protest Committee, the protesting team will supply the Committee with a Protest Fee of \$250.00 (cash). Failure to do this will nullify the protest and the game shall continue immediately. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned after the game. If the protest is denied, the fee will be retained by the Host P/T, and the Supervisor will issue a receipt to the Coach who filed the protest.</p> <p style="color: red;">AMENDED MOTION</p> <p style="color: red;">11. All protests will be handled by the Protest Committee at the TIME OF THE PROTEST. Upon arrival of the Protest Committee, the protesting team will supply the Committee with a Protest Fee of \$250.00 (cash). Failure to do this will nullify the protest and the game shall continue immediately. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned after the game, otherwise the fee will be retained by the Host and the Supervisor will issue a receipt to the Coach who filed the protest.</p>						
	Clarify what happens to the protest fees						

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:	2026						
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL
	Article 17		Letter: n/a		Number: n/a		
WHEREAS:	Add in U13 no metal cleats are allowed. It's stated in the SC Rulebook 2.4.2f - but there was a question asked at last year's event.						
ADD:	3. Cleats Metal cleats are not in the U13 category.						
	Add in U13 no metal cleats are allowed. It's stated in the SC Rulebook 2.4.2f - but there was a question asked at last year's event.						

MOTION FAILED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:	<input type="text"/>						
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	SLO-PITCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	ORTHODOX	<input type="checkbox"/>	ALL
	Article 17		Letter:		Number: 1 ii.		
WHEREAS:	Encourage participating U13						
ADD:	ARTICLE 17 – U13 SPECIAL OPERATING RULES 1. The Game i) Maximum of 5 runs or 3 outs for the offensive team. Once the 5th run is scored, all other runners are stranded. ii) Each player listed on the Official Player List line-up card must play a minimum of 2 innings per game (12 outs) by the end of the 4th inning in each game. In a run-ahead game, a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players. Violations of this rule will result in the Head coach being suspended for one (1) game.						
	If the idea is for all kids to play, the bat 9 play 9 goes against what this rule is there to represent. Coaches were just leaving kids off of the line up cards so they didn't have to play them. Defeats the purpose.						

MOTION FAILED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:							
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL
	Article 17		Letter: n/a		Number: 1 i.		
WHEREAS:	Wish to create an opportunity for team to catch up.						
ADD:	ARTICLE 17 – U13 SPECIAL OPERATING RULES 1. The Game i) Maximum of 5 runs or 3 outs for the offensive team. Once the 5th run is scored, all other runners are stranded. A five-run maximum rule shall apply in half innings up to and including the 5th inning. Subsequent innings shall be open.						
	Teams are unable to catch up with those restrictions. Need an open inning or 2 so they have a chance. Games were lost due to teams not being able to continue after getting 5 runs later in the game. Too restrictive						

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:							
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOn/ α		ALL
Article 19		Letter: A		Number: 15			
WHEREAS:	<p>Medals and awards are covered in Article 7; we recommend deleting this section of Article 19.</p> <p>ARTICLE 7 – AWARDS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Association shall provide gold, silver, and bronze medallions for each Championship. No more than 20 shall be given to any team provided that the names of the individuals (receiving the medals) are duly registered on said team roster. (Masters FP and Coed SP shall be given NO MORE THAN 23 MEDALLIONS). All teams are encouraged to attend the medal presentations; however, the bronze medalists may request to receive their medals immediately following the bronze medal game. 2. The Host shall provide a Championship trophy/plaque to the winning team in each Western Canadian Championship. 3. In minor categories, the Host shall provide two (2) Player of the Game awards for each game in the round-robin. <p>Article 19 A</p> <p>15. Will provide the following awards (trophies):</p> <p>a) ADULT CATEGORIES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) The winning teams must be issued a ‘keeper’ trophy/plaque supplied by the host committee. <p>b) MINOR CATEGORIES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) A player of the game award for both teams in each game of the Championship. 						
ADD:	Delete item 15 from Article 19 OR refer to Article 7.						
	Information is redundant. Have awards in one location only.						

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

PROPOSAL						
Please use full sentences. Type the change in its entirety even if you are only adding one word.						
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:	Dress and Equipment					
Submitted by: SOFTBALL ALBERTA						
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ALL	
	Article	8	Letter:		Number:	1
WHEREAS:	<p>Currently the rule states:</p> <p>Players must be in identical uniforms. The Western Canadian Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament UIC, shall judge the acceptability of uniforms. Players unacceptably uninformed will be dealt with as follows:</p>					
ADD:	<p><i>Each team must have at least two sets of uniform tops (one dark coloured and one light coloured). The home team will wear their dark coloured uniform. The away team will wear their light coloured uniform.</i> Players must be in identical uniforms. The Western Canadian Supervisor, in consultation with the Tournament UIC, shall judge the acceptability of uniforms. Players unacceptably uninformed will be dealt with as follows:</p>					
	<p>Currently there is no requirement for teams attending WCSA Championships to have two sets of jerseys, but we feel as a post-provincial level of competition the uniform requirements should match the Softball Canada requirement. Worded in this manner the WC Supervisor and Tournament UIC have the discretion to deal with teams not appropriately equipped in the best way they see fit and not necessarily cause forfeiture of the affected game(s). Corresponding SC rule is Article 2 Section 2.7 a) iv)</p>					

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

PROPOSAL						
Please use full sentences. Type the change in its entirety even if you are only adding one word.						
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:			2026			
Submitted by: SOFTBALL ALBERTA						
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ALL	X
	Article		Letter:		Number:	
WHEREAS:	HOSTING STANDARDS					
ADD:	ARTICLE 20 – HOSTING STANDARDS					
	Be consistent with numbering in handbook					

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

PROPOSAL						
Please use full sentences. Type the change in its entirety even if you are only adding one word.						
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:			2026			
Submitted by: SOFTBALL ALBERTA						
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ALL	X
	Article	13	Letter:		Number:	3
WHEREAS:	<p>3. Umpire-in-Chief and Deputy Umpire-in-Chief working at a Western Canadian Championship will be paid a UIC/DUIC Fee of \$50.00 per day per person that they are on site. Each umpire will be paid a game fee of \$45.00 per person per game. Any Province/Territory Association that sends teams to a Western Canadian Championship but fails to send an umpire to that Championship will be assessed a fee of \$500.00 per incident. This fee will be forwarded to the WCSA who will then forward it to the host Province/Territory Associations.</p>					
ADD:	<p>Break out each segment to individual points</p> <p>3. Umpire-in-Chief and Deputy Umpire-in-Chief working at a Western Canadian Championship will be paid a UIC/DUIC Fee of \$50.00 per day per person that they are on site.</p> <p>4. Each umpire will be paid a game fee of \$45.00 per person per game.</p> <p>Existing section 4 and 5 become 5 and 6 respectively.</p> <p>Add 7. Any Province/Territory Association that sends teams to a Western Canadian Championship but fails to send an umpire to that Championship will be assessed a fee of \$500.00 per incident. This fee will be forwarded to the WCSA who will then forward it to the host Province/Territory Associations.</p>					
	<p>This section is 3 distinct pieces that should be separated for clarity of impact on the host and PSO's.</p>					

MOTION FAILED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

PROPOSAL						
Please use full sentences. Type the change in its entirety even if you are only adding one word.						
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:			2027			
Submitted by: SOFTBALL ALBERTA						
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ALL	X
	Article	13	Letter:		Number:	3
WHEREAS:	Umpire-in-Chief and Deputy Umpire-in-Chief working at a Western Canadian Championship will be paid a UIC/DUIC Fee of \$50.00 per day per person that they are on site.					
ADD:	Change to Umpire-in-Chief and Deputy Umpire-in-Chief working at a Western Canadian Championship will be paid a UIC/DUIC Fee of \$50.00 (2027 - \$100.00) per day per person that they are on site.					
	UIC's and DUIC's do a lot of work to get the umpires assigned to games and communicate with the officials prior to the championship. UIC's and DUIC's are responsible for doing evaluations on all traveling officials and in some cases for all officials that are attending. This would move more into line of what most provinces are charging at this time. Because contracts are already in place for the 2026 championships, the fee should not change until 2027.					

MOTION CARRIED

2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

PROPOSAL						
Please use full sentences. Type the change in its entirety even if you are only adding one word.						
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:			2027			
Submitted by: SOFTBALL ALBERTA						
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ALL	X
	Article	13	Letter:		Number:	3 (4)
WHEREAS:	Each umpire will be paid a game fee of \$45.00 per person per game.					
ADD:	<p>Change to Each umpire will be paid a game fee of \$45.00 (2027 - \$55.00) per person per game.</p>					
	<p>It is getting harder to get officials to attend these championships when they have other local tournaments going on the same weekend and get paid more money. Most Provinces are currently at a higher rate for their provincial championships. Because contracts are already in place for the 2026 championships, the game fee should not change until 2027.</p>					

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2026 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

PROPOSAL						
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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:			2026			
Submitted by: SOFTBALL ALBERTA						
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ALL	X
	Article	13	Letter:		Number:	3 (7)
WHEREAS:	Any Province/Territory Association that sends teams to a Western Canadian Championship but fails to send an umpire to that Championship will be assessed a fee of \$500.00 per incident. This fee will be forwarded to the WCSA who will then forward it to the host Province/Territory Associations.					
ADD:	Change "fee" to "fine" Any Province/Territory Association that sends teams to a Western Canadian Championship but fails to send an umpire to that 23 Championship will be assessed a fine of \$500.00 per incident. This fine will be forwarded to the WCSA who will then forward it to the host Province/Territory Associations.					
	Change "fee" to "fine" for consistency with Part 9 – General Duties of Member Associations, Section a) 2 collection of fines.					

WITHDRAWN



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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:	2026						
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL
Article 2		Letter: n/a		Number: n/a			
WHEREAS:	Clarify age restrictions for U13.						
ADD:	Delete: (All categories 'open' except) Add a new 1 and renumber the remaining sections. 1. U13 Male and Female: The Maximum age limit shall be under 13 years of age before January 1st of the current year.						
RATIONAL	Why exclude U13 from the list						
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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:							
Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL
Article 5		Letter: n/a		Number: 1 a)			
WHEREAS:	The WCSA supervisor needs confirmation that the P/T Office has approval the OPL before submission to the host						
ADD:	<p>Article 5.1</p> <p>a) The approved Provincial/Territorial Western Official Players List, as evidenced by the signature of the P/T designate, is to be sent to the Host P/T office and the host contact person a minimum of one (1) week before the Championship. The final approved Western Canadian Championship Official Players List, as evidenced by the signature of the P/T designate, will be confirmed at the Championship Coaches meeting.</p>						
RATIONAL	<p>Our host received OPL which were not signed by anyone from the P/T office.</p> <p>WE ALSO RECOMMEND THE CREATION OF AN OFFICIAL WCSA OPL FORM AND PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION. CONSIDER THE SOFTBALL CANADA APPROACH.</p>						
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Article 14		Letter: n/a		Number: a																												
WHEREAS:	The chart is missing the adult rotation																															
ADD:	Add U20 Male to the sixth line in the chart so it reads U19 Female & U20 Male																															
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RATIONAL	We don't list the events, yet the handbook contains references to these categories.																															
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Submitted by: Softball BC							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX/a		ALL
Article 19		Letter: B		Number: d			
WHEREAS:	<p>There is conflicting information between Article 13 and Article 19</p> <p>Article 13 3. Umpire-in-Chief and Deputy Umpire-in-Chief working at a Western Canadian Championship will be paid a UIC/DUIC Fee of \$50.00 per day per person that they are on site. Each umpire will be paid a game fee of \$45.00 per person per game. Any Province/Territory Association that sends teams to a Western Canadian Championship but fails to send an umpire to that Championship will be assessed a fee of \$500.00 per incident. This fee will be forwarded to the WCSA who will then forward it to the host Province/Territory Associations.</p> <p>Article 19, B d) Umpire-in-Chief and Deputy Umpire-in-Chief working at a Western Canadian Championship will be paid a UIC/DUIC Fee of \$50.00 per day per person that they are on site. Each umpire will be paid games fees of \$30.00 per person for a three-umpire system, and \$35.00 per person for a 2-umpire system for all adult categories. Minor Categories will be \$25.00 per person for three umpire system and \$30.00 per person for 2 umpire system.</p>						
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RATIONAL	Correcting an error from the last handbook update.						

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