



Slo-Pitch Committee Meeting

January 28th, 2026

Conference call

Minutes



1. Call to order

1.01 Territorial Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by Al Groff (Chair), who delivered the territorial acknowledgement and provided opening remarks.

1.02 Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by E.Fauth, Seconded by D.Hipwell to approve the agenda.

Carried Unanimously

1.03 Motion to approve minutes

E.Fauth moved to approve the minutes of the board meeting held on July, 16th 2025. Motion was seconded by K.Hirvonen.

Carried Unanimously

2. Business Arising

2.01 2026 Provincial Championship Calendar Update

The group discussed the confirmation of September 18-20 as the dates for the provincial qualifier tournament, with Softball City confirmed as the host.

2.02 Rule Changes

Softball Bat Regulation Changes

The group discussed Softball Canada's potential changes to bat regulations, including the possibility of teams having to test bats if Softball Canada doesn't provide them, with a limit of 20 bats per team and \$10 per additional bat. They also discussed a withdrawn rule about temporary runners for pitchers, and a proposed change to slow-pitch pitching rules that would require pitchers to stay on the pitching plate rather than using a pitching chute, though this change was defeated.

Softball BC Rule Adoption Updates

The meeting also focused on Softball BC's adoption of Softball Canada rules, particularly regarding pitching chutes and temporary runners. The board agreed to adopt Softball Canada's rules on pitching chutes and temporary runners.

2.03 Post Season Funding Changes

The committee reviewed the board's directive to remove Slo-Pitch from the travel assistance program. Discussion noted the limited funding available and that teams typically have significant advance notice to prepare for national travel. The





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update was received for information, and members will ensure teams are aware of the change.

2.04 Deadline for Roster Changes

The group discussed the need for an earlier deadline for roster changes due to issues with last-minute submissions at provincials. The consensus support was to require roster changes be submitted in advance (e.g., by Tuesday for a Friday start) to allow for proper review and approval.

Action: Eric to submit a formal motion for the next meeting to revise Article 12.1.6 to include 12.1.6.5 and Add Rule as a Copy of Article 10.3.8 to the Men's & Women's Slo-Pitch Rules

Current SOR Wording:

- **10.3.8:** Changes to rosters will be permitted using the addition / deletion form as long as there is signoff by both the player and the player's team coach. Changes to rosters must be made by the affected player and the coach signing the addition/deletion form and submitting it to the District Men's and Women's Coordinator, who shall sign the form and submit it to the office. No changes to rosters may be made after the Tuesday prior to the team's Provincial Championship.

2.05 Update Vacant District Slo-Pitch Coordinator Positions (D1,2,3,9,11,12,13)

Discussed interest from a potential Slo-Pitch coordinator for Vancouver Island (Districts 1–3). The individual was unavailable to attend due to commitments but expressed interest in the role. The group consensus was to proceed with adding a coordinator for the Island (likely under District 1) and continue promoting coordinator roles at provincials and national events to support recruitment.

3. Round Table

- **District 8** - No Updates
- **District 5** - No Updates (Exited the call early)
- **District 4** - A concern was raised regarding the men's qualifier playoff draw, noting a potential scheduling issue that resulted in one team playing multiple consecutive games without a break. It was acknowledged that the draw followed the approved chart, but there may have been an error in how it was applied. Item to be reviewed offline for clarification; no formal action taken at this time.
- **District 10** - Reported that teams are in good standing and preparing for provincials. The Kootenai Chaos (Women's) team confirmed plans to attend provincials.
- **Lavaughn** - No Updates





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- **Rachel** - Discussed Softball Canada's new policy of providing teams with their own balls at Canadian Championships to address ball supply issues.
- **Shaquille** - The committee was advised that all proposed amendments, additions, or deletions to the SOR must be submitted by March 13.
- **Al & Bobbi Joe** - The group discussed creating a Whats-app group for more immediate updates & Softball Canada seeking volunteers for a national slow-pitch working group. Information has been shared via Facebook, and interested individuals (including Eric and Derek) will review the details and consider applying.

4. Next Meeting

- Wednesday, February 25th @ 7:30pm

5. Adjournment

Moved by D. Hipwell, B.J. Delorme adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

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SLO PITCH 2026 TIMELINES

FEBRUARY 1ST – 2026 TEAM REGISTRATION OPENS

APRIL 15TH - MINOR PLAYER APPROVAL DEADLINE

MAY 1ST – LETTER OF INTENT FOR 2026 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS CLOSES

JUNE 30TH – REGISTRATION FEE FOR 2026 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS DUE

JULY 18TH – OPL FOR CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS DUE

AUGUST 1 – 2026 TEAM REGISTRATION CLOSES (NEW)

AUGUST 9TH – 15 TH SLO PITCH CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, NIAGARA FALLS, ON

AUGUST 25 – REGISTRATION FEE FOR 2026 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DUE (NEW)

AUGUST 25 - LETTER OF INTENT FOR 2027 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (NEW)

SEPT. 5TH – ROSTER FOR 2026 PROVINCIALS DUE

SEPT. 18-20 – PROVINCIALS, SOFTBALL CITY





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Attendance

District	Coordinator	Attend	Regrets	Not Known
SBBC Staff	Shaquille	x		
Chair	Al	x		
1	vacant			
2	vacant			
3	vacant			
4	Eric	x		
5	Krista	x		
6	Jason			x
7	Craig			x
8	Bobbie Joe	x		
9	vacant			
10	Derek	x		
11	vacant			
12	vacant			
13	vacant			
14	Cordi			x
15	Carol			x
BOD Guest	Lavaughn	x		
President (Guest)	Rachel	x		

