

SOFTBALL NEW BRUNSWICK



# 2025

## MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

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## ABOUT US

Softball New Brunswick is the official governing body of Fast Pitch, Orthodox and Slo-Pitch in the province and our mandate is to promote softball in all areas of the province for the enjoyment of all registered members from playground to podium. We are a not-for-profit Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) based in Fredericton, NB founded in 1926. As an organization, we are recognized and financially supported by the Government of New Brunswick Tourism, Heritage and Culture Branch (Sport and Recreation Branch).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of Softball New Brunswick, our Board of Directors and staff, welcome to the 2025 softball season. I want to thank our many local associations and all the volunteers involved for their efforts and dedication to the game of softball. It would not be possible without you.

We look forward to another exciting season in 2025, with Provincial Championships, Eastern Canadian Championships, sending our NB Selects Provincial Team Program and high-performance officials to Canadian Championships across the country. This year, we are especially proud to support our athletes and coaches as they represent New Brunswick at the Canada Games in St John's, Newfoundland. It is an incredible opportunity to showcase the talent and hard work of our players and staff on a national stage.

We are excited to see continued growth and development across our minor programs ('A' and 'AA') and adult programs. This season, we remain focused on the recruitment and development of officials and coaches through professional development initiatives, NCCP courses and Mentorship opportunities. We are also excited to continue with our Community Development Program, which was able to help with the start up of two new programs, Grand Manan and MacNamee, and run sessions in Woodstock and Campobello, emphasizing the teaching of fundamentals to help grow the game at the grassroots levels.

Finally, we wish all players, coaches, and umpires a successful, fun, and memorable softball season in 2025!

Scott Willis  
*President*





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
February 24, 2025	2025 Annual Membership Registration Launches
February 28, 2025	Provincial Championship Host Applications Launch
March 31, 2025	Provincial Championship Host Application Deadline
April 14, 2025	2024 Annual General Meeting
April 15, 2025	Adult Canadian Championship Team Confirmation Deadline (Slo-Pitch)
April 23 - May 7, 2025	Minor Regional Release Window
May 1 - May 21, 2025	Adult Release Window
May 15, 2025	2025 Eastern Canadian Qualifier Registration Launch Adult Canadian Championship Team Confirmation Deadline (Fast Pitch)
June 1, 2025	Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline
May 23, 2025	2025 Eastern Canadian Qualifier Registration Deadline
June 2, 2025	2025 Provincial Championship Registration Launch
June 30, 2025	Provincial Championship Registration Deadline (Co-Ed Slo-Pitch and Women's)
July 1, 2025	Deadline For Individual & Team Registration Refunds
July 15, 2025	Provincial Championship Registration Deadline (All Minor & Men's Fast Pitch)
September 1 - 30, 2025	Annual Awards & Memorial Awards Window Janiva Willis Memorial Scholarship Application Launch Window
October 17, 2025	Annual Awards & Hall of Fame Banquet

### [2025 MASTER SCHEDULE](#)



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**DATE** April 14th, 2025

**TIME** 7:00 PM

**LOCATION** ZOOM

The Annual General Meeting of Softball New Brunswick Inc. will be held the third Saturday of April. If the third Saturday of April falls on Easter weekend, the Annual General Meeting will then be held on the second or fourth weekend of April. Regional Association Meetings are required to be held prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting may be held virtually if necessary.

## Registration

Please [register for the AGM](#) so we can verify voting eligibility in advance.

## Voting Eligibility

### By-Laws Article 5, 4:01 Voting Members

1. Each member of the Board of Directors, per Bylaw 1:08 shall have one (1) vote each at all meetings, except any current Softball NB staff or appointed members.
2. Each registered team in good standing shall have one (1) vote each at each Annual General Meeting.
3. Each Registered League in good standing, whose teams are all members of Softball NB shall have one (1) vote at the Annual General Meeting granted to the league designate.
4. Each elected director of a Regional Association is to have one (1) vote at the Softball New Brunswick Annual General Meeting excluding Regional Umpire Associations. (See Umpires Constitution 2:02)
5. Members 18 years of age or older and a member in good standing, ordinarily a resident in New Brunswick, shall be entitled to vote as per Bylaw Article 5

[2023 AGM Meeting Minutes](#)





# CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

The constitution and bylaws of our organization serve as the foundational documents that outline our purpose, structure, and operations. Together, they establish the fundamental principles and guidelines that govern Softball New Brunswick's activities, functions, and decision-making processes. Copies of these documents are available below and on our [website](#) under the policy section.

[Constitution & Bylaws](#)

## POLICIES

Softball New Brunswick recognizes its responsibility to foster environments that ensure positive, healthy, and fulfilling experiences. By prioritizing the welfare, safety, and rights of our members, Softball New Brunswick is able to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to address the needs of the softball community in relation to safety in sport. For more information on Safe Sport and our Policies, visit our website at [www.softballnb.ca](http://www.softballnb.ca)

[Policy Manual](#)

## SPORT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

Softball New Brunswick registered members and Directors & Operators fall under the Sport New Brunswick Insurance Program. For full details on the program coverage, go to the Sport New Brunswick website under Member Services and [Sport Insurance Program](#).

Claim Notification form must be submitted to [canadaclaims@markel.com](mailto:canadaclaims@markel.com) within 30 days of the injury.

NOTE: This insurance policy serves as a secondary provider that will cover members once their primary insurance plan is exhausted. Secondary insurance is billed when primary insurance plans are exhausted and may help cover additional health care costs.

### Coverages

For more detailed information on insurance coverage please contact Softball New Brunswick or visit our website at [www.softballnb.ca](http://www.softballnb.ca)

[Sport NB Insurance Program](#)  
[How To File A Claim](#)

[Claim Notification Form & Attending Physician's Report Form](#)



## REGIONAL MAP & BOUNDARIES

Softball New Brunswick operates based on 5 regions:

### NORTH WESTERN

- Edmundston
- Grand Falls
- Kedgwick
- Perth-Andover
- Plaster Rock
- Saint-Léonard
- Saint-Quentin
- Negotkuk (Tobique FN)

### CAPITAL WESTERN

- Boiestown
- Cambridge-Narrows
- Chipman
- Doaktown
- Florenceville-Bristol
- Fredericton
- Gagetown
- Grand Lake
- Hartland
- Harvey
- Hoyt
- Keswick Ridge
- Keswick Valley
- Billijk (Kingsclear FN)
- McAdam
- Minto
- Nackawic
- Oromocto
- Welamukotuk (Oromocto FN)
- Sitansisk (St. Mary's FN)
- Stanley
- Taymouth
- Woodstock
- Woodstock First Nation

### FUNDY

- Bellefleur
- Blacks Harbour
- Campobello Island
- Grand Bay-Westfield
- Grand Manan
- Hampton
- Kingston
- Quispamsis
- Rothesay
- Saint John
- St. Andrews
- St. George
- St. Martins
- St. Stephen
- Sussex

### SOUTH EASTERN

- Alma
- Bass River
- Bouctouche
- Cap-Pelé
- Cocagne
- Dieppe
- Elsipogtog (Big Cove)
- Moncton
- Memramcook
- Petitcodiac
- Port Elgin
- Rexton
- Richibucto
- Riverside Albert
- Riverview
- Sackville
- Saint Antoine
- Saint Louis de Kent
- Salisbury
- Shediac

### NORTH EASTERN

- Bathurst
- Blackville
- Esgenopetitj (Burnt Church)
- Campbellton
- Caraquet
- Dalhousie
- Natoaganeg (Eel Ground)
- Ugpi'Ganjig (Eel River Bar)
- Lamèque
- Metepenagiag (Red Bank)
- Miramichi
- Neguac
- Petit-Rocher
- Rogersville
- Shippagan
- Tracadie



# OPERATING GUIDELINES

## 1.1 General Overview

- a. Softball New Brunswick uses the Softball Canada Official Guide and Rule Book for its interpretation in playing the game of Softball. **Modifications to the official rules as stated herein take precedence over those in the Softball Canada Rule Book.** Specific League rulings take precedent for League play regarding:
  - i. Game variances may include but are not limited to:
    - 1. Pitching rules
    - 2. Batting order
    - 3. Substitution
    - 4. Game length
- b. All affiliated Leagues, Associations and teams will have complete charge over their own operations and business, except:
  - i. In the case of a dispute, where any affiliated League, Association or team shall have the privilege of appealing to Softball New Brunswick in writing through their respective League or Association following the Softball New Brunswick Appeals Policy.
  - ii. In the case of Provincial Championships or Eastern Canadian Qualifiers which are governed by Softball New Brunswick.

## 1.2 Definitions

- a. **Affiliate/Member:** An individual that has completed Softball New Brunswick annual registration and paid the associated fees.
- b. **Association:** A group of volunteers, whether incorporated as a Non-Profit Corporation or not, organized to administer the operation of softball within the Province of New Brunswick and in accordance with the Bylaws and Operating Rules of Softball New Brunswick. The group will be administering softball within a community or region. Associations that affiliate with Softball New Brunswick will have all rights allotted by Softball New Brunswick. A softball association may have players registered with it in one or more recognized divisions or categories and may operate one or more teams. All teams in an Association must have common signing officers for the purpose of registration and releases and provide this information to the Executive Director of Softball New Brunswick. Any changes in the officers of an Association set up must be forwarded to the Executive Director of Softball New Brunswick as they occur.
- c. **League:** A combination of teams affiliated with Softball New Brunswick through their respective Associations or with another Province that is a member of Softball Canada who compete among themselves based on a regular schedule of games established by an elected or appointed group of individuals affiliated with Softball New Brunswick.
- d. **Teams:** A group of registered players and coaches forming one side in a competitive game or sport.



## 2. MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

### 2.1 General Information

- a. Annual Membership Registration with Softball New Brunswick is done online through our website at [www.softballnb.ca](http://www.softballnb.ca) via RAMP Interactive.
- b. The term of membership shall begin upon registration and payment of annual fees and exist until the next registration date. The term of membership shall run from April 1st to March 31st.
- c. To be covered by the Softball New Brunswick Insurance Program, players, coaches, umpires, and managers on teams must be registered with Softball New Brunswick **prior to any indoor or outdoor softball activity**.
- d. The Affiliation/Membership Fee Structure is pre-determined by the Board of Directors and will be set by February 15th of the current playing year.

### 2.2 Softball NB Membership Fees

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES	
U5-U9 Player	\$15.00
U11-U20 Player	\$25.00
Coach	\$10.00

TEAM MEMBERSHIP FEES	
U5-U9 Team	\$30.00
U11-U20 Team	\$50.00
Adult Team	\$75.00

UMPIRE MEMBERSHIP FEES	
Junior Development	\$9.00
Level 1	\$20.00
Level 2	\$20.00
Level 3	\$20.00
Level 4	\$20.00
Level 5	\$20.00





## 3. COACHES, MANAGERS & VOLUNTEERS

### 3.1 Minimum Requirements

- a. **ALL Coaches** listed on the team roster for minor teams are required to be affiliated with Softball New Brunswick and must adhere to the following minimum coaching standards:
  - i. Safe Sport Training **if 14 or older. Updated May 20, 2025**
    - [Free via The Locker](#)
  - ii. Foundations of Coaching Softball (FOCS) – Part 1
    - [\\$10.00 via The Locker](#)
  - iii. Foundations of Coaching Softball (FOCS) – Part 2
    - [\\$15.00 via The Locker](#)
  - iv. Vulnerable Sector Check (To be renewed every 3 years) **if 18 or older. Updated May 20, 2025**
    - Submitted via RAMP Profile or to [technicaldirector@softballnb.ca](mailto:technicaldirector@softballnb.ca)
- b. **ALL Managers and/or on-field volunteers** are required to be affiliated with Softball New Brunswick and must adhere to the following standards
  - i. Safe Sport Training **if 14 or older. Updated May 20, 2025**
    - [Free via The Locker](#)
  - ii. Vulnerable Sector Check (To be renewed every 3 years) **if 18 or older. Updated May 20, 2025**
    - Submitted via RAMP Profile or to [technicaldirector@softballnb.ca](mailto:technicaldirector@softballnb.ca)

### 3.2 Provincial Championship Coaching Requirements

- a. **U9 and U11 Divisions**
  - i. All coaches will be required to meet the Coaching Minimum Requirements only
- b. **U13-U19/20 A Divisions**
  - i. A minimum of one (1) coach on the Provincial Championship Roster is required to have completed Competition-Introduction Weekend #1
  - ii. All additional coaches are required to meet the Coaching Minimum Requirements only
- c. **U13-U19/20 AA Divisions**
  - i. A minimum of one (1) coach on the Provincial Championship Roster is required to have completed Competition-Introduction Weekend #1 and Weekend #2
    - *Note: Making Ethical Decisions Module and/or MED-Evaluation only needs to be completed if attending Eastern **Championships** or Canadians **Updated April 14, 2025***
  - ii. All additional coaches are required to meet the Coaching Minimum Requirements only

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**d. Adult Divisions**

- i. All coaches must complete Safe Sport Training.
  - [Free via The Locker](#)

**e. Team Managers and On-Field Helpers** (those with direct athlete contact)

- i. Must complete Safe Sport Training
  - [Free via The Locker](#)
- ii. Submit Valid VSS every 3 years
  - Submitted via RAMP Profile or to [technicaldirector@softballnb.ca](mailto:technicaldirector@softballnb.ca)

### 3.3 Eastern Canadian Softball Championship Coaching Requirements

**a. U13-U19/20 Divisions**

- i. A minimum of one (1) coach on the Eastern Canadian Softball Championship Roster is required to be a minimum of Competition-Introduction [TRAINED](#).
- ii. All additional coaches are required to meet the Coaching Minimum Requirements only

### 3.4 Canadian Championship Coaching Requirements

**a. U15-U19/20 Divisions**

- i. A minimum of one (1) coach on the Canadian Championship Roster is required to be a minimum of Competition-Introduction [CERTIFIED](#).
- ii. All additional coaches are required to be a minimum of Competition-Introduction [TRAINED](#).

### 3.5 Canada Games Coaching Requirements

- a. The Head Coach on the Canada Games Roster is required to be Competition-Development [CERTIFIED](#).
- b. The Assistant Coach and Manager on the Canada Games Roster is required to be a minimum of Competition-Development [TRAINED](#).

### 3.6 Coaching Certification Pathways

- a. [Community Sport - Initiation](#)
- b. [Community Sport - Ongoing Participation](#)
- c. [Competition Introduction](#)
- d. [Competition Development](#)
- e. [Pitching Instruction - Beginner](#)



## 4. PLAYING RULES

### 4.1 General Playing Rules

The Softball rules as outlined in the Softball Canada Rule Book will govern in all Softball New Brunswick events (i.e. Provincial Championships, Eastern Canadian Qualifiers, etc), except where superseded by Softball New Brunswick's Special Operating Rules (SOR's).

NOTE: Softball New Brunswick does NOT use the Minor Softball rules at the back of the Softball Canada Rule Book for U9, U11, U13 categories

We highly recommend teams using the Softball NB Special Operating Rules throughout the season during their exhibition play in preparation for the Eastern Canadian Qualifiers (if applicable), Provincial Championships, etc

### 4.2 Special Operating Rules (SOR's)

- [U9 Fast Pitch Playing Rules](#)
- [Rules](#)
- [U11 Fast Pitch Playing Rules](#)
- [U13 Fastpitch Playing Rules](#)
- [U15 to Adult Fast Pitch Playing Rules](#)
- COED Slo-Pitch Playing Rules - **Coming Soon!**
- All other rules not listed in the SOR's above will revert back to the Softball Canada Rule Book.

### 4.3 Ball Size & Distance Table

**FAST PITCH DISTANCE TABLE - FEMALE**

\*\* Differs from Softball Canada

Age	Ball Type & Size	Pitching Distance	Baselines
U5 / U7 / U9	11" RIF / Sof-Dot (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U11	11" Red Dot (27.95cm)	35' (10.67m)	50' (15.24m) **
U13	11" Red Dot (27.95cm)	38' (11.58m)	55' (16.76m)
U15	12" Red Dot (30.50cm)	40' (12.20m)	60' (18.30m)

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U17 / U19 / U23 / Adult / Masters	12" Red Dot (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
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#### FAST PITCH DISTANCE TABLE - MALE

\*\* Differs from Softball Canada

Age	Ball Type & Size	Pitching Distance	Baselines
U5 / U7 / U9	11" RIF / Sof-Dot (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U11	11" Red Dot (27.95cm)	35' (10.67m)	50' (15.24m) **
U13	11" Red Dot (27.95cm)	38' (11.58 m)	55' (16.76m)
U15	12" K-Master (30.50cm)	42' (12.80m)	60' (18.30m)
U17 / U20 / Adult / Masters	12" K-Master (30.50cm)	46' (14m)	60' (18.30m)

#### SLO-PITCH DISTANCE TABLE

Age	Ball Type & Size	Pitching Distance	Baselines
Women's Slo-Pitch	11" Green Dot (27.95cm)	50' (15.2m)	65' (19.81m)
Men's Slo-Pitch	12" Hot Dot (30.50cm)	50' (15.2m)	70' (21.34m)
Co-Ed Slo-Pitch	12" Hot Dot (30.50cm)	50-60' (15.2 - 18.2m)	65' (19.81m)

## 5. ELIGIBILITY

### 5.1 Player Eligibility

- MINOR** Players aged U9 to and including U15, are eligible to play in their respective age category and the one (1) age category above theirs only.
- MINOR** 'AA' athletes can only play with 'AA' teams in the one (1) age category above theirs. 'AA' Athletes cannot play with an 'A' team at the age category above.
- All U17 athletes and above are eligible to play in any adult division.

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## 5.2 Residency

- a. Players and Coaches registered with Softball New Brunswick are required to be a resident of New Brunswick as of May 1st of the current playing year. Players and Coaches registered on teams in categories which lead to a Canadian Championship must adhere to the Softball Canada Residency Rule of May 1st.
  - i. The Softball NB staff reserves the right to review any residency requests past the May 1st deadline.
  - ii. Players must be able to produce a valid proof of residence (Ex. NB Drivers License, Utility Bill, Lease, etc.) if requested by Softball New Brunswick.
- b. Regions
  - i. **MINOR** Players are required to play for teams within their regions. If no teams exist in the region in which a player resides, they can submit a request for release. (6.1 Minor Regional Release Process)
  - ii. **ADULT** Players can play with any team within New Brunswick. (6.2 Adult Provincial Release)
- c. Service personnel and dependents such as penitentiary guards, mounted police or armed forces personnel transferred into New Brunswick after July 1st are to be allowed to play in provincials; subject to review by the Executive Director

## 5.3 2025 Age Classifications

### MINOR AGE CATEGORIES

Age Group	Birth Years	Age Group	Birth Years
<b>U5</b>	2021, 2020	<b>U15</b>	2011, 2010
<b>U7</b>	2019, 2018	<b>U17</b>	2009, 2008
<b>U9</b>	2017, 2016	<b>U19 Women's</b>	2007, 2006
<b>U11</b>	2015, 2014	<b>U20 Men's</b>	2005, 2006, 2007
<b>U13</b>	2013, 2012		

### ADULT AGE CATEGORIES

Age Group	Birth Years	Age Group	Birth Years
<b>U23</b>	2002, 2003, 2004, 2005	<b>Men's</b>	2009 and later

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## 5.4 Proof of Age

- a. If not previously registered with Softball New Brunswick, a request for proof of age may be made in the form of a copy of Birth Certificate, Passport, or a valid form of New Brunswick identification by the Roster Registration Deadline Date.
  - a. Members should be prepared to present a valid proof of age at any time during Qualifiers or Provincial Championships.

## 5.5 Softball NB Provincial Championships - Minor Team Eligibility

- a. All teams (players and coaches/staff) registering for Provincial Championships must first be registered with Softball New Brunswick. The Technical Director and/or the Executive Director, reserves the right to refuse any registration in Provincial Championships and has the authority to re-categorize teams, if deemed necessary.
- b. If a team wants to play in a secondary Provincial Championships, they are required to play within their own age category first (or be registered and paid to do so should their respected provincials come afterwards)
- c. At the discretion of Softball New Brunswick, a team may request to play in a secondary Provincial Championship one age category and division above their own.

## 5.6 Softball NB Provincial Championships - Minor Player Eligibility

- a. All players & coaches/staff on a Provincial Championship roster must first be registered with Softball New Brunswick. The Technical Director and/or the Executive Director, reserves the right to refuse any registration in Provincial Championships and has the authority to re-categorize teams, if deemed necessary.
- b. **MINOR** players up to and including U15 who are wishing to play a secondary Provincial Championship may only play the next age group above theirs.
- c. A player's date of birth establishes their age category for playing in a Provincial Championship or playing up a Provincial Championship.
  - i. Ex. An athlete born in 2012/2013 falls within the U13 age group (in 2025).
    - 1. U13 'A' athletes may play in U15 'A' or U15 'AA'.
    - 2. U13 'AA' athletes may play in U15 'AA'.
  - ii. Female athletes are eligible to attend male designated tournaments, but age group rules still apply.



- d. **MINOR** Players aged U17 and up are able to play as many Provincial Championships available to them. To be eligible to attend an **ADULT** Provincial Championship, the player's DOB must fall within the U17 age group and also receive permission from Softball NB before committing to play.
- i. Ex. U17 Athletes born in 2008/2009 may play Intermediate Provincials in 2025 with permission from Softball NB.

## ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

	U9 Team	U11 Team		U13 Team		U15 Team		U17 Team		U19/20 Team	Adult Team
		A	AA	A	AA	A	AA	A	AA		
U7 Athlete	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
U9 Athlete	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
U11A Athlete	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x
U11AA Athlete	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x
U13A Athlete	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x
U13AA Athlete	x	x	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x
U15A Athlete	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x
U15AA Athlete	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	x
U17A Athlete	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
U17AA Athlete	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓
U19/20 Athlete	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓

## 6. RELEASES

### 6.1 Minor Regional Releases

- a. A minor aged athlete is required to play within their region for the following events: Eastern Canadian Qualifiers and Provincial Championships, unless they are granted a release from their region.
- b. Requests for releases are required to be submitted to the Technical Director between April 23rd to May 7th, 2025. [Minor Regional Release Procedure and Requirements](#)

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## 6.2 Adult Provincial Releases

- a. Adults requesting a release to play outside of the province for Canadian Championships must submit a written request for release to the Technical Director for consideration. The individual's first priority is to any team from New Brunswick attending the event. The individual must be a registered member with Softball New Brunswick in order to be eligible for a release. Releases will be accepted between May 7th to May 21st 2025 and decisions will be made no later than May 28th.
  - i. Softball NB holds the right to consider requests for release after the May 21st, 2025 deadline.

# 7. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All teams (players & coaches) registering for Provincial Championships must first be registered with Softball New Brunswick. The Technical Director and/or the Executive Director, reserves the right to refuse any registration in Provincial Championships and has the authority to re-categorize teams, if deemed necessary.

## 7.1 Dates and Locations

**[PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION LINK](#)** Updated June 30, 2025

### 2025 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Category	Date	Location	Cost	Roster Size	Make-Up Date
U9 Girls. Boys, Co-Ed	August 15-17	Moncton	\$350.00	8-15 players 2-5 coaches	September 19-21
U11 Girls	August 22-24	Fredericton	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	September 19-21
U11 Boys	August 22-24	TBD	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	September 19-21
U13 Girls A	August 15-17	Fredericton	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	September 12-14
U13 Girls AA	August 15-17	Quispamsis	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	September 12-14
U13 Boys	August 15-17	Doaktown	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	September 12-14

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## 2025 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Category	Date	Location	Cost	Roster Size	Make-Up Date
U15 Girls A	August 8-10	Nelson	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	September 12-14
U15 Girls AA	August 8-10	Oromocto	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	September 12-14
U15 Boys	August 8-10	TBD	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	September 12-14
U17 Girls A	August 29-31	Nelson	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	September 19-21
U17 Girls AA	August 29-31	Quispamsis	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	September 19-21
Women's Fast Pitch	July 25-27	TBD	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	
Men's Fast Pitch	August 8-10	Fredericton	\$435.00	11-17 players 2-5 coaches	
Men's Orthodox	TBD	TBD	\$435.00		
Co-Ed Slo-Pitch	July 25-27	Moncton	\$435.00	12-20 players 5 coaches	

## 7.2 Provincial Championship Hosting Guide

- a. [Guide Document and Hosting Responsibilities](#)
  - i. Applications to host Provincial Championships are due March 31st of the year of the tournament. Hosts are asked to review the Guide Document & Hosting Responsibilities prior to submitting a bid.



## 8. EASTERN CANADIAN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS (ECSC)

Any questions on Eastern Canadian Qualifiers or Championships please contact [executivedirector@softballnb.ca](mailto:executivedirector@softballnb.ca)

### 8.1 Dates and Locations

Age Category	Date	Location
Qualifiers Registration	May 31st	Via RAMP Interactive
Qualifiers (U13-U20)	July 4-6th	Fredericton, New Brunswick
U13 Girls	August 21-24	Stratford, Prince Edward Island
U13 Boys	August 21-24	Fredericton, New Brunswick
U15 Girls	August 21-24	Oshawa, Ontario
U15 Boys	August 21-24	Oshawa, Ontario
U17 Girls	August 21-24	Laval, Quebec
U17 Boys	August 21-24	TBD, Nova Scotia
U19 Women's	August 15-18	Whitby, Ontario
U20 Men's	N/A	N/A
Intermediate Women's	August 8-10	Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Intermediate Men's	September 5-7	TBD, New Brunswick

### 8.2 Eastern Canadian Softball Championship Qualifiers

- a. NB has two (2) positions in each division of ECSC. An additional team may be granted by the ECSC Committee on a case-by-case basis. (ex. If another province chooses to only send 0-1 teams).
- b. Teams interested in attending ECSC must register for Eastern Canadian Qualifiers to attend
  - i. The registration deadline for Eastern Canadian Qualifiers is June 6, 2025
  - ii. Eastern Canadian Qualifier Registration Fee: \$425.00
  - iii. Teams must submit a \$500.00 performance bond at the time of registration for qualifiers.

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- iv. By registering for qualifiers, teams are also committing to participate at the ECSC, should they qualify.
- c. Teams are required to play in their own age category. Athletes must fulfill their commitment to attend the qualifiers in their own age category.
- d. An athlete must be listed as a player on the line-up card and play in one (1) full inning in order to be considered on a teams roster for qualifiers
  - i. If an athlete does not meet these requirements, they will NOT be considered as part of a roster and will only be eligible to attend ECSC as a pick-up.
- e. All teams must participate in a Provincial ECSC qualifier or a Provincial Championship competition to be eligible to participate in an Eastern Canadian Softball Championship. **Updated March 31, 2025**
- f. Schedule
  - i. If there are 3 or more teams interested in attending ECSC, a tournament style qualifier will be held the first weekend in July each year.
  - ii. Schedule format will follow the same template as provincial championships with the exception of 3rd/4th place games will be played in all divisions.
    - 1. [Schedule Formats and Templates](#)
  - iii. If there are 2 teams interested in attending ECSC, one (1) game will be held as a qualifier to determine the higher the seed for ECSC. Qualifier registration fee will be partially refunded.
  - iv. If only 1 team is interested in attending ECSC, no qualifier will be held and that team will automatically attend as NB1. Qualifier registration fee will be refunded.
- g. Prizes and Awards
  - i. Prizes
    - 1. The top two (2) teams in each division will receive a prize donated by Rawlings.
  - ii. Individual Awards
    - 1. A plaque will be provided for each award winner.
    - 2. Individual awards will be awarded at each age category.
    - 3. The Softball New Brunswick Representative, in conjunction with the Tournament Chair, will determine the award winners based on the following criteria:
    - 4. Top Batter
      - a. Top Batter will be named based off of all round robin games only.
      - b. To qualify, a player must have an average of 2.5 plate appearances or higher per game their team plays in the round robin.
      - c. Factors that may be considered when determining top batter include but are not limited to: batting average, on-base percentage, number of hits, strike-outs and walks.
    - 5. Top Pitcher
      - a. Top Pitcher will be named based off of all round robin games only.
      - b. U13: To qualify, a player must have pitched a minimum of 5 innings in the round robin.



- c. U15+: To qualify, a player must have pitched a minimum of 7 innings in the round robin.
  - d. Factors that may be considered when determining top pitcher include but are not limited to: Innings pitched, batting average against, ERA, WHIP, number of hits against, strikeouts and walks.
- 6. Most Valuable Player (MVP)
  - a. MVP will be named based off of the entire tournament (Round Robin and Playoff Round)
- 7. The Softball NB Representative and Tournament Supervisor will have final say on the award winners.

### 8.3 ECSC Pickup Players

- a. Teams qualifying for an Eastern Canadian Tournament are able to add up to two (2) pickups as per the 2024 [ECSC By-laws](#)
- b. A player whose team does not play in the Eastern Canadian Qualifier may still be eligible to be picked up so long as they are a registered member in good standing with Softball New Brunswick.
- c. Procedure
  - i. The pickup process used by Softball New Brunswick will begin at the U13 age category, followed by U15, U17 and U19/20
  - ii. Pick-ups are a one (1) at a time basis (e.g. Eastern Canadian Qualifier winner picks one (1); then next runner-up picks (1) and so on). If 3 teams are attending, the third team is added into the rotation for pick ups.
    - 1. A player refusing to play with the team that picks them shall lose their right to be picked up a second time.
    - 2. A player from a lower age category can be picked up by a team 1 age group higher.
    - 3. Pick-ups for Easterns will begin the first Wednesday following after the completion of the Eastern Canadian Qualifier. Pick-ups must be finalized no later than August 1st, at 11:59pm.

### 8.4 Additional ECSC Information

- a. All details surrounding the Eastern Canadian Softball Championships can be found within the [2024 Eastern Canadian By-Laws](#) - [2025 Update Coming Soon!](#)
- b. [U13 Eastern Canadian Playing Rules and Regulations](#)



## 9. CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 9.1 Minor Categories

- a. On an annual basis, Softball New Brunswick will send one (1) team to Canadian Championships in each of the minor age divisions as part of the NB Selects Provincial Team Program.
  - i. U15 Boys and Girls
  - ii. U17 Boys and Girls
  - iii. U19 Women's
  - iv. U20 Men's
- b. Considerations may be made to send one (1) additional team in any minor category, depending on the location of the tournament (i.e. Maritimes) and overall needs of the NB Selects program.

### 9.2 Adult Fast Pitch Categories

- a. On an annual basis, Softball New Brunswick will authorize up to a maximum of two (2) qualifying club teams to attend the Canadian Championships in each of the adult categories:
  - i. U23 Men's
  - ii. Women's
  - iii. Men's
  - iv. Master Men's
- b. The date for adult teams to submit their intent to participate in the upcoming Canadian Championships to Softball New Brunswick are as follows:
  - i. May 15, 2025
- c. Considerations may be made to send one (1) additional team in any adult category, depending on the location of the tournament (i.e. Maritimes), quantity and quality of players.
- d. Pickups
  - i. See Softball Canada Fast Pitch Special Operating Rules (SOR's) for more information.

### 9.3 Adult Slo-Pitch Categories

- a. On an annual basis, Softball New Brunswick will authorize up to a maximum of one (1) qualifying club teams to attend the Canadian Championships in each of the adult categories:
  - i. Women's Slo-Pitch
  - ii. Men's Slo-Pitch

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- b. The date for adult teams to submit their intent to participate in the upcoming Canadian Championships to Softball New Brunswick are as follows:
  - i. April 15, 2025
- c. Considerations may be made to send one (1) additional team in any adult category, depending on the location of the tournament (i.e. Maritimes), quantity and quality of players.
- d. Pickups
  - i. See Softball Canada Slo-Pitch Special Operating Rules (SOR's) for more information.

## 9.4 Additional Canadian Championship Information (Softball Canada)

- a. All information regarding Canadian Championships can be found in the [Team Guide](#) and on the [Softball Canada website](#).

# 10. TRAVEL PERMITS

- a. All affiliated teams, players and umpires that travel outside of New Brunswick to a SANCTIONED competition or tournament must be in possession of a travel permit in order to be covered under the Softball New Brunswick Insurance program.
- b. All travel permits are obtainable by contacting the Softball New Brunswick Office or on our website **2025 Update Coming Soon!**
- c. The deadline to submit Travel Permits is two weeks prior to departure.

# 11. TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING

- a. All tournaments must be sanctioned by Softball New Brunswick. No tournament will be sanctioned unless the tournament committee or Association is an affiliated member of Softball New Brunswick.
- b. All Softball New Brunswick/Softball Canada rules & regulations shall apply.
- c. No sanctioned tournament shall accept entries from any team which is not an affiliated member of Softball New Brunswick or any other Provincial Softball Association. It will be the responsibility of the tournament organizers to ensure that all teams participating in their tournament are affiliated with Softball New Brunswick or another Provincial Softball Association.

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- d. Any registered team, player, and coach/staff taking part in an unsanctioned tournament will NOT be covered under the Softball New Brunswick insurance policy.
- e. All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be umpired by registered umpires in New Brunswick.
- f. Should any team withdraw from a sanctioned tournament after the entry has been accepted, the team shall be reported to Softball New Brunswick for disciplinary action if deemed necessary.
- g. No tournament sanctions will be issued that conflict with any Provincial Championships, Eastern Qualifiers or Eastern Canadian Championships scheduled for the same dates.
- h. Tournaments should follow Softball NB's team classification when inviting teams to participate in their event. (i.e., U15 or Men's/Women's, 'A' or 'AA', etc.)
- i. All irregularities, problems, conflicts, etc., must be reported to the Softball New Brunswick Office no later than five (5) days after completion of the tournament.
- j. Application for a tournament sanction must be made at least two (2) weeks prior to the tournament date. Sanctioned tournaments will be posted on the Softball New Brunswick website.
- k. To apply to host a sanctioned club tournament, go to the [Softball NB website](http://www.softballnb.ca).



# SOFTBALL NEW BRUNSWICK PROGRAMS

## RESOURCES

Softball New Brunswick is committed to providing various resources to the membership for both on and off the field. If there is a particular resource you would like to see added please contact [technicaldirector@softballnb.ca](mailto:technicaldirector@softballnb.ca)

### a. Drill Bank

- i. We are dedicated to providing our members with a bank of cutting-edge drills and resources, all at your fingertips and completely FREE.
- ii. **LINK Coming Soon!**

## GRASSROOTS

### Learn to Play U5 - U9

Learn to Play softball is a way of introducing the sport of softball to children. The purpose of the program is to foster the involvement of ALL players, and families with high and low skill levels. The child will experience excitement, enjoyment and success. Activities and lead-up games are patterned after informal playground games that promise FUN and LOTS OF ACTION.

- a. Softball Canada offers a full Learn to Play Softball Manual for coaches equipped with practice plans for U5, U7, and U9 programs. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the manual.

### Community Development Program

The Softball New Brunswick Community Softball Development Program, aims to foster youth engagement and promote the growth of softball across our province. The Community Softball Development Program aims to target the U9-U13 age categories (born in 2011-2016), providing an opportunity for young individuals to learn and develop their softball skills in a supportive and inclusive environment. By extending our reach to communities that may not have had access to softball before, we hope to connect the dots across the province and create a network of new passionate players, coaches, umpires, and supporters.

### a. Goals:

- i. To assist in the promotion, development, and implementation of new community based softball programs around the province, with focus on the U9, U11, U13 age categories;

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- ii. To provide access to resources and qualified training for affiliated softball programs leaders;
  - iii. To see overall increased fundamental skill development amongst softball players across the province;
  - iv. For Softball New Brunswick to have active programming in various communities in each of our 5 regions.
- b. For more information, contact [learntoplaysoftball@softballnb.ca](mailto:learntoplaysoftball@softballnb.ca)

## HIGH PERFORMANCE

### NB Selects - Provincial Team Program

The NB Selects high performance program was designed to provide a competitive pathway for Softball New Brunswick's top male and female athletes in each age category (U15-U20). The teams will be made up of the best athletes from across the province of New Brunswick and they will regularly train together to attend the Softball Canada Canadian Championships on an annual basis. This model will help prepare athletes, coaches and officials for future high performance events (Canada Games, national teams, etc.).

- a. 2025 NB Selects Programs
  - i. U15 Girls/Boys: Birth Years 2010-2011
  - ii. U17 Girls/Boys: Birth Years 2008-2009
  - iii. U19 Women's: Birth Years 2006-2007
- b. Handbook
  - i. The NB Selects handbook is intended to provide clear information (Guiding Principles, Eligibility, Tryout Process, Coaching Selections, Team Selection, Selection Criteria, Fees, Code of Conduct, Policies, etc. to all stakeholders of the program (players, coaches, officials, parents/guardians and spectators).
  - ii. [2025 NB Selects Handbook](#)
- c. For more information on the NB Selects high performance program, visit our [website](#).

### Canada Games Program

The Canada Summer Games is the largest multi sporting event in the country and the highest level of sport that many athletes may attain. Every 4 years, Men's and Women's softball is part of the event (pending sport selection by the Canada Games Council). Softball New Brunswick operates both a Men's and Women's team under the Team NB program.

- a. [2025 Canada Games Team Plan](#)

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## UMPIRE PROGRAM

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### Fundy Region

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Saint John

### South Eastern Region

Jim Comeau  
Moncton

### North Eastern Region

Vacant

## 2025 Umpire Registration Fee Breakdown

	SOFTBALL NB MEMBERSHIP			UMPIRE ASSOCIATION ALLOCATION	TOTAL (Membership + Allocation)
Junior Development	\$9	+	\$35	=	\$44
Level 1	\$20	+	\$70	=	\$90
Level 2	\$20	+	\$80	=	\$100
Level 3	\$20	+	\$90	=	\$110
Level 4	\$20	+	\$100	=	\$120
Level 5	\$20	+	\$110	=	\$130

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## Junior Development U

### mpire Program

Our Junior Development Program is designed for youth 18 years old and under, getting into the umpire program. With this program, the youth umpires will receive reduced registration rates, a shirt and hat, and mentorship opportunities by some of NBs finest umpires.

## Competitive Umpire Development Program

Wondering how you can get from a Level I to working international competition(s)? It is certainly an exciting journey with lots of challenges and rewards. Follow these slides where they will help you understand the steps along the way.

- a. [National Officials Certification Program](#)

## Umpire Apparel

The official umpire store of Softball Canada. Check out [Home Run Sports](#)

## Ejection Reports

- a. During a game involving registered Softball NB members, the umpire(s) may be required to eject a player, coach, or even a spectator from a game for various reasons (yelling, punching, spitting, throwing equipment, etc.). It is the responsibility of the umpire to then report the ejection directly to Softball NB within the appropriate timeline.
- b. Softball NB has a [template](#) for our umpires to report their ejections which will ensure consistency across the province and that all details are included.
- c. Steps to reporting an ejection:
  - i. Ejection reports must be submitted by game official(s) no later than 24 hours after the ejections have occurred. Reports are to be emailed to the Regional Umpire In Chief (RUIC), Softball NB Regional Director, and copy on the email the Provincial Umpire in Chief (PUIC) and Softball NB Executive Director.
  - ii. Regional UIC and Softball NB Regional Director will administer the punishment based on Softball NB discipline policy's guideline. If the offence warrants more than the outlined minimum penalty, the PUIC and Softball NB Executive Director will be included in the process.



- iii. If conflict of interest is declared by either the Regional UIC or Regional Director, their replacement will be appointed by the PUIC/ED
- iv. [Umpire Ejection Report Form](#)





## RECOGNITION AWARDS

### 2025 Annual Awards and Hall of Fame Event Details

Date: Friday, October 17th, 2025

Location: Fredericton Inn

### Annual Awards

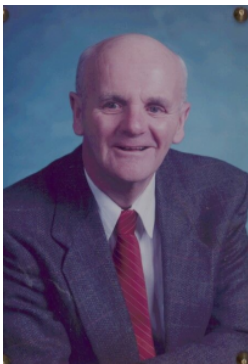
Each year Softball New Brunswick strives to honor our most accomplished members. We proudly present awards to players, coaches, umpires and volunteers, thereby showing our appreciation for their contributions to the sport of softball. Consider nominating a deserving member this year. Nomination criteria can be found at the link below.

[Annual Award Nomination Criteria](#)

Annually, Softball New Brunswick presents three Memorial Awards in honour of Henry Kelly, Charlie O'Brien, and Paul Dawson. These awards are given to the individual that best exemplifies the traits and commitment to softball that Henry, Charlie, and Paul possessed. We proudly present these awards at the Softball NB Annual Awards & Hall of Fame Banquet to players, coaches, umpires and/or volunteers, thereby showing our appreciation for their contributions to the sport of softball. The criteria for these awards is available at the link below.

[Memorial Award Nomination Criteria](#)

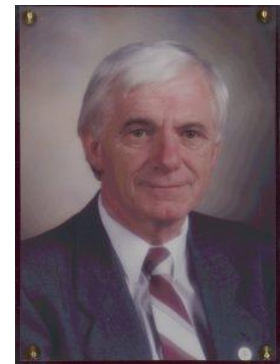
2025 Deadline to apply is **September 21st, 2025**.



[Charlie O'Brien](#)



[Henry Kelly](#)



[Paul Dawson](#)

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## Hall of Fame

The Softball New Brunswick Inc. Hall of Fame recognizes the past achievements of athletes, teams, officials, coaches, and builders. Softball New Brunswick Inc. honours those individuals and teams who have participated, served, represented, and/or impacted the sport of softball. Hosted annually at the Fredericton Inn, the Softball New Brunswick Inc. Hall of Fame was established in 1994 recognizing the contributions of the many who have helped establish Softball New Brunswick Inc. as a leader in the sport of softball.

All applications are to be forwarded to the Executive Director of Softball New Brunswick Inc. no later than the advertised **June 1st** deadline of the year you wish to submit the nomination for.

Attn: HOF Selection Committee  
Softball New Brunswick Inc.  
900 Hanwell Road, Suite 31  
Fredericton, NB E3B 6A2  
[executivedirector@softballnb.ca](mailto:executivedirector@softballnb.ca)



[Softball New Brunswick Hall of Fame Application Form](#)  
[Softball New Brunswick Hall of Fame Application Criteria](#)

## Memorial Scholarship

Janiva Willis was an extremely talented player from New Brunswick who went on to a distinguished NCAA softball career and played for Team Canada. Annually, Softball New Brunswick administers the Janiva Willis Scholarship, awarding two deserving softball players \$500 to assist with post-secondary education.

[Janiva Willis Scholarship Criteria and Application](#)

Congratulations to our 2024 Janiva Willis Scholarship Recipients, Isabelle Dussault and Carly Youngblood.



## SPONSORS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank each of our major sponsors: Rawlings Canada, the Fredericton Inn, Kahunaverse, and the Government of New Brunswick.



### GOVERNMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK

A special thank you to the Government of New Brunswick for your continued support of Softball New Brunswick. They have been a tremendous partner and have supported our PSO greatly with various grants, partnerships, etc.



### RAWLINGS CANADA

A special thank you once again to Jason Shipley and all of Rawlings Canada for your continued support of our program. We have worked consistently with Jason and Rawlings for many years being the Official Equipment supplier of our Provincial Team Program, Canada Games Program, Provincial Championships, etc. Rawlings has been an excellent provider, and supporter of our PSO!



### FREDERICTON INN

We also wish to recognize and sincerely thank the Fredericton Inn. As the official home of the Softball NB Hall of Fame, the Fredericton Inn has continued to support Softball NB, and has provided top-notch accommodations for us.