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### ***Vision Statement***

To govern, lead and develop the sport of Softball in  
British Columbia

### ***Mission Statement***

Softball for Everyone!

### ***Value Statements***

Softball BC seeks to build a fun, fair and safe  
environment for all participants to enjoy the game at  
any level

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# BC Summer Games Zones

Zone Number	Districts in Zones
Zone 1 – Kootenays	District 10
Zone 2 – Thompson – Okanagan	Districts 9 and 11
Zone 3 – Fraser Valley	Districts 8 and 14
Zone 4 – FRASER RIVER	Districts 6 and 7
Zone 5 – VANCOUVER –COASTAL	Districts 4, 5 and 15
Zone 6 - Vancouver Island- Central Coast	Districts 1, 2, and 3
Zone 7 – North West	District 13
Zone 8 – Cariboo – North East	District 12

## 2022 BC Summer Games

Prince George

Dates: TBD



# SOFTBALL B.C. DISTRICTS

## **DISTRICT #1** (Zone 6: Vancouver Island – Central Coast)

MAJOR CENTRES: Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay, the Western Communities, View Royal, Sooke, the Saanich Peninsula, and the Southern Gulf Islands

## **DISTRICT #2** (Zone 6: Vancouver Island – Central Coast)

MAJOR CENTRES: Nanaimo, Parksville, Port Alberni, Ladysmith, Ucluelet, Nanoose, Cedar, Tofino, Bowser, Errington, Lantzville, Qualicum.

## **DISTRICT #3** (Zone 6: Vancouver Island – Central Coast)

MAJOR CENTRES: Campbell River, Comox, Cumberland, Courtenay, Quadra, Merville, Powell River, San Josef, Port Hardy, Coal Harbour, Gold River, Woss, Lazo, Tahsis, Texada, Sayward, Port McNeil, Holberg, Sointula, Port Alice, Bella Bella, Ocean Falls.

## **DISTRICT #4** (Zone 5: Vancouver – Squamish)

The Regional Districts of Squamish-Lillooet (excluding Electoral Areas A & B), Sunshine Coast. The Corporations of the Districts of North and West Vancouver, the Village of Lions Bay.

MAJOR CENTRES: North Vancouver, Squamish, Garibaldi Highlands, Britannia, Whistler, Pemberton, Gibsons, West Vancouver, Shalath, Seton Portage, Brackendale, Bowen Island.

## **DISTRICT #5** (Zone 5: Vancouver –Squamish)

MAJOR CENTRES: Vancouver, Richmond

## **DISTRICT #6** (Zone 4: Fraser River – Delta)

The Corporation of District of Burnaby, The Corporation of the City of New Westminster,

MAJOR CENTRES: Burnaby, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, and Port Moody (including Tri-Cities)

## **DISTRICT #7** (Zone 3: Fraser Valley)

The City of Surrey, The Corporation of the City of White Rock.

MAJOR CENTRES: Surrey (including White Rock, Fleetwood, Cloverdale, Guildford, Newton and Whalley).

## **DISTRICT #8** (Zone 3: Fraser Valley)

Regional Districts of Central Fraser Valley, Fraser-Cheam.

MAJOR CENTRES: Aldergrove, Abbotsford, Clearwater, Chilliwack, Bradner, Yarrow, Hope, Agassiz, Sardis, Vedder Crossing, Langley

## **DISTRICT #9** (Zone 2: Thompson – Okanagan)

Regional Districts of Central Okanagan, North Okanagan.

MAJOR CENTRES: Kelowna, Penticton, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Rutland, Sicamous, Winfield, Armstrong, Sorrento, Chase, Celia, Princeton, Revelstoke, Westbank, Peachland, Oliver, Cawston, Keremeos, Summerland, Lumby, Pritchard, Enderby, Osoyoos.

## **DISTRICT #10** (Zone 1: Kootenays)

Regional Districts of Central Kootenay, East Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary and Electoral Area ‘A’ of Columbia-Shuswap Regional District.

MAJOR CENTRES: Cranbrook, Castlegar, Trail, Blueberry Creek, Salmo, Montrose, Robson, Yahk, Creston, Marysville, Invermere, Nelson, Fernie, Grand Forks, Winlaw, Windermere, Fruitvale, Sparwood, Golden, Edgewater, Kimberley, Radium, Nakusp, Burton, Kaslo, Jaffrey.

## **DISTRICT #11** (Zone 2: Thompson – Okanagan)

Regional Districts of Thompson-Nicola, Electoral Area A & B of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.

MAJOR CENTRES: Kamloops, Barriere, Merritt, Lone Butte, Darfield, McLure, Logan Lake, Louis Creek, Vavenby, Clearwater, Birch Island, Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Lytton, Clinton, Lillooet.

## **DISTRICT #12** (Zone 8: Cariboo – Northeast)

The Regional Districts of Cariboo, Fraser-Fort George, Peace River-Liard and Central Coast Electoral Areas C,D,E.

MAJOR CENTRES: Prince George, Taylor, Willow River, Lac La Hache, Quesnel, Pouce Coupe, Chetwynd, Williams Lake, Fort St. John, Mackenzie, Hixon, Dawson Creek, Valemount, McBride, 100 Mile House, Fort Nelson, Bella Coola.

## **DISTRICT #13** (Zone 7: North West)

The Regional Districts of Bulkley – Nechako, Kitimat-Stikine, Skeena-Queen Charlotte and the unorganized Stikine Area.

MAJOR CENTRES: Prince Rupert, Terrace, Kitimat, Queen Charlotte Island, Houston, Thornhill, Port Clements, Masset, Hazelton, Telkwa, Fraser Lake, Smithers, Fort St. James, Sandspit, Vanderhoof, Kitwanga, Fort Fraser, Burns Lake, Port Edward.

## **DISTRICT #14** (Zone 3: Fraser Valley)

Regional District of Dewdney-Alouette,

MAJOR CENTRES: Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Whonnock, Mission and Deroche

## **DISTRICT #15** (Zone 4: Fraser River-Delta)

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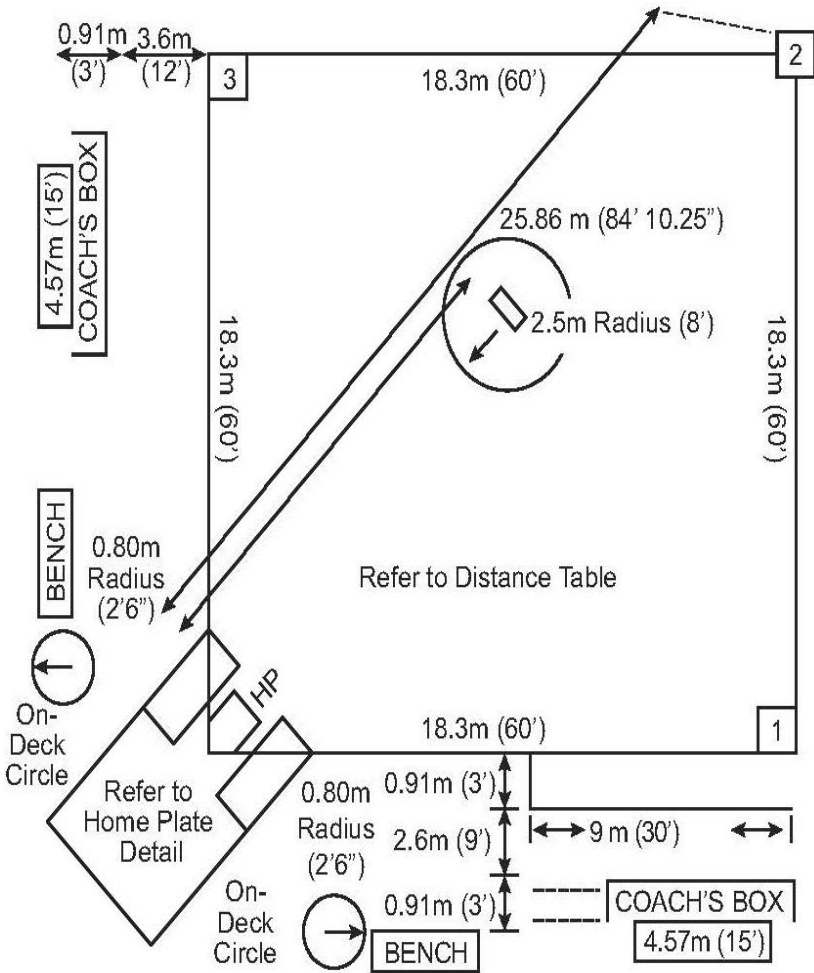
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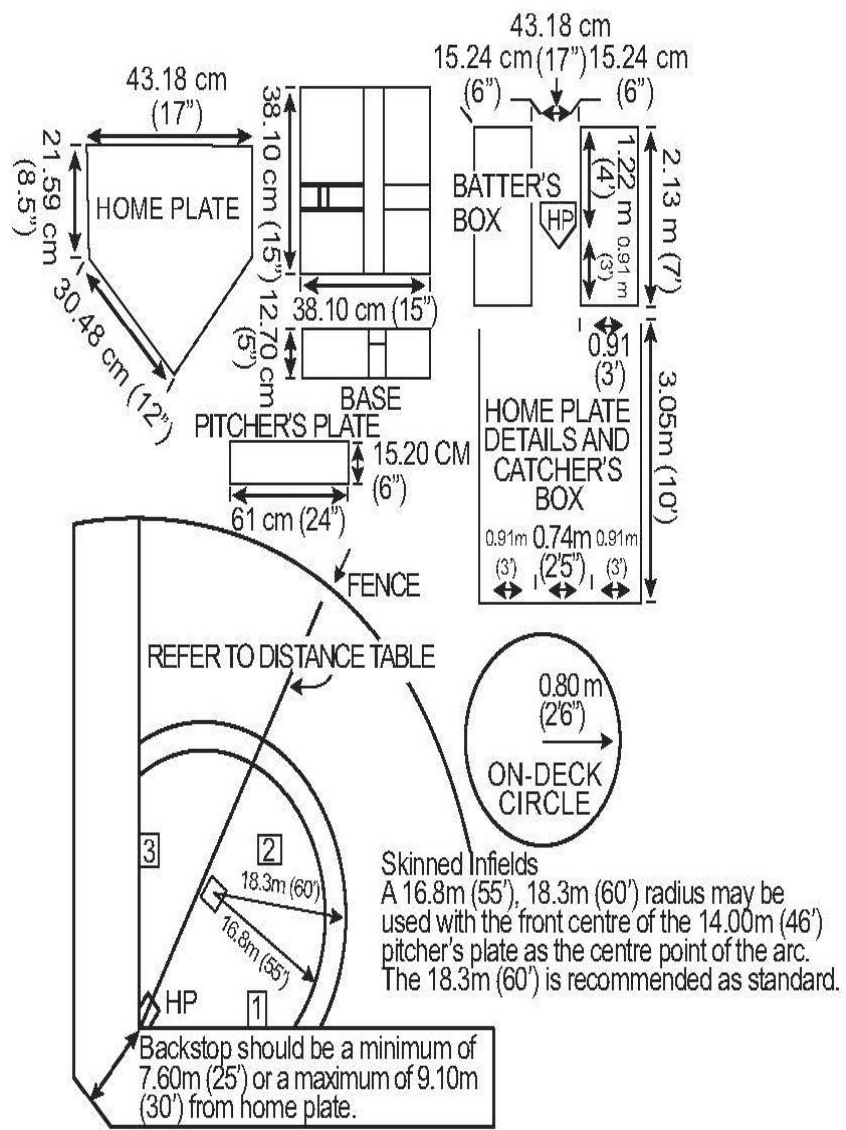
## FOR FAST PITCH SOFTBALL DIAMONDS



## DIAGONALS

BASEPATH	DIAGONAL
13.72m (45')	19.29m (63' 8")
16.76m (55')	23.57m (77' 9.25")
18.29m (60')	25.86m (84' 10.25")

# OFFICIAL DIMENSIONS FOR FAST PITCH SOFTBALL DIAMONDS



## 2021 Age and Distance Chart

CATEGORY	AGE (prior to January 1 <sup>st</sup> of the current year)	YEAR	BALL	PITCHING	BASELINES	FENCES (MIN –MAX)
<b>MALE</b>						
MASTERS*	40 OR OVER	X	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
MASTERS	50 OR OVER	X	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
<i>*In Master Men's Slo-Pitch, the minimum age limit will be 40 years of age, in the year of the event.</i>						
MEN'S FP	X	X	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
U23	Under 23	1998/1999/2000/2001	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
U19	Under 19	2002/2003/2004	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
U16	Under 16	2005/2006	12"	42'	60'	225'-265'
U14	Under 14	2007/2008	12"	40'	60'	210'-250'
U12	Under 12	2009/2010	11"	35'	55'	170'-225'
U10	Under 10	2011/2012	11"	30'	45'	160'-225'
U8	Under 8	2013/2014	11"	30'	45'	160'-225'
U6	Under 6	2015/2016	11"	30'	45'	160'-225'
<b>FEMALE</b>						
<i>*In Master Women's Fastpitch the minimum age will be 35 years of age in the year of the event.</i>						
WOMEN A, B & C	X	X	12"	43'	60'	220'-235'
WOMEN D	X	X	12"	40'	60'	200'-210'
U19 A & B	UNDER 19	2002/2003/2004	12"	43'	60'	200'-210'
U19 C	UNDER 19	2002/2003/2004	12"	40'	60'	200'-210'
U16	UNDER 16	2005/2006	12"	40"	60'	180'-210'
U14	UNDER 14	2007/2008	12"	38'	60'	170'-210'
U12	UNDER 12	2009/2010	11"	35'	55'	160'-210'
U10	UNDER 10	2011/2012	11"	30'	45'	150'-210'
U8	UNDER 8	2013/2014	11"	30'	45'	150'-210'
U6	UNDER 6	2015/2016	11"	30'	45'	150'-210'
<b>SLO-PITCH</b>						
MEN	X	X	12"	50'	70'	300'-375'
WOMEN	X	X	11"	50'	65'	225'-275'
CO-ED	X	X	12"	50'	65'	275'-325'

## SOFTBALL CANADA AGE AND PITCHING DISTANCE CHART

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## **2021 SOFTBALL BC PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Please refer to the Softball BC website for the latest updates on the status of the 2021 Provincial and Regional Championships.

[CLICK HERE](#) for full list of Provincial and Regional events.

## **2021 CANADIAN AND WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Refer to the Softball BC Website for latest updates on the [2021 Softball Canada Championships](#) and [Western Canadian Championships](#).

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### **Hall of Fame and Awards**

For the full list of Hall of Fame and previous award recipients please visit the Softball BC website.



**AMENDED AND UPDATED  
COPY OF THE  
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of the  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
FROM ORIGINAL CONSTITUTION  
REGISTERED: APRIL 26, 1948**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

The Constitution and By-Laws of the B.C.A.S.A. (Softball B.C.) are incorporated under the "Society Act" and registered with the office of the Registrar of Companies in Victoria, B.C.

The 2021 Softball B.C. Special Operating Rules includes a specific article for Minor Softball, Men's and Women's Fastpitch Softball, Men's and Women's Slo-Pitch Softball and Umpires. This format will assist coaches in locating the specific Operating Rules that pertain to his or her team. However, all Coaches must make a point of reading all of the GENERAL Articles of the Handbook, to achieve a full understanding of our regulations.

Changes to rules are enclosed in a box. Areas shaded indicate a change to a rule on a one-year trial basis.

The work of re-writing and re-editing this digital booklet was completed May 2021.

***While all efforts are taken to ensure the accuracy  
of the content, any omissions or errors will be  
posted on the Softball BC website  
([www.softball.bc.ca](http://www.softball.bc.ca)).***

**BRITISH COLUMBIA  
AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Incorporated under the “Society Act” S.B.C. 1948 and  
Amendments Thereto**

**CONSTITUTION**

The name of the Society is: British Columbia Amateur Softball Association

1. The purposes of the Society are:
  - a) To promote the game of softball and other associated sports and pastimes.
  - b) To hold and arrange softball and other matches and competitions, and to offer and grant, or contribute towards the provisions of prizes, awards and distinctions on a provincial level.
  - c) To subscribe to, become a member of, and cooperate with other associations, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of this Society.
  - d) To make, adopt, vary, and publish Rules and Regulations, By-Laws, Conditions, and Special Operating Rules, for the regulation of the said game or otherwise, and to take all such steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable, for the enforcing of such Regulations, By-Laws, Conditions and Special Operating Rules.
  - e) To promote, support or assist in all or any such athletic contests or sports for which any property of the Society may be available or which may be determined on or approved by the Society.
  - f) To raise, use investment and reinvest money to support the activities of the Society, provided, however, that no property, funds or income of the Society shall inure to the private profit of any member, club or person. This purpose was previously unalterable.

# **BY-LAWS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **PART 1 - INTERPRETATION**

- 1.1 In these bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires,
  - a) “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Society;
  - b) “Act” means the Societies Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;
  - c) “Registered address” of a member means the address as recorded in the register of members.
- 1.2 The definitions in the Act on the date these bylaws become effective apply to these bylaws.
- 1.3 Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa; and words importing a male person include a female person and corporation.
- 1.4 The Society shall have present at all meetings of the Society a copy of “Roberts Rules of Order” and all items not covered by these By-Laws or by the Act shall be governed by those rules.

## **PART 2 – MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1 The Society has the following category of Member:
  - a) Individual Member – Individuals who have agreed to abide by and adhere to the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, and rules (or, if the individual is under the age of 18, who have had a parent or guardian agree to abide by the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, and rules on behalf of the individual) including:
    - i. Participants
    - ii. Umpires
    - iii. Coaches
    - iv. Managers
    - v. Directors of recognized associations or leagues
    - vi. Other individuals approved by the Board
  - b) Association/League Member – An association or league that is recognized by the Society and has agreed to abide by the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

- c) Director Member – Any individual who is a Director with the Society and has who agreed to abide by the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations
  - d) District Member – A recognized District of the Society that has agreed to abide by the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
  - e) Honorary Life Member – Any individual approved by Special Resolution of the Board who has contributed greatly to the development or promotion of the Society and who has agreed to abide by the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
- 2.2 A candidate member may apply to the Society for membership and unless such application shall be declined by the Board within ninety (90) days of the date of receipt of the application, that person shall be a member effective on the date of such receipted application. The form of application and prescribed membership fee shall be as approved from time to time by the Board.
- 2.3 There shall be annual membership dues which shall be determined by the Board from time to time, set for each separate playing level and/or other membership category.
- 2.4 A member in good standing:
- a) Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other membership restrictions or sanctions imposed;
  - b) Has paid the prescribed annual membership dues in the current fiscal year;
  - c) Has complied with the By-laws, policies, and rules of the Society; and
  - d) Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the Society, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board
- 2.5 A Member shall cease to be a Member of the Society:
- a) On failure to pay before the fiscal year end of the Society, the prescribed annual membership dues and other assessments set from time to time by the Board including player registration fees and insurance;
  - b) On being expelled;
  - c) On delivering a written resignation to the Registered Office of the Society; or
  - d) On death or dissolution
- 2.6 A Member may be expelled by a resolution of the Board passed at a meeting of the Board, provided that:

- a) Notice of a resolution for expulsion shall be given to the Member, accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion.
- b) The Member who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at a meeting of the Board before the resolution is put to a vote.

### **PART 3 – MEETING OF MEMBERS**

1. The Society will hold meetings of Members at such date, time, and place as determined by the Board within the Province of British Columbia.
2. An Annual General Meeting must be held once every calendar year.
3. A General Meeting of the Members may be called at any time by Ordinary Resolution of the Board or upon the written requisition of ten percent (10%) or more of the Members, in the form described in the Act, for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Society that does not fall within the exceptions listed in the Act or is otherwise inconsistent with the Act
4. Written or electronic notice of the date of a meeting of the Members will be given to all Members in good standing, Directors, and the Auditor (if any) at least seven (7) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting. Notice will contain a reminder of the right to vote by proxy, a proposed agenda, any Member Proposals, reasonable information to permit Members to make informed decisions, nominations of Directors, and the text of any resolutions or amendments to be decided. If the Society has more than 250 Members, it may deliver, at least seven (7) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting, notice to Members who have provided an email address to the Society. Notice will also be considered to have been given to Members if it is published, throughout the period commencing at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting, on the Society's website.
5. Every meeting of the Members, other than an Annual General Meeting, is a General Meeting.
6. The President, or in his absence, the First Vice-President, or in the absence of both, some member of the Board, shall preside at all meetings of the Members.
7. A quorum at any Annual General Meeting or General Meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the voting members. No proxy shall be allowed at any Annual General Meeting or General Meeting.
  - a) No business, other than the appointment of the Chairperson or the adjournment or termination of the meeting, shall be conducted at a time when a quorum is not present.
  - b) If at any time there ceases to be a quorum present, business then in progress shall be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated.

8. Members will have the following voting rights at all meetings of the Members:
  - a) Individual Members do not have a vote.
  - b) Association/League Members do not have a vote.
  - c) Director Members have one vote each.
  - d) District Members are entitled to appoint Delegates who have one vote each.
  - e) Honorary Life Members do not have a vote.
9. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting shall not have a casting or second vote in addition to the vote which he may be entitled to as a Member. The proposed resolution shall not pass.
10. Each of the Society's District Members may have up to eight (8) voting delegates at meetings of the Members. Districts are only entitled to voting delegates if they have duly registered teams of the same category as the vote held. The district boundaries will be as per the official map kept in the business office of the Society.
11. District Members will provide in writing or electronic form to the Society, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting of Members, the name(s) of the Delegate(s) who will represent the Member. Delegates must be at least eighteen years of age, of sound mind, and be acting as the Member's representative. District Members may appoint Delegates in each of the following roles:
  - a) Men's and Women's Coordinator
  - b) Men's and Women's Fastpitch Men's Representative
  - c) Men's and Women's Fastpitch Women's Representative
  - d) Minor Boys / Mixed Teams Representative
  - e) Minor Girls / Mixed Teams Representative
  - f) Slo-Pitch Coordinator
  - g) Umpire-in-Chief
  - h) Minor Coordinator
12. If appointed by a District Member, Delegates must be appointed for the following terms:
  - a) One year:
    - i. Men's and Women's Fastpitch Men's Representative
    - ii. Men's and Women's Fastpitch Women's Representative
    - iii. Minor Boys / Mixed Teams Representative
    - iv. Minor Girls / Mixed Teams Representative
  - b) Two years, in odd numbered years:
    - i. Men's and Women's Coordinator
    - ii. Umpire-in-Chief

Two years in even numbered years:

- iii. Slo-Pitch Representative
- iv. Minor Coordinator

Delegates appointed for two year terms have more responsibilities and are required to serve on committees of the Society.

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

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

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

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

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

13. District Members may appoint an individual to act as a temporary Delegate in a certain role provided the substitute individual meets the criteria for an appointed Delegate described in Part 3, section 11.

#### **PART 4 – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

- 4.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Immediate Past President or Director-at-Large, President, First Vice-President, Director of Coaching, Vice-President of Finance, Minor Director, Men's and Women's Director and Umpire-in-Chief.
- 4.2 The First Vice-President, Vice-President of Finance, and Umpire-in-Chief shall be elected for a two (2) year term on the odd-numbered years. The President, Minor Director, Men's and Women's Director and Director of Coaching shall be elected for a two (2) year term on the even-numbered years. In the event of the vacancy of the Immediate Past President, a Director-at-Large shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two-year term.

4.3 Any member of the Board may, by notice in writing, resign at any time and on acceptance by the remaining members of the Board of the office shall become vacant.

4.4 Elections:

a) Directors shall retire from office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting for the Society at the termination of their term of office.

b) Separate elections shall be held for each office to be filled.

Nominations shall be in writing or electronic form, accompanied by a resume, thirty (30) days in advance of published date of the Annual General Meeting. If no written nominations are received for a position, nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Any election may be by acclamation; otherwise it shall be by secret ballot.

If a Director wishes to let his or her name stand for another position on the Board before his or her term of office expires, he must resign his position before the election. The notice of intent to resign must be received by the Board sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. However, if unsuccessful in election to the new position, the Director may let his name stand for election to his previous position, if that position has not already been filled.

All nominations to be circulated to the members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

4.5 The Members may, by Special Resolution, remove a Director before the expiration of the Director's term of office and may elect a successor to complete the term of office.

4.6 Should a vacancy occur on the Board, the remaining Directors shall continue to act notwithstanding such vacancy and the acts of such remaining Directors shall be valid. The Board may fill not more than two (2) such vacancies by the appointment of an active voting member of the Society to each vacancy. Such appointees shall hold office only until the first Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the Society, following the date of such appointment.

4.7 A Nominating Committee will consist of a chair and two additional members of his/her choice, and that committee shall announce the names of prospective candidates to the Members.

4.8 A Director must not be remunerated for being or acting as a Director, but a Director may be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by the Director while engaged in the affairs of the Society.

4.9 To be eligible to serve as a Director, an individual must:

a) Have the power under law to contract

b) Have not been convicted of an offense involving fraud in the past five years



- c) Have not been declared incapable by a Court in Canada or in another country
  - d) Not have the status of an undischarged bankrupt
  - e) For the Vice President of Finance position, hold a recognized accounting designation
  - f) For the Umpire-Chief, hold an active Level 4 BC Umpire's certification, and
  - g) For the Director of Coaching, be an NCCP Competition Introduction certified softball coach with a minimum of two years' experience
- 4.10 The three (3) voting delegates to the Canadian Amateur Softball Association's Annual Meeting shall be designated by the President of the Society.
- 4.11 Except as otherwise provided in the Act or these By-laws, the Board has the powers of the Society and may delegate any of its powers, duties, and functions.
- 4.12 The Board is empowered to:
- a) Make policies and procedures or manage the affairs of the Society in accordance with the Act and these By-laws;
  - b) Make policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members, and have the authority to discipline these individuals in accordance with such policies and procedures;
  - c) Make policies and procedures relating to the management of disputes within the Society and deal with disputes in accordance with such policies and procedures;
  - d) Approve or reject recommendations from Advisory Councils and Committees that are appointed by the Board to recommend changes to the Society's rules and operations;
  - e) Appoint, on an annual basis, an independent auditor;
  - f) Employ or engage under contract such persons, including a Senior Manager, as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Society;
  - g) Determine registration procedures, recommend membership dues, and determine other registration requirements;
  - h) Enable the Society to receive donations and benefits for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Society;
  - i) Make expenditures for the purpose of furthering the purposes of the Society;
  - j) Borrow money upon the credit of the Society as it deems necessary in accordance with these By-laws; and
  - k) Perform any other duties from time to time as may be in the best interests of the Society.

4.13 The Board may employ or contract a Senior Manager who shall have the title of “Executive Director”. When employed or contracted, the Board will delegate to the Senior Manager the responsibility to manage the day-to-day operations of the Society in accordance with Board policies and direction, and subject to any limits established by the Board.

4.14 The Board may create Advisory Councils and Committees and may delegate to such groups the power to recommend Rules and Regulations governing all Members and covering players, districts, age limits, championships, trustees of trophies, umpires, and all other relevant and incidental matters necessary to the operation of the Society. Advisory Councils and Committees created by the Board for this purpose will have terms of reference approved by the voting delegates’ discipline (Umpires, Men and Women and Minors) by way of ordinary resolution. For clarity, only the Minor Delegates will vote on the approval of terms of reference applicable to the Minors.

When the council provides written, recommendation additions/deletions/revisions to special operating rules for the board of director’s consideration, and the board does not accept the recommendation, as written, the following steps will be taken:

1. The board shall provide, in writing, reasons for not approving the recommendation. This is to be communicated to the council through their board representative within 14 days of the board’s decision.

2. The council will have the authority to amend the recommendation, or provide further written information intended to clarify the advisory council’s rationale/intent for the propose addition/deletion/revision. The response from the advisory council is to be presented to the board, either in person or electronically, within 45 days.

3. The council may re-submit proposed changes two times only during a calendar year.

4.15 The Board will create the following Advisory Councils:

- a) Minor / Youth
- b) Men’s & Women’s Umpire

## **PART 5 - PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS**

5.1 Meetings of the Board of Directors:

- a) The Board may meet at such places as they see fit for the dispatch of business, and may adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings
- b) The Board may from time to time fix the quorum necessary for the transaction of business and unless so fixed the quorum shall be a majority of Directors then in office.

The President shall be Chairperson at all meetings of the Board; but if at any meeting the President is not present, the Directors present may choose another Director to be Chairperson of the meeting.

A Director may at any time, on the request of a Director, convene a meeting of the Board.

- 5.2 For the first meeting of the Board held immediately following the appointment or election of a Director or Directors at an Annual General Meeting or other General Meeting, or for a meeting of the Board at which a Director is appointed to fill a vacancy in the Board, it is not necessary to give notice of the meeting to the newly-elected or appointed Director or Directors for the meeting to be duly constituted, if a quorum is present.
- 5.3 Voting at meetings of the Board:
- a) Questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority vote.
  - b) In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson does not have a second or deciding vote in addition to the vote which he or she may be entitled as the Chairperson.
- 5.4 A resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors and placed with the minutes of the meeting of the Board is as valid and effective as if regularly passed at a meeting of the Board.
- 5.5 The Board shall keep proper minutes of their proceedings.

## **PART 6 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- 6.1 The **President** is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and shall:
- c) Preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Board.
- Supervise the other officers in the execution of their duties.
- Apply and enforce all By-Laws, policies, and rules of the Society.
- Appoint a member of the Board to all committees.
- Be responsible for the approval of all accounts, bills, or commitments against the Society before payment, acceptance or delivery. The President of the Society is empowered to make decisions on any single emergency expenditure of funds, without approval of the Board or the Members up to the amount of \$10,000.00.
- Watch over the assets and records of the Society.
- Perform such other acts and duties as may be incidental to the office and as may properly be required by the Board.
- Sign the minutes of all meetings of the Board, and may delegate any duties as necessary.
- 6.2 The **Immediate Past President's** term of office shall be a maximum of two (2) years. Following that term, should the incumbent President be elected to a further term(s), the Immediate Past President's position will be filled by an individual who shall be designated as a "Director-at-Large" and who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two year term. Duties of the

“Director-at-Large” will be designated by the President. The Immediate Past President will:

d) Be eligible to act on any committee.

Be a voting member of the Board.

Perform such other acts and duties as may be delegated by the President.

Generally assist the President.

- 6.3 The **First Vice-President** shall assist the President in the discharge of duties, and in the absence or disability of the President, shall act in the President’s stead.

6.4 The **Director of Coaching** shall assist the President and the Board in the discharge of their duties, they shall promote and direct the development of coaching at all levels of Softball. The Director of Coaching will assist Staff in overseeing the delivery of the NCCP.

- 6.5 The **Vice President of Finance** shall be responsible for the supervision of the accounts and records of the Society. The Vice President of Finance shall:

e) Keep such financial records, including books of accounts, as are necessary to comply with the Act.

Render financial statements to the Board, members and others when required, in consultation with the appointed auditor.

Carry out policies formulated by the Board as required.

Be responsible for the deposit of all receipts of cash and or cheques in the bank or depository of the Society, and for the drawing of cheques for payment of the liabilities and expenditures of the Society

Be responsible, at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, for duly certifying the voting strength of the meeting from time to time.

Take direction generally from the President.

- 6.6 The **Minor Director** shall promote and direct the game of softball in the minor divisions and shall oversee playoffs and tournaments in these divisions. The Minor Director shall chair the Minor Advisory Council.

- 6.7 The **Men’s and Women’s Director** shall promote and direct the game of softball in the Men’s and Women’s divisions and shall oversee playoffs and tournaments in these divisions. The Men’s and Women’s Director shall chair the Men’s and Women’s Advisory Council.

- 6.8 The **Umpire-in-Chief** shall promote and direct the training and provision of umpires for all levels of softball and promote, direct and supervise the game of softball. A prerequisite to being nominated for the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief’s position is that the individual hold a current, minimum Level 4, B.C. Umpire’s ticket. The Umpire-in-Chief shall chair the Umpire Advisory Council.

## **PART 7 – SEAL**

- 7.1 The Seal of the Society shall be located at the Society's head office.
- 7.2 The Seal shall be affixed to such instruments as may be required to be sealed, by the Vice-President of Finance and either the President or Vice-President.

## **PART 8 – FINANCES AND RECORD KEEPING**

- 8.1 The fiscal year end of the Society shall be April 30th.
- 8.2 The Society may exercise, by Special Resolution, any borrowing powers conferred upon it by the Act.
- 8.3 The Accounts of the Society shall be annually examined and the correctness of the balance sheet and account book shall be ascertained by an auditor so appointed by the Board.
- 8.4 All cheques of the Society shall be signed by any two people (staff or Directors) as designated by the Vice-President of Finance or the President to be signing authorities.
- 8.5 The auditor shall be remunerated for services rendered.
- 8.6 The Board will approve financial statements (evidenced by signature of two or more Directors) of the Society of the last fiscal year of the Society. The statements must be for the period ending not more than six (6) months before the Annual General Meeting. A copy of the Annual Financial Statements will be provided to any Member requesting a copy of the Financial Statements. The Financial Statements will include:
  - a) The financial statements;
  - b) The auditor's report (if any);
  - c) Remuneration paid to any Directors including the exact amount and for what purpose;
  - d) Remuneration paid to any employee or contractor of the Society, identified by position or title, who received \$75,000 or more from the Society and the exact amount of the remuneration and (for contractors) the nature of the service performed, and
  - e) Any further information respecting the financial position of the Society.
- 8.7 All documents of this Society, including minutes and financial records shall be kept at the head office of the Society.
- 8.8 The necessary books and records of the Society required by these By-laws, by the Act, or by applicable law will be necessarily and properly kept. The books and records include, but are not limited to:
  - a) The Society's certificate of incorporation;
  - b) The Society's Constitution and By-laws;
  - c) A register of Directors (including contact information);
  - d) Written consent of each Director to act as a Director;

- e) Written resignation(s) of any Director(s);
- f) Disclosure of any conflict of interest by any Director or the Senior Manager (when employed or contracted);
- g) A register of Members (including names and contact information);
- h) The minutes of meetings of the Members;
- i) The resolutions of the Members from any meeting of the Members;
- j) Annual Financial Statements, with the applicable auditor's report (if any);
- k) The minutes of meetings of the Directors (including attendance);
- l) The resolutions of the Directors;
- m) The in-camera minutes of meetings of the Directors; and
- n) Adequate accounting records for each of the Society's financial years, including a record of each transaction materially affected the financial position of the Society

8.9 Access to Books and Records by Members and Directors – Access to books and records by Members and Directors is permitted as follows:

- a) Directors have access to records described in 8.8a) to 8.8n); and
- b) Members have access to records described in 8.8a) to 8.8 l) though the directors may restrict access to the record described in 8.8g) if the Directors are of the opinion that the access would be harmful to the Society or in the interests of one or more Members.

8.10 Access to Books and Records by the public – Access to books and records by the public is permitted as follows:

- a) The public does not have access to records described in 8.8a) to 8.8i) or to records described in 8.8k) to 8.8n)
- b) The public may request access to records described in 8.8j) by submitting a request to the Society and paying a fee of \$10.00. The records will be delivered by email to the individual making the request within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the fee.

8.11 The Society may discard a record is if the record is no longer relevant to the activities or internal affairs of the Society, after ten years have passed since the record was created or, if the record has been altered, since the record was last altered.

## **PART 9 – BY-LAWS**

9.1 These By-laws may be amended, revised, repealed or added to:

- a) By Ordinary Resolution of the Board. Any By-laws amendments will be submitted to the Members at the next meeting of Members

and the voting Members may confirm or reject the By-laws amendment by Special Resolution; or

- b) By a Member in the form of a Member Proposal. Member Proposals that amend the By-laws will be submitted to the Members at the next meeting of Members and the voting Members may confirm or reject the By-laws amendment by Special Resolution.

- 9.2 A Member Proposal, submitted to the Society at least seven (7) days before notice of the meeting of the Members is sent to the Members, must include the proposal itself, the names and signatures of at least 5% of the voting Members, and, optionally, a statement of support for the proposal (consisting of fewer than 200 words). A Member Proposal may not be substantially similar to Member Proposal that was proposed at a meeting of the Members in the past two calendar years.
- 9.3 A Parliamentary and Rules Committee will be struck no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting whose function will be to clarify motions prior to the distribution of motions to the voting delegates.
- 9.4 By-laws amendments take effect when the bylaw alteration application is filed with BC Registry Services.

#### **PART 10 - PERMANENT EMPLOYEES**

- 10.1 The President may appoint any paid employee with the approval of the Directors and any employee so appointed shall be paid a salary approved and determined by the Directors. The employee(s) will be directly responsible to the President of the Society, or designate.
- 10.2 Employees of the Society shall not be a Director and may not be granted a vote at meetings of the Members or meetings of the Board.

#### **PART 11 - LOGOS, TRADEMARKS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- 11.1 No one is allowed to use the Society's name or logo, conduct activities under the auspices of the Society, or represent themselves or their endeavors or goods under the auspices of the Board.

#### **PART 12 – DISSOLUTION**

- 12.1 In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society, the liquidators appointed shall cause all assets of the Society available for distribution to be transferred to an organization or organization, situated in British Columbia and devoted to the advancement of similar or like objects as this Society. Such organization shall be chosen by majority vote of the members attending the first meeting called by the liquidators.

#### **PART 13 – INDEMNIFICATION**

- 13.1 Will Indemnify – The Society will indemnify and hold harmless out of the funds of the Society each Director, the Senior Manager, and any individual who acts at the Society's request in a similar capacity, their heirs, executors and administrators from and against any and all claims, charges, expenses, demands,

actions or costs, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, which may arise or be incurred as a result of occupying the position or performing the duties of a Director or and any individual who acts at the Society's request in a similar capacity.

**13.2 Will Not Indemnify** – The Society will not indemnify a Director or any individual who acts at the Society's request in a similar capacity for acts of fraud, dishonesty, bad faith, breach of statutory duty or responsibility imposed upon him or her under the Act. For further clarity, the Society will not indemnify an individual unless:

- a. The individual acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Society, and
- b. If the matter is a criminal or administrative proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, the individual had reasonable grounds for believing that his or her conduct was lawful.

**13.3 Insurance** – The Society will, at times, maintain in force such Directors and Officers liability insurance.

## **SOFTBALL B.C. SPECIAL OPERATING RULES**

*The Special Operating Rules of Softball BC describe how Softball BC operates as a amateur sports association, and governs softball in BC. It also identifies exceptions to Softball Canada Rules that apply to softball in BC.*

### **ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 **ASSOCIATION & LEAGUE** – Associations register teams with Softball BC, and Leagues are three or more teams of the same category/classification that play scheduled games. Some entities are one and not the other, and some are both. A league that includes Softball BC Registered teams is considered affiliated with Softball BC and subject to these SOR. Any Association that registers one team with Softball BC must register all teams with Softball BC for any team in that Association to be eligible for Provincial Championships.
- 1.2 **CATEGORY** – i.e. U14, U19, U23, Men and Women etc.
- 1.3 **CLASSIFICATION** – i.e. A, B, C, D, R, etc.
- 1.4 **HANDBOOK** – Softball B.C. Constitution and Operating Rules Handbook.
- 1.5 **ROSTER FORM** – the approved Team Roster from Softball BC's Registration system.
- 1.6 **RULE CHANGE** – All Softball BC Rule Changes resulting from a Softball Canada rule change be used for a one year trial, subject to permanent approval of the Softball BC Board of Directors.
- 1.7 **SOFTBALL BC** – The BC Amateur Softball Association (BCASA)



1.8 **SOFTBALL CANADA** – The Canadian Amateur Softball Association (CASA)

## **ARTICLE 2 – RESIDENCE RULE**

**2.1 RESIDENCY:** To participate in a Provincial Championship, a player, coach or manager on May 1 of the current year must be a BC resident and:

- a) CANADIAN CITIZEN, or
- b) CANADIAN LANDED IMMIGRANT or
- c) RESIDENT OF CANADA for one calendar year.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- d) **MINOR PLAYERS** Minor players, coaches or managers who are:
  - i) In BC on a work or study visa
  - ii) attending school out of province whose parents are BC Residents on May 1
- e) **NON-BC COMPETITION** Canadian citizens participating in American college softball competition or in a professional sport competition (other than softball or baseball) are exempted from the May 1<sup>st</sup> residency requirement if they return to Canada immediately after the event.
- f) **MEN/WOMEN** On the Men's and Women's categories, up to three exemptions per team, including not more than one pitcher, will be granted to players who meet either of the following:
  - i) Canadian citizens living outside of Canada who return to Canada after May 1 and register for softball participation purposes only.
  - ii) Canadian citizens residing in Canada WHO DO NOT register with the province/territory association where they resided prior to that provincial/territorial registration date but register with a different association of their choice.

## **ARTICLE 3 – AMATEUR**

3.1 **AMATEUR:** An amateur softball player is one who engages in softball solely for the pleasure and physical, mental or social benefits he/she derives, as defined by Softball Canada. Notwithstanding, a player may, without jeopardy to their amateur status receive recompense for bona fide expenses actually incurred because of his/her SOFTBALL participation for travel, meals, accommodation and/or income lost due to absence from employment (substantiated by genuine receipts – to be produced on demand when requested by duly responsible and authorized Softball Canada or Softball B.C. officers having deemed necessary by the officials concerned.)

**NOTE:** Show teams (i.e. King and His Court) are not considered as a professional team.

### **3.2 REINSTATEMENT TO AMATEUR STATUS**

- a) **ELIGIBILITY** A professional softball/baseball player, regardless of age, may apply for reinstatement as an amateur in the following year from the last game of the league schedule in which they participated.

- b) **APPLY TO SOFTBALL BC** A player must apply to the Softball B.C. office in writing for approval.
- c) **EFFECTIVE DATE** The amateur reinstatement request must be made by May 15th of the current year.
- d) **INELIGIBLE** A player who is reinstated as an amateur and then returns to a known, established professional softball/baseball team/league in the current playing year will not be eligible for amateur status in the following two years from the date of application.

## **ARTICLE 4 – DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

### **4.1 DISCIPLINARY ACTION** shall be to further the interests of softball.

- a) **AUTHORITY** Disciplinary action may be taken against any member by:
  - i) an affiliated Association/League
    - (a) This will only affect a member's eligibility to participate in games against other teams belonging to the Association/League.
    - (b) Suspensions issued by Association/Leagues shall not exceed one year. A detailed written or electronic report of any suspension exceeding 30 days must be submitted to the Softball B.C. office.;
  - ii) any member of the Board of Directors;
- b) **FOUNDATIONS** Conduct of a member that might reasonably lead to disciplinary action includes (the list is not exhaustive):
  - (a) Verbally and/or physically abusing an umpire or other member;
  - (b) Knowingly playing with or against a suspended coach, player or team;
  - (c) Knowingly playing an ineligible player;
  - (d) Misconduct in hotels, restaurants, and/or drinking establishments while attending exhibition, league, playoff, tournament, Provincial Championship and extra-Provincial Championship events;
  - (e) Not returning uniforms or equipment to teams, Associations or leagues within a reasonable time after being requested to do so;
  - (f) Competing under an assumed name;
  - (g) Committing fraud involving the game of softball;
  - (h) Violating the Constitution, By-Laws and/or Operating Rules of an affiliated Association, League or Softball B.C.;
- c) **NOTIFICATION** of disciplinary action shall be delivered to the member and copied to the member's team and Association/League in writing or electronic form.
- d) **PRO TEM** (interim) suspensions of less than 31 days may be issued, in writing by priority courier, or in person in exceptional circumstances

(i.e. flagrant abuse (verbal or physical) of an umpire, player, fan or official; criminal or civil misbehaviour; gross misconduct relating to, and/or defiance of, established Special Operating Rules):

- i) Upon agreement between the appropriate District Umpire-in-Chief and District Coordinator;
  - ii) In the case of Provincial Championship, by the Board Member, or his/her designate in charge of the Championship.
- e) **EXPIRY** Disciplinary actions, including Pro tem suspensions, shall be deemed to have expired 31 days after they have been issued at 2400H, however further disciplinary action could be imposed in accordance with Article 4.1.
- f) **INVESTIGATION** barring exceptional circumstances, a full investigation, in adherence with the principles of “Natural Justice”, shall be undertaken before any disciplinary action is taken. Where a Pro tem suspension is issued, such an investigation shall be commenced as soon as possible and ratified, revoked or revised where the investigation results deem it appropriate.
- g) **SUBJECT TO APPEAL** Disciplinary action may be appealed as provided in Article 5.
- h) **NOT IN GOOD STANDING** When a member is suspended according to Article 4.1, they shall be considered a member not in good standing with Softball BC and lose all rights granted to a member in good standing. If they are found to have had contact with any member of their team or executive, they may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- i) **POSTING** When a member is suspended, they will have their name posted on the Softball BC website until the conclusion of the suspension. The information will include the reason for suspension and the length of the suspension. The notice of suspension, if not for bad debt, will also be forwarded to Softball Canada with a request that it be forwarded to the ASA and its affiliates, as well as all Provincial/Territorial associations.

## **ARTICLE 5 – APPEALS**

### **5.1 SUBJECT TO APPEAL:**

- a) **DISCIPLINARY** action issued pursuant to Article 4
- b) **NON-DISCIPLINARY** action the appellant feels is an unjust decision set down by their ruling executive, District Coordinator, or a member of the Board of Directors of Softball B.C.
- c) **PLAY-RELATED** Rulings related to play will be appealed per Softball Canada Rules.

### **5.2 APPEAL REQUIREMENTS**

- a) **DISCIPLINARY** appeals to the Softball BC Appeal Committee must be:
  - i) initiated by verbal notice that must reach the Softball BC office within 72 hours of the date of decision; and

- ii) be followed by written or electronic notice of appeal, postmarked or delivered to Softball BC within 14 days of notification of the applicable action. A \$250.00 cash deposit or alternative in a form acceptable to Softball BC, must accompany the notice (Note: Start of the appeal period is the date when the decision being appealed is delivered formally).
  - b) **NON-DISCIPLINARY**
    - i) Non-disciplinary appeals to the District Coordinator/U.I.C. or Softball B.C. Director level must be initiated within 30 days of notification of the action being appealed.
    - ii) Before a Non-disciplinary appeal will be considered by the Softball B.C. Appeal Committee, an Appeal must first be submitted in writing or electronic form to the appropriate level as outlined below and dealt with at that level, and where necessary, each succedent level.
      - (a) **ASSOCIATION LEVEL** where the Association or League has rendered the decision, to the appropriate District Coordinator or District U.I.C.;
      - (b) **DISTRICT LEVEL** where the District Coordinator or District U.I.C has rendered the decision, to the appropriate Director or Provincial U.I.C.;
      - (c) **SOFTBALL BC LEVEL** where a Softball B.C. Director or Provincial U.I.C. has rendered the decision, to Appeal to a Softball B.C. Appeal Committee;
      - (d) **CONFLICT** the President of Softball B.C. may direct it to the next appropriate level or directly to an Appeal Committee where there is a level conflict.
  - c) **CONTENT OF APPEAL NOTICE:**
    - i) Name, address and phone number of appellant;
    - ii) Names of parent Association and/or League and team to which appellant is affiliated;
    - iii) Grounds for Appeal;
    - iv) A detailed outline of the circumstances in question which shall contain detailed supporting documentation and witness statements if available, and may contain character references.
- 5.3 **APPEAL OF PRO TEM** suspension shall be reviewed by the President of Softball B.C., to determine if the correct protocol has been followed in issuance of the Pro tem suspension, who shall direct or conduct an investigation and shall issue a timely and reasonable ruling or the vice president, if the president has issued the pro tem.
- 5.4 **APPEAL COMMITTEE** – any member of Softball B.C. in good standing may be appointed to an Appeal Committee. The Chair of the Committee shall be a Director appointed by the President, and the other members of the committee shall be appointed by or on behalf of the President through the chair of the Committee and shall reflect the make-up of the membership. It is

recommended, but not compulsory, that each appointed Committee have five members, but must have at least three members.

- a) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** No persons shall participate in adjudicating an appeal where they were:
  - i) **PARTICIPANT** a significant participant in the decision being appealed
  - ii) **WITNESS** a potential witness in the matter under consideration.
- b) **CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION** should a conflict become evident, the President of Softball B.C. may designate a replacement to ensure that a fair and impartial appellate decision will be made.

**5.5 APPEALS INVESTIGATION:** An appeal investigation procedure shall be determined by the President guided by this section.

- a) **PRELIMINARY RULING** When an appeal has been received by Softball B.C., the President or the chair of the Appeal Committee shall, within 5 days, advise the appellant that:
  - i) further elaboration is necessary before consideration can be given to the Notice of Appeal where it is found the material provided is insufficient or lacking;
  - ii) the basis of the appeal is vexatious or without foundation, and will not be considered by Softball B.C.
  - iii) the Notice of Appeal is approved for investigation and deliberation by the President
- b) **PROCESS** The appeal process may involve:
  - i) An inquiry through a collaboration of witness statements, reports and other evidence, which may or may not include an interview of the appellant by one or more Appeal Committee members;
  - ii) an oral hearing pursuant to Article 5.6 where witnesses and/or the appellant shall appear in person before the Appeal Committee, or;
  - iii) both an inquiry and an oral hearing.

**5.6 HEARING:** Hearing procedure shall be determined by the Appeal Committee Chair, or in the case of a Pro tem Suspension appeal, by the President.

- a) **OPEN OR CLOSED** The procedure may involve an open session where all parties may be present during the hearing, or may involve a closed session where each witness, appellant or respondent may come before the committee independently.
- b) **NOTIFICATION** The Appeal Committee shall ensure that the appellant, respondent and witnesses are notified in writing or electronic form of the date, time and place of the hearing. Normally two clear days prior to the hearing will constitute sufficient notice.
- c) **SUPPORT** In addition to witnesses summoned by the Appeal Committee, the appellant and the respondent shall be entitled to include one supporting person per party who may speak at the hearing.
- d) **INTERESTED PERSONS** Any other interested person wishing to attend may do so, bearing in mind that the hearing process may include a closed session pursuant to Article 5.6(a). Any person so attending may, at the discretion of the Chair, address the Appeal Committee.

- e) **FAILURE TO APPEAR** Failure of an appellant, respondent or witness to appear for a hearing when it is confirmed they have been properly notified, shall not prevent the Appeal Committee from proceeding to adjudicate the issue.
- 5.7 **ONUS ON APPELLANT** The onus shall rest with the appellant to convince the Appeal Committee that a wrong or unjust decision was set down by their ruling executive, District Coordinator or members of the Board of Directors. After completion of an investigation and deliberation, an appeal shall only be considered successful, in whole or in part, where a majority of the Appeal Committee find for the appellant.
- 5.8 **DECISION** Following completion of the investigation and/or oral hearing process, the Appeal Committee shall deliberate the issue and render a decision. The Appeal Committee may:
  - i) Vacate the decision, or
  - ii) Uphold the decision, or
  - iii) Vary the decision.
- b) **A WRITTEN DECISION** shall be rendered by the Appeal Committee, or in the case of a Pro tem Suspension appeal, by the President, and shall be mailed to the appellant and aggrieved parties postmarked within 5 days of the conclusion of the hearing, or delivered electronically, if applicable.
- c) **SUCCESSFUL APPEAL** Where an appeal is successful in whole or in part, the \$250 deposit shall be returned to the appellant.
- d) **FINAL Decisions** of the Appeal Committee, or the President in the case of a Pro tem Suspension appeal, shall be conclusive and not subject to further appeal.
- e) **APPLICATION TO THE COURTS** Any member who fails to exhaust the appeal procedures provided herein prior to resorting to external legal remedies shall be subject to further disciplinary action at the discretion of the majority of the Appeal Committee.
- f) **JURISDICTION** Softball Canada may be requested to enforce any disciplinary action taken by the Association throughout Softball Canada's jurisdiction.
- 5.9 **FORFEIT RIGHT TO APPEAL** Any member who does not follow these procedures, and contacts multiple members of the Board directly, shall forfeit their right to an appeal.

## ARTICLE 6 – TRAVEL PERMITS

- 6.1 **REQUIRED:** To play or officiate softball outside of B.C., travel permits must be obtained from Softball BC by affiliated players, and umpires.
- 6.2 **NOT REQUIRED:** Travel permits are not necessary to travel to events within B.C.

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# **MINOR GIRLS FASTPITCH**

## **SPECIAL OPERATING RULES (SOR'S)**



## ARTICLE 7 – MINOR GIRLS FASTPITCH

### 7.1 MINOR GIRLS – DEFINITIONS

- a) **ALL STAR TEAM** – Team(s) formed of outstanding players chosen from two or more teams playing in an association/league, to compete in a Provincial Championship, is not allowed. **EXCEPTIONS:** Article 7.2 (b) i) **EXCEPTION**, Article 7.2 (f) vii) and Article 7.8 (c) iii)
- b) **BATS** – Devices including attachments to otherwise official bats, as commercially manufactured and marketed specifically for use by amputee or physically challenged players, and which do not impose an impractical or unreasonable hazard to any participant engaged in the game, will be allowed.
- c) **BATTING POSITION** – Softball Canada Rule 7-3(c) will apply to U12 and below categories, and the ball will be dead.
- d) **CHARGED CONFERENCE** (Defensive and Offensive) – the defensive conference rule with regard to pitchers and the offensive conference rule are both waived for the U12 and below categories.
- e) **DESIGNATED PLAYER** – the designated player rule (Softball Canada Rule 4) is in effect for U14 and above categories.
- f) **DOUBLE BASE** – Minor Only: The offensive player must use the orange portion of the bag if a play is made at first base, and the defensive player must use the white portion. **Exception:** On a dropped third strike, the defensive and offensive players may use either portion of the base when a live ball is being made from foul ball territory.
- g) **DROPPED THIRD STRIKE** – in U12B & C and under categories the batter is out on the third strike, whether or not the ball is caught. The ball remains alive.
- h) **ELECTRONIC DEVICES** – electronic devices (e.g. smartphones, tablet) are permitted on the field of play as long as they are not used for communication (i.e. scorekeeping apps may be used)
- i) **FOOTWEAR** – metal cleats allowed in U19A and U19B only.
- j) **HELMETS** – **BATTING:** an approved helmet shall be one that is fully enclosed, with two ear flaps, a foam liner, and a peak. For U16 and below, all on-deck batters, batters and baserunners must have an attached face mask.
- k) **HELMETS & MASKS** (Catchers) – Minor catchers must wear a regulation helmet and mask and/or approved equipment.
- l) **HOME PLATE** – the distance from the plate to the backstop shall be between 17 feet, and 25 feet.
- m) **INFIELD FLY** – the Infield Fly rule shall not apply to U12C and below categories.
- n) **LEAGUE** – three teams of the same classification ('A', 'B', 'C').
- o) **MINOR APPRENTICE COACH** - a Registered Minor Player that will help to coach in categories below their own. Apprentice Coaches are approved before Rosters are submitted, through an application.

- p) **MINOR STRUCTURE** – ‘A’ Teams will be made up of the most talented players in a category; and ‘B’ Teams will be made up of the next most talented players in that same category; and a ‘C’ Team will be made up of novice or recreational players in a given category. The ‘C’ Provincial Championship will emphasize participation and fun, and will de-emphasize the competitive aspect of the event. No tryouts are allowed in ‘C’ classification.
- q) **REPLACEMENT PLAYER** – A player picked up to replace a player not able to attend/participate with her team at the U12C Girls Regional Championships.
- r) **RETURNING PLAYER:**
  - i) players registered on a team in the previous year and
  - ii) pick-ups used by the team in Provincial, Western Canadian Championships and Canadian Championships in the prior year.
- s) **MALE PLAYER** – a minor male player may play in the girl’s program at LTP up to and including U14C. The U14C category will be permitted to have up to 2 male players on a girls’ team. LTP to U12C categories, no limit to the number of boys on a girl’s teams.
- t) **START TIME** – time will start after the plate conference, and a new inning is deemed to start on the umpire’s “out” call of the third out on the home team. No time limit will be in effect for the final game.

## 7.2 REGISTRATION

- a) **RECOGNIZED MINOR ASSOCIATION** is an association that had teams registered with Softball B.C. in the prior year.
  - i) Any new association clearly demonstrating an intended registration of over 100 players shall apply to the District Minor Coordinator, who alone will be responsible for the approval of that new association.
  - ii) Other new associations shall apply to their District’s Minor Coordinator, outlining the association structure, the number of teams the association anticipates registering and the long range plans. A simple majority of Recognized Minor Association representatives in attendance at a meeting convened for this purpose is required to approve a new association with fewer than 100 members. The District Minor Coordinator may cast only a deciding vote.
- b) **REGISTERED MINOR PLAYER** is on a Team Roster approved by their District Minor Coordinator. This affiliation concludes when the teams in their category/classification have completed competition at the Provincial, Western Canadian or Canadian Championship level.
  - i) A minor player may not appear on more than one Approved Roster. **EFFECT:** They are ineligible for either team, and ineligible to participate on any team in District, Provincial or extra-Provincial events. **EXCEPTION:** Players may register with two different teams to form a team in a higher classification (example: players from ‘C’ teams combine to form a ‘B’ team)

but only if there is not a team registered in that classification in the District. This team must be made up of players from at least three teams of a lower classification. Regular Softball BC Registration Fees apply.

- ii) In addition to the penalties outlined in Article 7.2 any coach who allows participation of an ineligible player in District, Provincial or extra-Provincial events may be disciplined.
- iii) Release/Abandon: No player shall be released from a team or abandon a team within an Association once the player has registered with the Association, payed their registration fees to the Association and has been placed on a team for that current season by the Association. The player must play for this Association for the current season and is not permitted to switch associations and teams during the season. A release from an Association's team shall only be considered if:
  - (a) A written release request is received by the Association from the player explaining the reasons for the release request.
  - (b) The players team will not be jeopardized or put into a position of collapse due to the loss of the player.
  - (c) The District Minor Coordinator and Minor Director mutually agree that under exceptional circumstances a release and/or transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball BC.
- iv) Release: The discharge of a player already approved to a Softball B.C. Team Registration Form in the current year. A release shall only be considered if:
  - a) A written request is received from a player, as confirmed by the player's coach, by the District Minor Coordinator seven (7) clear days prior to any District playoffdown affecting the team in which a player wishes to be released from, and from the team the player wishes to transfer to, and;
  - b) The coach mutually agrees to strike the player's name from the team's Softball B.C. Team Registration form, and;
  - c) A coach from any other team in the District mutually agrees to accept the player's registration on his/her team without affecting the registration of any other player already signed with the team and;
  - d) The District Minor Coordinator and Minor Director mutually agree that under exceptional circumstances a release and/or transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball B.C.
- v) Any Minor player considered ineligible pursuant to these rules may be disciplined.
- c) **REGISTERED MINOR TEAM** is registered on the date when the Roster Form uploaded by the coach or a representative of a Recognized

Association has been approved by the District Minor Coordinator, or the Final Registration Deadline, whichever is first.

d) **MINOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

- i) 'A' team Rosters must be completed and approved by the applicable Minor Coordinator by May 1st of the current year. Additions/deletions under the extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, only the Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.
- ii) All "C" and "B" classification team rosters and Executive rosters are to be uploaded and approved by the designated Minor Coordinator by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Additions/deletions under extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. After June 15<sup>th</sup>, only the Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.
- iii) Changes after the deadline must be approved by the Minor Director. Such changes shall be processed by the Softball BC office once per week. Changes will be considered for extreme circumstances only.

e) **TRANSFER:** The transfer of a Registered Minor Player from one Softball B.C. Roster Form to another. Only considered if:

- i) A written request is received from a player, approved by the player's coach and the District Minor Coordinator at least seven days prior to District playdown affecting either team; and
- ii) The coach agrees; and
- iii) A coach from another team in the District agrees to accept the player's registration on their team without affecting the registration of any other Registered Minor Player already on that team; and
- iv) The District Minor Coordinator(s) and Minor Director agree that exceptional circumstances mean that a transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball B.C.

f) **TEAM**

- i) A maximum of 15 players and five (5) coaches plus one Approved Minor Apprentice Coach paired with the rostered Mentor Coach. EXCEPTION: 17 players for U19C.
- ii) minimum nine players *in U12 or above*.
- iii) Teams registered must have an appropriate NCCP level coach listed on the Softball B.C. Team Registration form at the time of registration with Softball B.C. unless an exemption is granted due to reclassification. Failure to do so will make the team ineligible for participation in any Softball BC Provincial Championship. Teams that are eligible to participate in District Playoffs or the U12 Regional Championship or a Provincial must have a

minimum of two (2) coaches registered with the team. Only one (1) needs to be certified.

- iv) Adult coaches or non-playing coaches may register on and participate with multiple Minor teams in a given year.
- v) When Roster Forms are submitted, the must be classified ('A', 'B', or 'C'). Teams may not change category or classification unless reclassified by the Minor Director.
- vi) The District Minor Coordinator has the obligation and responsibility to ensure that teams are properly classified within his or her District. For any team in question, the District Minor Coordinator shall provide the Minor Director with the results of a thorough investigation and a recommendation to reclassify or not. The Minor Director shall decide and inform the team and the District Minor Coordinator. Reclassification can be done up to but not including the date of the team's participation in a Provincial Championship.
- vii) Any District with 60 or fewer players registered in a category may form a combined 'C' team for District and Provincial Championships but this team may not pick-up players.
- viii) Where an affiliated league of the appropriate category and classification exists in the geographical area where a minor team is registered, and that team elects to participate in a league of a higher category and classification, after four or more league games in that higher category or classification that team will not be eligible to participate in a District or Provincial Championship in the initial lower classification. Where two teams or less exist, the District Minor Coordinator may grant an exception. In any association where there are not enough teams to form an 'A', 'B' or 'C' classification league, that association may form a combined classification league, without prejudice to participation in Provincial Championships.

(a) This rule does not apply to minor teams registered in Men's or Women's programs.

- ix) Where an affiliated league is available with three or more teams in a particular category and classification, and a team elects to participate in a Men's/ Women's league, whether or not they participate in a Minor league within the appropriate category or not, the team is not eligible to register in 'C'.
- x) A team that plays in two affiliated leagues or has two home parks will establish their District of registration by considering:
  - (a) Where most home games are played;
  - (b) Where most of the players reside;
  - (c) Whether there is a historical precedent to associate the team with a particular District.

**g) FEE STRUCTURE**

Team Fee for liability insurance, U6 to U19	\$20.00
Annual dues players, coaches and managers in Minor U12 to U19 C classified team rosters **\$2.00 to Special Minor Fund to be paid by separate cheque payable to Minor Development Fund	\$37.00**
Annual dues players, coaches and managers in Minor U12 to U19 A and B classified team rosters **\$2.00 to Special Minor Fund to be paid by separate cheque payable to Minor Development Fund	\$42.00
Annual dues, Minor U10	\$35.00
Annual dues, Minor U6 and U8	\$20.00
Lifetime membership (one time only) (Minor players all levels, league officials)	\$10.00

**h) EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2022 PLAYING SEASON:**

i) All U12 minor players, and younger, must register only with a team in a recognized association located within the boundaries of the District in which that player resides.

ii) A player is exempt from subsection i) of this section where:

1. There is no team in the player's own District in the category and classification that the player intends to play on out of District; or
2. The player has received a written release - via a Tryout Activity Report - from any association within the player's own District that has one or more teams in the category and classification at the level that the player intends to play out of District, indicating that the association does not object to the player playing out of District at that level.

The Minor Coordinator for the player's home District and the District in which they wish to play will manage the exemption process and paperwork.

iii) All U12 and younger players on a 2021 SBBC official team registration form will have the option to stay in the District in which that team is registered, or to return to their home District in 2022 and in subsequent seasons. The player may stay in the District in which they are registered in 2021 in all subsequent years, including with a team at a different association within that other District at the same classification and category, but should they return to their home District at any point, should they wish to play in another District that is not their home District, or should they drop down to a lower classification, they would again be subject to the requirements of this section regarding playing out of District should they wish to do so. For purposes of this section a player's home District is the address used for registration and at which they ordinarily reside.

iv) Should a player wish to stay out of their home District for a second or subsequent season, the player should present a signed redacted\* copy of the roster from the previous year as evidence that they are permitted to continue to register in that other District. This redacted form can be obtained by the District Minor Coordinator of that district.

v) Except in accordance with this section, with the exception of any post-season event which has been clearly and explicitly sanctioned by the Minor Director of Softball BC, players must not participate in any event on a team from outside the player's District of residence.

vi) Where it is established that a player who does not have a release as set out in subsection ii) of this section has attended a training session, game or practice with another team, or in any way works out with a team outside his/her District of residence, the player will be deemed ineligible to play out of his or her home District in the next playing season, and the team/association that allowed that player to work out with them will be deemed ineligible to accept any new out of District players in the next playing season. In addition, the player and the head coach and manager of any team accepting participation of a player that does not have a release as set out in subsection ii) may be subject to disciplinary measures, which may include suspension. Notwithstanding the foregoing, players are permitted to attend any type of skill building clinic that is organized by a third party organization or association and does not have direct ties to a particular team. Any disciplinary action or ineligibility will be managed by the District Minor Coordinators as selected by the Minor Director to investigate.

*\* redacted means that all personal information about other players and coaches will be blacked out to protect their privacy.*

### 7.3 MINOR PLAY IN MEN'S OR WOMEN'S

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| a) | A minor player other than a third year U19 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's Minor Coordinator.  |
| b) | In making their decision about whether to permit a Minor player to play with or against Men's or Women's teams, the Minor Coordinator will consider the best interests of the player, the Minor team/association which that player is or would otherwise be registered with, and the Men's or Women's team/association with which they wish to play or register. In undertaking this consideration, the Minor Coordinator will consult with the District's Men's and Women's Coordinator as appropriate. |
| c) | A third year U19 player may register on a minor team, or on a men's or women's team without needing approval from their District's Minor Coordinator or otherwise.   |
| d) | This rule does not apply to teams of Minor players playing league or exhibition games against Men's or Women's teams.  |
| e) | Any coach, player, team or association permitting a Minor player to participate in practices or games with a Men's or Women's team without having obtained written consent as required by to this section may be subject to discipline.  |

### 7.4 COACHING REQUIREMENTS

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| a) | <b>QUALIFICATION:</b> U12A, U12B, U14C, U16C and U19C –minimum: <i>NCCP Community – Sport On-Going Participation</i> with -successful completion of <i>Making Ethical Decisions</i> .                |            |
|    | U14A, U14B, U16A, U16B, U19A, U19B – minimum: <i>NCCP Introduction to Competition</i> training (i.e., attended Clinic #1 & #2) with successful completion of <i>Making Ethical Decisions</i> module. |            |
|    | <i>Competition – Introduction – Clinic #1</i> (In Training)  | - 16 hours |
|    | <i>Competition – Introduction – Clinic #2</i> (In Training)  | - 16 hours |
|    | <i>Make Ethical Decisions</i> module   | - on-line  |
- b) **COACH ON FIELD:** A qualified NCCP coach must be on the field of play at the District Playdowns and Provincial Championship with the team they are registered with. **EFFECT:** the team is ineligible without a coach, and the game would be forfeited. (See Article 10.6 (a) & (c)).  
**EXCEPTIONS:**

- i) Medical emergencies or any unforeseen circumstances deemed so by the Softball B.C. Board Rep
- ii) The Softball BC Director of Coaching may exempt any coach who, for any unusual or exigent circumstance, may not have achieved the appropriate level prior to a Provincial Championship.

## **7.5 DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS *see also Article 10***

- a) RULES: Softball B.C. rules apply to all play leading to Provincial Championships including District playdowns.
- b) DISTRICT MINOR COORDINATOR DUTY A form will be provided for District Coordinators to notify the Softball B.C. office of his / her District's intent to participate in each category of Provincial Championships. Failure to submit the form prior to the deadline will result in disqualification of that District in further Provincial play.
- c) PROVINCIAL 'A' CHAMPIONSHIPS are open to all teams registered in that classification. Any 'A' Championship having eight or more participating teams shall be a three day event.
- d) PROVINCIAL 'B' and 'C' CHAMPIONSHIPS shall be open to 16 teams selected in District playdowns. If each District is not represented, the Pro Rata system will be implemented.
- e) DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
  - i) Will be, where all associations in the District agree on a format and the District Minor Coordinator agrees, the winner of association or inter-association qualifier competitions, or
  - ii) Otherwise will be, the winner of a playdown open to qualified district teams.
- f) PRO RATA SYSTEM 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, in the order of the highest registration in that category/classification, will send the second place team from their District playdown, until 16 teams are established.
- g) DISQUALIFIED Teams with six or more returning players from a team that indicated they would attend district playdowns that do not attend Provincials when offered a place, will be disqualified from attending districts or provincials for the next season. Coach or team name change will not be cause for an exemption.
- h) DISTRICT PLAYDOWNS
  - i) District playdowns will be a modified Round Robin or Knockout Championship Draw, as determined by the District Minor Coordinator.
  - ii) The Softball B.C. Minor Director shall provide the District Minor Coordinators with standard draws for District playdowns.
  - iii) Teams not intending to participate in a Provincial Championship may not participate in the related District playdown.
  - iv) The Roster Form must be approved by the District Coordinator by the registration date, and available at District playdown.



- v) Pick ups are not allowed at District playdowns.
- vi) District playdown winners must be declared by the dates set by Softball B.C.
- i) **HOST TEAM** The Host Association of a Provincial Championship shall be allocated a place in the round robin. The Host Team shall be:
  - i) The team designated by the Host Association prior to the playdown, or if not designated prior to the playdown, the Host Association team placing highest in the District playdown.
  - ii) Where the Host Team chooses to play in the playdown and places first, the team placing second will be the District representative.
  - iii) Where the Host does not have a team registered in the applicable category/classification, or elects not to enter any association team in the Provincial Championship, the Host Team shall be identified as the team placing second at the Host District playdown.
- j) **ENTRY** District playdown winners and pro rata teams must confirm their participation to the Softball B.C. office and the appropriate Tournament Director 15 days prior to the Provincial Championship.
- k) **MULTIPLE PROVINCIALS** Players, coaches, and pick-ups may participate in more than one Minor Provincial in the same year.
- l) **COACHES MEETING** At the pre-Provincial Championships coaches meeting, coaches must be able to provide:
  - i) a copy of their team Roster form, and Roster Form and signed Softball BC Provincial Player Pick-up Approval Form for each pick-up. **EFFECT:** Pick-ups without documents are ineligible.
  - ii) proof of age in the form of a photocopies of birth certificate, baptismal certificate or other recognized government identification for players and pick-ups. A player is ineligible until suitable proof of age is supplied.
  - iii) 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
- m) **CLASSIFICATION CHANGE** The following year, a team containing six or more returning players from teams:
  - i) placing first in a Provincial Championship in the same category, the team must move up one classification. This must be approved by the District Coordinator.
  - ii) placing first, second or third in a Provincial Championship in same category, the team must move up one classification if playing in the same category. **EXCEPTION:** U19C.
  - iii) placing first or second in a Provincial Championship, the team must play in the same or higher classification if playing in the next higher category. **EXCEPTION:** U19C

**B. PICK-UPS (REFER TO ANNEX 'E')**

- i. To be eligible, a pick-up player must be registered on an appropriately classified team within the District of the team picking them up.
- ii. A player may be picked up by any other appropriate team prior to that player's provincial championship for his registered team, and then must fulfill their obligation with their registered teams.  
(NOTE: See Article 10.1 b) Ineligible Player.)
- iii.
  - a) The winning team, host team and any pro-rated team of a District (A, B, C Classification), will be permitted the addition of three (3) pickups from their own district to a full complement of 15 players of the same classification or lower classification within the teams own category, or one classification lower when proceeding to a Provincial Championship.
  - b) Teams from Districts that do not have teams in the same classification to pick up from, be allowed to pick up from any District in the Province. The choice of pick-up players will first be given to the winning team, then to the host team, **SHOULD THAT DISTRICT BE HOSTING THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE CURRENT YEAR**, and finally to the pro-rated teams participating in the Championship. Players asked by their district representative to join their teams for provincials and refuse, shall be ineligible to be picked up by out of district teams. Pick up order for out of district teams: If more than one team needs out of district pick-ups, the Minor Director will do a random draw to determine order of pick-ups. In 'C' classification Provincials, only one (1) pick-up may be used as a pitcher, and that pick-up must be designated at the commencement of the Championship and no other pick-up may be used as a pitcher during the Championship.
- iv. A pick-up must have the written permission of their coach to be eligible to play with any other teams at a Provincial Championship. Written permission may be in the form of the team's Softball B.C. Team Registration Form, which is appropriately signed by the player's coach and the District Minor Coordinator at the time of registration with Softball B.C.
- v. A player may elect to play for any team wishing to pick them up and is not obligated to follow the selection criteria as otherwise described. Teams requesting to pick-up players from outside their own district must get approval from the pick-up players District Coordinator. Players asked to be picked up by one of their own district teams and decline are ineligible to be picked up by any other district.
- vi. With the exception of a pick-up player who formally provides written notification to the pick-up team's coach and the Minor Director of Softball B.C. outlining circumstances why that pick-up player cannot, or will not, participate with the pick-up team at any extra-Provincial Championship, a player who has been officially added to a team as a pick-up in a Provincial Championship cannot be replaced. Where the Minor Director receives such notification,

and where exceptional circumstances dictate, the Minor Director may authorize replacement of that particular pick-up player.

- vii. A coach added to a team roster to meet NCCP requirements will constitute one of the team's three pick-up choices.
- viii. Players, including pick-ups, will be allowed to participate in more than one Minor Provincial in the same year.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- Pick-up players for each method of pitch shall only be eligible if registered in the particular method of pitch. **NO CROSSOVER PICK-UPS.**
  - a pitcher may pitch in more than one Provincial provided they are picked up from the appropriate division and/or category as designated in the Softball BC pick-up annex.
- ix. Registered adult coaches or non-playing coaches may participate as a coach in more than one Minor Provincial Championship in the same year.

**7.6 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT** The format of provincial shall be qualifying round robin followed by a knockout championship draw with single knockout final. **EXCEPTION:** U12C, Article 7.8

- a) **ROUND ROBIN DRAW** format is provided in Annex 'A'
- b) **DRAW DATE** All Minor Provincial Championship draws will be conducted on Thursday night at the pre-Provincial Championship coaches meeting. The Host Team may choose to be the highest number in the draw in or can be part of the draw.
- c) **HOME TEAM** Home team for round robin games will be determined by a coin toss at the coaches meeting. Knockout Championship Draw home team will be determined by the higher seeded team's choice at least 30 minutes prior to the start of those games. **EXCEPTION:** In the Championship final game, the undefeated team in the championship round will have the choice of home team at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the final game.
- d) **TIME LIMITS:**
  - i) U19A, U16A, U19B, U16B: none
  - ii) All other classifications/categories: no new inning after 90minutes. Time will start on the first pitch, and a new inning is deemed to start on the umpire's "out" call of the third out on the home team. No time limit will be in effect for the final game.
  - iii) Games in the Knockout (or special playoff games that may be necessary) that determine which of the two teams will advance to a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship will have no time limit. **EXCEPTION:** U14
- e) **TIE BREAKING** shall start at the top of the 8th inning or when time has expired, except the final game.

- f) GAMES WILL END and scores will be:
- i) If the time limit has not been reached after 4½ or 5½ innings, runs and bases touched will count until the time limit is reached, (e.g., home team leading 2-1 in the bottom of the 6th inning with 5 minutes remaining. During those 5 minutes the home team scores 5 runs and leave runners on base when the time limit expires. The final score would be 7-1 and bases touched including the runners left on base would be counted).
  - ii) If the home team is losing after 4½ or 5½ innings after time has expired, or 6½ innings whether time has expired or not, all runs scored and bases touched in the play which results in the winning run will be counted in the scoring (e.g., Tie game with only one runner on base at third, the batter hits a ground ball to the outfield and makes it to second base safely as the ball is returned to the infield preventing any further advance beyond that base. The runner on third base will be credited with a base touched and the winning run after crossing home plate on the play. The batter will be credited with two bases touched.)
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| iii) A Run Ahead Rule shall result in the conclusion of the game when:  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) After 2 ½ or 3 complete innings of play there is a difference of 15 runs or more. EXCEPTION: after 2 ½, 3, 3 ½, or 4 complete innings of play for U12A and U12B a 10 run mercy rule will be in effect.</li> <li>(b) After 3 ½ or 4 complete innings of play there is a difference of 10 runs or more runs.</li> <li>(c) After 4 ½, 5, 5 ½, or 6 complete innings of play there is a difference of 7 or more runs.</li> </ol> |
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| iv) A seven run mercy rule will apply in both the round robin and Knockout Championship Draw finals after 4 ½, 5, 5 ½ or 6 innings. |
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- g) MODIFICATIONS FOR U12A, U12B, U14C, U16C and U19C.
- i) All players listed on the entry roster shall be on the games rotational batting order unless ill, injured or absent. INTENT: All available players to participate in the game.
    - (a) No penalty applies where a player listed on the rotational batting order becomes ill or injured after the batting order is submitted and cannot play. The next player listed shall take the batting position and that new rotation shall carry on throughout the game. A player who is injured while running the bases and is unable to continue in the game can be replaced by last out player preceding them in the batting order.

- (b) an out will be recorded each time a rotational player scheduled to bat is missing for any other reason;
  - (c) Once a player has missed one turn at bat, they may not re-enter the game.
  - (d) where a player has permanent medical issues or disabilities, which may cause intermittent inability to participate in their regular rotation, there will be no penalty, and that player may be skipped in the batting lineup. Unlimited substitutions may be made if the player bats and requires a substitute runner. If the player is removed from the batting lineup the player may not return to the batting lineup; notification of the possibility of this must be made at the Coaches meeting and at the plate meeting. Medical Certificate is required to outline permanent medical condition.
- ii) unlimited and multiple defensive substitutions may be made at any time and need not be announced to the umpire; EXCEPTION for U12 categories changes to the pitcher should be announced to the umpire;
- iii) a five run maximum rule shall apply in half innings up to and including the 3rd inning. Subsequent innings shall be open. Exception U14C, U16C and U19C. A five run maximum rule shall apply in half innings up to and including the 5<sup>th</sup> inning.
- iv) In the U12A, U12B, U12C and U14C categories, pitchers may pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning). The pitching limit rule is suspended in extra-inning games when the time limit has been reached or in the top of the 8th inning. Disciplinary actions/suspensions will be applied to coaches who do not follow the above rule at the discretion of the Softball BC Board Representative.
- h) **KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL QUALIFICATION:** Teams advancing to the Knockout Championship Draw will be determined and seeded as follows:
  - i) Seven teams or less, the top four teams advance to the Knockout Championship Draw as per Annex 'B' Knockout Championship Draw. Games 1 & 2 should be completed Saturday night.
  - ii) Eight to 11 teams, the top six teams advance to the Knockout Championship Draw Final as per Annex 'B' Knockout Championship Draw. Games 1 & 2 should be completed Saturday night.
  - iii) 12 or more teams, the top eight teams advance to the Knockout Championship Draw Final as per Annex 'B' Knockout Championship Draw. Games 1 to 4 must be completed Saturday night. If these four games cannot be completed, the format will be a single knockout starting Sunday morning.
  - iv) Seeding will be based on win/loss record (2 points for win, 0 for a loss) unless tied.

- (a) To break a tie: Winner of head-to-head against all teams they are tied with;
- (b) If still tied: Run differential totals (score differential limit up to +7 runs or -7 per game).  
e.g., Team A = 10 Team B = 6 Results (10-6)  
Team A credited with +4  
Team B credited with -4
- (c) If still tied, use total bases touched for or against (score differential limit up to +30 or -30 per game)  
e.g., Team A = 30 Team B = 20 Results (30-20)  
Team A credited with +10  
Team B credited with -10
- (d) If still tied, a tie breaking game will apply if a spot in seeding for the knockout shall result in one team being eliminated. Otherwise broken by a coin toss.

NOTE: Winning team in a forfeit is credited with 7 runs and 30 bases touched and losing team is credited with -7 runs and -30 bases touched

- v) U12B, U14B, U14C, U16B, U16C, U19B and U19C: Teams will be seeded after round robin as per 7.7 (h) iv). Top 8 will play in the Gold Division, with the bottom 8 (or less if less than 16 teams), playing in the Silver Division. Gold Division playoffs shall be double knockout (Annex 'B'). Silver Division playoffs shall be single knockout (Annex 'J'). Each division will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals. Four diamonds will be needed to complete championship playoffs
- i) AWARDS: When hosting Minor Provincial Championships the Host Association may only present awards to the top pitcher, top batter and most sportsmanlike team. No other awards or all-star team awards are to be presented.

## 7.7 U12 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP *The U12 Regional Championship is meant to be all-inclusive, fun, and meet the competition requirements for Long Term Player Development.*

- a) REGIONS:
  - #1 District 1, 2, 3
  - #2 District 4, 5 6, and 15
  - #3 Districts 7, 8, and 14
  - #4 Districts 9, 10 and 11
  - #5 Districts 12 and 13

In the years where Region #5 does not host its own Regional Championship, Region 5 teams may register for and attend the Region 4 event.

- b) FEES Entry Fee: \$250.00 per team (payable to Softball BC)
- c) MODIFIED PLAYING RULES:
  - i) Pitching limit of four innings per game.
  - ii) A five run maximum rule shall apply in half innings including the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Subsequent innings shall be open.
  - iii) Replacement players allowed from U12C and U10.
  - iv) Players must play at least two innings on defense per game.
  - v) All players on roster to be in batting line-up.
  - vi) Teams must start games with nine players, but may play with eight due to injury.
  - vii) No protests.
  - viii) One umpire per game will be paid by Softball BC.
  - ix) All other Softball BC rules will apply.
- c) FORMAT:
  - a) Round Robin: Three games, all teams seeded into single knockout playoffs in groups of eight seeded per 8.7 (h) iv) except that one point will be allocated for tied games.
    - Playoffs: Blue Pool – Top 8 teams.
    - Red Pool – Next 8 teams.
    - White Pool – Next 8 teams
    - Yellow Pool – Next 8 teams.
  - b) Participation in all components of the tournament is mandatory.

## 7.8 COACH & PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) ALCOHOL/TOBACCO: minor players and coaches are forbidden to smoke, chew tobacco or have alcoholic products in dugouts, on player's benches or any part of the playing field. EFFECT: ejection.
- b) The head coach, or in their absence, another coach shall be responsible for the conduct of the team's attendees. If after a warning from an umpire, Softball BC Board Representative, or Tournament UIC, concerning the behaviour of the team's attendees, they may choose to eject the coach from the game and the game will be forfeited. Note the coach is responsible for the conduct of the attendees before and post-game.

## 7.9 INTERPROVINCIAL EVENTS

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:	U19 'A'
	U16 'A'
	U14 'A'
WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:	U19 'B'
	U16 'B'
	U14 'B'

NOTE: To be eligible, all 'B' teams must be made up of no fewer than eleven (11) players who have not participated on any 'A' classification team in the preceding

year. For the purposes of this, players from teams reclassified from 'A' to 'B' by the Minor Director pursuant to Article 7.2(g) vi) shall be considered 'B' players,





# **MINOR BOYS FASTPITCH**

## **SPECIAL OPERATING RULES (SOR'S)**

## ARTICLE 8 – MINOR BOYS

### 8.1 DEFINITIONS

- a) **BATS** – Use of official Little League bats will be allowed if they meet the requirements of Softball B.C. Devices including attachments to otherwise official bats, as commercially manufactured and marketed specifically for use by amputee or physically challenged players, and which do not impose an impractical or unreasonable hazard to any participant engaged in the game, will be allowed.
- b) **DOUBLE BASE – Minor Only:** The offensive player must use the orange portion of the bag if a play is made at first base, and the defensive player must use the white portion. Exception: On a dropped third strike, the defensive and offensive players may use either portion of the base when a live ball play is being made from foul ball territory.
- c) **FOOTWEAR** - metal cleats allowed in U19A and U19B only.
- d) **MALE PLAYER** – a minor male player may play in the girl's program at LTP up to and including U12C.
- e) **HELMETS BATTING** – an approved helmet shall be one that is fully enclosed, with two ear flaps, a foam liner, and a peak.
- f) **HELMETS & MASKS (CATCHER)** – Minor catchers must wear a regulation helmet and mask and/or approved equipment.
- g) **HOME PLATE** – the distance from the plate to the backstop shall be a minimum of 17 feet to a maximum of 25 feet.
- h) **ON DECK CIRCLE** – the on deck batter has the right to go to either on deck batting circle as he/she chooses.
- i) **BATTING POSITION** – Softball Canada Rule 7-3(d) will apply to U12 and below categories, and the ball will be dead.
- j) **UNIFORMS** – all District, Provincial and sanctioned events must meet uniform regulations detailed in Article 10.5.
- k) **CHARGED CONFERENCE (DEFENSIVE AND OFFENSIVE)** – the defensive conference rule with regard to pitchers and the offensive conference rule are both waived for the U12 and below categories.
- l) **DESIGNATED PLAYER** – the designated player rule (Softball Canada Rule 4) is in effect for U14 and above categories.
- m) **DROPPED THIRD STRIKE** – in U12 Rep & U12C and below categories the batter is out on the third strike, whether or not the ball is caught. The ball remains alive.
- n) **INFIELD FLY** – the Infield Fly rule shall not apply to U12C and below categories.
- o) **LEAGUE** – three teams of the same classification ('A', 'B', or 'C').
- p) **OVERTHROWS** – applicable to Minor categories: A play in which a ball is thrown from one fielder to another, resulting in the ball going beyond the boundary lines of the playing field or becoming blocked. Softball Canada Rule 8-7(g) EFFECT.
- q) **PHONES: and ELECTRONIC DEVICES** – electronic devices (e.g. smartphones, tablets) are permitted on the field of play as long as

they are not used for communication (i.e. scorekeeping apps may be used)

- r) **PROHIBITION** – in all minor categories, players and coaches are forbidden to smoke, chew tobacco or have alcoholic products in dugouts, on player's benches or any part of the playing field. Violators will be ejected from the game.
- s) **RE-ENTRY** – when all substitutions have been entered by a team in a game, the Re-Entry rule is waived in the event of injury in all Provincial Championship play. The injured player may not return to the game.
- t) **REPLACEMENT RUNNER**: A replacement runner is a player who may run for the catcher of record from the previous defensive inning and who is now on base with two out.
  - i) The replacement runner must be:
    - (a) currently in the batting order;
    - (b) the person in the batting order who is furthest from coming to bat and who is not on base.
- u) **FEMALE PLAYERS** – a minor female player may play in the boys program at all levels.
- v) **All Star Team**: Team(s) formed of outstanding players chosen from two or more teams playing in an association/league, to compete in a Provincial Championship, is not allowed. **EXCEPTIONS**: Article 8.2 (b) i) **EXCEPTION**., Article 8.2 (f) viii) and Article 8.2 c) vi and vii)
- w) **RETURNING PLAYER**: players registered on a team in the previous year and pick-ups used by the team in Provincial, Western Canadian Championships and Canadian Championships in the prior year.
- x) **START TIME** – time will start after the plate conference, and a new inning is deemed to start on the umpire's "out" call of the third out on the home team. No time limit will be in effect for the final game.

## 8.2 REGISTRATION

### A. Definitions:

- i) **Recognized Minor Association**: Shall include an association that had teams registered with Softball B.C. in the immediate previous year. To receive consideration for becoming a Recognized Minor Association, a new association shall submit an application to the respective Minor Coordinator outlining the new association structure, the number of teams the new association anticipates registering and the long range plans of the new association. The Minor Coordinator shall assemble the ruling executives of all Recognized Associations in the District who shall deliberate the application. A simple majority of those Recognized Association representatives in attendance at such a meeting is required to approve the application of the new association. The District Minor Coordinator shall not cast a vote unless required to decide the outcome. Any new association clearly demonstrating an intended registration of over 100 players shall make application to the

District Minor Coordinator, who alone will be responsible for the approval of that new association.

- ii) Minor Player Registration: Minor player registration is complete once a player has committed to the team, has had their name placed as a player on the Softball B.C. Team Registration Form, no earlier than January 1st of the current playing year. Such commitment is concluded when the team and teams in their category/classification have completed competition at the Provincial, Western Canadian or Canadian Championship level.
- iii) Release/Abandon: No player shall be released from a team or abandon a team within an Association once the player has registered with the Association, payed their registration fees to the Association and has been placed on a team for that current season by the Association. The player must play for this Association for the current season and is not permitted to switch associations and teams during the season. A release from an Association's team shall only be considered if:
  - a) A written release request is received by the Association from the player explaining the reasons for the release request.
  - (b) The players team will not be jeopardized or put into a position of collapse due to the loss of the player.
  - (c) The District Minor Coordinator and Minor Director mutually agree that under exceptional circumstances a release and/or transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball BC.
- iv) Minor Team Registration: Minor team registration is complete on the date when the coach or a representative of a Recognized Association has submitted a completed Softball BC Team Registration Form on or before the Final Registration Deadline date to the District Minor Coordinator or representative of Softball BC. When received, the District Minor Coordinator or Softball BC shall immediately forward the form to the Softball BC office. The form may list a maximum of fifteen (15) players and five (5) coaches; EXCEPTION: 17 players for U19C plus five (5). Plus one Approved Minor Apprentice Coach paired with the rostered Mentor Coach. Apprentice Coach is a minor rostered player that will help to Coach in ages below their own and in classifications lateral to or below their own. Apprentice Coaches are approved prior to the start of the season through an application process so they may fully participate in the processes of the team for the season's entirety.
- v) A team that plays in two affiliated leagues or has two home parks will establish their District of registration by considering:
  - (a) Where most home games are played;
  - (b) Where most of the players reside;
  - (c) Whether there is a historical precedent to associate the team with a particular District.

- vi) Minor Final Registration Deadline: Minor Final Registration be as follows:
  - a) 'A' team Rosters must be completed and approved by the applicable Minor Coordinator by May 1st of the current year. Additions/deletions under the 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 Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.
  - b) All "B" and "C" classification team rosters and Executive rosters are to be uploaded and approved by the designated Minor Coordinator by June 1st of the current year. Additions/deletions under extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 15th of the current year. After June 15th, only the Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.
- vii) Any changes after May 1st for 'A' teams and after June 1 for all other minor teams, including executive rosters, are to be sent to the Softball BC office to be reviewed by the Minor Director. Such changes shall be processed by the office only once per week. Changes considered for extreme circumstances only
- viii) Minors Playing with or against Men's and Women's Teams: Shall include:
  - a) a minor aged player registered on a Men's or Women's team;
  - b) a team of minor players registered on a minor team playing against an Men's or Women's team, or;
  - c) a minor player registered on a minor team being picked up to play with an Men's or Women's team.
- ix) Transfer: The movement of any minor player from one Softball B.C. Team Registration form to another at any time after a player has committed to an approved Softball B.C. Team Registration Form in the current year.
- x) Release: The discharge of a player already approved to a Softball B.C. Team Registration Form in the current year. A release shall only be considered if:
  - e) A written request is received from a player, as confirmed by the player's coach, by the District Minor Coordinator seven (7) clear days prior to any District playdown affecting the team in which a player wishes to be released from, and from the team the player wishes to transfer to, and;

- f) The coach mutually agrees to strike the player's name from the team's Softball B.C. Team Registration form, and;
  - g) A coach from any other team in the District mutually agrees to accept the player's registration on his/her team without affecting the registration of any other player already signed with the team and;
  - h) The District Minor Coordinator and Minor Director mutually agree that under exceptional circumstances a release and/or transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball B.C.
- ix) Returning players: shall include any players registered on a team in the previous year and any pick-ups used by the team in Provincial, Western Canadian Championships and National Championships in the previous year.
- x) Registration Forms & Applicable Fees: Teams that are registered 'A' are required to submit Provincial entry fees along with their Registration Forms on or before the Minor Final Registration Deadline.
- xi) Female players. A male classified team is not to have more than 4 female players and no fewer than 6 male players.

**B. PLAYER – to be eligible:**

- i. Minor players, managers, and coaches are to be registered on a Softball B.C. Team Registration Form;
- ii. Pursuant to Article 3 (Canadian Residency), Minor players must be a resident in the Province of B.C., or when attending school out of Province, their parents(s) or legal guardian must be a resident in the Province of B.C. on May 1st in the year of registration;
- iii. Minor players may register with two different teams in a current playing year. A team may be formed in a higher classification (example: players from 'C' teams combine to form a 'B' team) if there is not a team registered in that classification already in the District. This team must be made up of players from at least 3 teams of a lower classification. Regular Softball BC Registration Fees will apply.
- iv. Coaches and managers may be subject to disciplinary action including suspension if a player works out, practices or plays with or against a Men's or Women's team without first obtaining consent signed by their District's Minor and Men's and Women's Coordinator. Where a minor aged player is registered on a Men's or Women's team, the consent form must be presented at District playdowns and Provincial Championships.
- v. A minor player who completes registration with more than one team in a current playing year, and whose name is listed on multiple Softball B.C. Minor Registration forms confirmed by the Minor Coordinator, is considered ineligible for either team, and is ineligible to participate on any team in District, Provincial or extra-

Provincial events. Exception granted if situation is covered in 8.3 b) iv);

- vi. Adult coaches or non-playing coaches may register on and participate with multiple Minor teams in a given year.
- vii. Following the completion of a team's registration with Softball B.C., but prior to that team's participation in District playoffs, a Minor player may, under exceptional circumstances apply to the District Minor Coordinator and Minor Director for a release from the team he/she is initially registered with and a transfer to another team within the District. Application must be made seven (7) clear days before either team is scheduled to compete in District playdowns.
- viii. In addition to the penalties outlined in Article 10.1, any coach who allows participation of an ineligible player in District, Provincial or extra-Provincial events may be subject to disciplinary action.
- ix. Any Minor player considered ineligible pursuant to these rules may be subject to disciplinary action.

### C. TEAM

- i. A maximum of 15 players and five (5) coaches plus one Approved Minor Apprentice Coach paired with the rostered Mentor Coach. EXCEPTION: 17 players for U19C.
- ii. Minimum nine players in U12 or above.
- iii. If a recognized league or association registers one team with Softball B.C., all other teams registered with or playing under the authority and supervision of that league or association must register with Softball B.C. Failure to do so may result in all teams in the league or association being ruled ineligible for District, or Provincial play.
- iv. A team that plays in two leagues or has two home parks will establish their District of registration by considering the following criteria:
  - A. Where the majority of home games are played;
  - B. Where the majority of the players reside;
  - C. Whether there is a historical precedent to associate the team with a particular District.
- v. iv) At the time Softball BC Team Registration Forms are submitted to the Minor Coordinator or Softball BC Representative, coaches or associations must indicate classification ('A', 'B', or 'C') of the team except U12, where there are no classifications, and U14, where there will be 'Rep' and 'C' classifications. A team that has established its category and classification cannot move to a higher or lower category unless reclassified by the District Minor Coordinator. Teams that lose their district playoff are ineligible to be reclassified
- vi. Teams registered must have an appropriate NCCP level coach listed on the Softball B.C. Team Registration form at the time of registration with Softball B.C. unless an exemption is granted due to reclassification. Failure to do so will make the team ineligible for participation in any Softball BC Provincial Championship. Teams that are eligible to participate in District Playoffs or the U12 Regional

Championship or a Provincial must have a minimum of two (2) coaches registered with the team. Only one (1) needs to be certified.

- vii. Any District having sixty (60) or fewer players registered in an age category shall be allowed to form a combined 'C' classification team to compete at District and Provincial Championships with the requirement that such a combined team will not be allowed to select any pick-up players from other registered teams.
- viii. For competition in the U14 "Rep" and "C" Provincial Championship classifications, an association shall be permitted to form a combined team(s) from "C" classification U12 and U14 teams registered with the particular association in the current playing year. Combined teams from within an association shall be pursuant to the following chart. Once a combined team has been formed, any pickup player must come from within the appropriate association.

Number of players Registered in the category	Number of "A" and/or "B" classification teams that must be formed before combining players to form a combined "C" classification team	Number of combined "C" classification teams that may be formed.
9 – 24	0 "A" teams &/or 0 "B" teams	1 "C" team
25 – 54	1 "A" team &/or 1 "B" team	1 "C" team
54+	1 "A" team and 1 "B" team	1 "C" team

- viii. Any team choosing to advance beyond league activities must enter the District and Provincial Championship at the category and classification in which it is registered in the current year with a properly NCCP certified coach.
- ix. Where a league or the appropriate category and classification exists in the geographical area in which any minor team is registered, and that team elects to participate in a league of a higher category and classification, and such team participates in four (4) or more league games in that higher category or classification, that team will not be eligible to participate in a District or Provincial Championship in the initial lower classification, and may be subject to re-classification by the District Minor Coordinator. Where two teams or less exist, the District Minor Coordinator may rule an exception, or in any association where there are insufficient number of teams to form an 'A', 'B' or 'C' classification league, that association may form a combined classification league, without prejudice against any teams registered in that league.
- x. Where there is a Minor league available with three or more teams in a particular category and classification, and a team elects to participate in a Men's or Women's league, whether or not they participate in a Minor league within the appropriate category or not, such a team shall not be eligible to register in the 'C' classification.
- xi. The District Minor Coordinator has the obligation and responsibility to ensure that teams are properly classified within his or her District.



- xii. The District Minor Coordinator after conducting their own investigation or review of any circumstances provided shall inform the Minor Director who will conduct a thorough investigation of the team and make a decision to reclassify or not reclassify the team in question. The Minor Director shall inform the team and the District Minor Coordinator of their decision. Reclassification can be done any time up to but not including the date of the team's participation in a Provincial Championship.

#### D. FEE STRUCTURE – MINOR

Team Fee for liability insurance, LTP to U19	\$20.00
Annual dues players, coaches and managers in Minor U12C to U19C	\$37.00**
**\$2.00 to Special Minor Fund to be paid by separate cheque payable to Minor Development Fund	
Annual dues players, coaches and managers in Minor U12 Rep to U19 A/B	\$42.00**
**\$2.00 to Special Minor Fund to be paid by separate cheque payable to Minor Development Fund	
Annual dues, Minor U 6 and U8	\$20
Annual dues, Minor U10	\$35.00
Lifetime membership (one time only) (Minor players all levels, coaches, managers, league officials)	\$10

#### E. MINOR PLAY IN ADULT

i. A minor player other than a third year U19 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's Minor Coordinator.

ii. In making their decision about whether to permit a Minor player to play with or against Men's or Women's teams, the Minor Coordinator will consider the best interests of the player, the Minor team/association which that player is or would otherwise be registered with, and the Men's or Women's team/association with which they wish to play or register. In undertaking this consideration, the Minor Coordinator will consult with the District's Men's and Women's Coordinator as appropriate.

iii. A third year U19 player may register on a minor team, or on a men's or women's team without needing approval from their District's Minor Coordinator or otherwise.

iv. This rule does not apply to teams of Minor players playing league or exhibition games against Men's or Women's teams.

v. Any coach, player, team or association permitting a Minor player to participate in practices or games with a Men's or Women's team without having obtained written consent as required by this section may be subject to discipline.

### **8.3 MINOR-DISTRICT, PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & PICK-UPS**

(To be read in conjunction with Article 2) For eligibility of players to participate in District and Provincial play please refer to Annex 'E'.

#### **A. District & Provincials**

- i. District playoffs will be a modified Round Robin or Knockout Championship Draw as determined by the District Minor Coordinator.
- ii. Pick-up players are not allowed or eligible to participate in District playoffs.
- iii. To be eligible to participate in any District playdown to identify a District team for participation in a Provincial Championship, all teams registered in the particular category/classification in the District may:
  - a) where all associations in the District are in agreement with a mutually acceptable format and the District Minor Coordinator agrees, participate in association or inter association qualifier competitions to identify teams for competition in the District playdown, or;

- b) where all associations in the District cannot come to agreement with an acceptable format, or agree otherwise, participate in the District playdown.
- iv. To be eligible to participate in any District playdown and/or Provincial Championship, teams will be required to:
  - a) Provide a copy of the Softball BC Team Registration Form, signed by the District Minor Coordinator, to the Softball BC Representative. For Provincial Championships, a copy of the Softball BC Team Registration Form for each pick-up must be provided. Provincial Pick-up Approval form is to be submitted to the District Coordinator to verify player eligibility. This form is to be submitted with the team roster at the pre-provincial coaches meeting. Failure to do so will make the player ineligible.
  - b) Carry proof of age in the form of a birth certificate, baptismal certificate or other recognized government identification. Photocopies of proof of age documents are sufficient to meet this requirement. For Provincial Championships, proof of age must also be presented for each pick-up player in order for them to participate. Failure to do so will deem the player ineligible, until such time as proof of age is supplied.
  - c) Prove participation in a minimum of three (3) games with the team on which they are registered. Participation shall include league, exhibition and tournament games. Players will be required to provide documentation demonstrating a history of playing together throughout the season. Such documentation shall include game score sheets. For Provincial Championships game sheets may also be required for each pick-up. Failure to provide such documentation at District or Provincial Championships upon request of a Softball B.C. representative may result in the disqualification of a player or team from further participation in the applicable event following a review by the appointed protest committee.  
Players unable to fulfill the 3 game minimum requirement due to their commitment to the National Team program will be exempt from participating in the 3 game minimum with the team on which they are registered.
  - d) Teams attending districts, and place 1st or are prorated for Provincials, and do not attend Provincials will be disqualified from attending districts or provincials for the next season, having six (6) or more returning players to the team in the following year. Coach or team name change will not be cause for an exemption.
- v. Any team placing 1st in a provincial championship moves up one classification, if playing in the same category and having 6 or more

returning players to the team in the following year. As well, this move in classification must be approved by the District Coordinator.

- vi. EXCEPT AT U19C any combined teams that finish first, second or third in the 'A' pool and have 6 or more players returning to the association, in the same division, from those teams, must have an 'A' team the following year regardless of the number of players in the division. This applies even if the association returns to a non-combined team program, for the next year only.
- vii. EXCEPT AT U19C and when players from teams placing first, second or third in a Provincial Championship in the previous year, amalgamate into one team the following year, that team must move up one classification if playing in the same category and having a combination of six (6) or more players returning from the former teams that placed first, second or third in the previous Provincial.
- viii. EXCEPT AT U19C, any team placing first or second in a Provincial Championship will remain in the same or higher classification if playing in the next higher category when having six (6) or more players returning to the team, or when amalgamated into one team and having a combination of six (6) or more players from the former teams that placed first or second in the previous Provincial.

#### C. PICK-UPS (REFER TO ANNEX 'E')

- x. Pick-up players can be either gender
- xi. To be eligible, a pick-up player must be registered on an appropriately classified team within the District of the team picking them up.
- xii. A player may be picked up by any other appropriate team prior to that player's provincial championship for his registered team, and then must fulfill their obligation with their registered teams.  
(NOTE: See Article 10.1 b) Ineligible Player.)
- xiii. a) The winning team, host team and any pro-rated team of a District (A, B, C Classification), will be permitted the addition of three (3) pickups from their own district to a full complement of 15 players of the same classification or lower classification within the teams own category, or one classification lower when proceeding to a Provincial Championship.  
b) Teams from Districts that do not have teams in the same classification to pick up from, be allowed to pick up from any District in the Province. The choice of pick-up players will first be given to the winning team, then to the host team, **SHOULD THAT DISTRICT BE HOSTING THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE CURRENT YEAR**, and finally to the pro-rated teams participating in the Championship. Players asked by their district representative to join their teams for provincials and refuse, shall be ineligible to be picked up by out of district teams. Pick up order for out of district teams: If more than one team needs out of district pick-ups, the Minor Director will do a random draw to

determine order of pick-ups. In 'C' classification Provincials, only one (1) pick-up may be used as a pitcher, and that pick-up must be designated at the commencement of the Championship and no other pick-up may be used as a pitcher during the Championship.

- xiv. A pick-up must have the written permission of their coach to be eligible to play with any other teams at a Provincial Championship. Written permission may be in the form of the team's Softball B.C. Team Registration Form, which is appropriately signed by the player's coach and the District Minor Coordinator at the time of registration with Softball B.C.
- xv. A player may elect to play for any team wishing to pick them up and is not obligated to follow the selection criteria as otherwise described. Teams requesting to pick-up players from outside their own district must get approval from the pick-up players District Coordinator. Players asked to be picked up by one of their own district teams and decline are ineligible to be picked up by any other district.
- xvi. With the exception of a pick-up player who formally provides written notification to the pick-up team's coach and the Minor Director of Softball B.C. outlining circumstances why that pick-up player cannot, or will not, participate with the pick-up team at any extra-Provincial Championship, a player who has been officially added to a team as a pick-up in a Provincial Championship cannot be replaced. Where the Minor Director receives such notification, and where exceptional circumstances dictate, the Minor Director may authorize replacement of that particular pick-up player.
- xvii. A coach added to a team roster to meet NCCP requirements will constitute one of the team's three pick-up choices.
- xviii. Players, including pick-ups, will be allowed to participate in more than one Minor Provincial in the same year.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- Pick-up players for each method of pitch shall only be eligible if registered in the particular method of pitch.  
**NO CROSSOVER PICK-UPS.**
  - a pitcher may pitch in more than one Provincial provided they are picked up from the appropriate division and/or category as designated in the Softball BC pick-up annex.
- xix. Registered adult coaches or non-playing coaches may participate as a coach in more than one Minor Provincial Championship in the same year.
  - xx. A minor registered on an Men's or Women's team cannot be picked up by a minor team to play in Provincials, Westerns and/or Canadians. Exception: Where no opportunities to play on a minor team exist.

## 8.4 COACHING REQUIREMENTS (see Article 1 – NCCP)

a)	U12C and Rep, U14C, U16C and U19C–minimum NCCP Community – Sport On-Going Participation with completion of Making Ethical Decisions.
	<p><b>New Coaches only – FOCS Part 1</b></p> <p>U19A &amp; B, U16 A&amp;B, U14 A&amp;B – minimum NCCP Introduction to Competition training (i.e. attended clinic 1 &amp; 2) with completion of Making Ethical Decisions Evaluation.</p> <p><b>New Coaches Only – FOCS Part 1 and Part 2</b></p>
	<p>National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) –</p> <p>Initiation/U10 Clinic: 6 hours</p> <p>Community Coach Clinic: 16 hours</p> <p>Competition – Introduction – Clinic #1 (In Training): 16 hours</p> <p>Competition – Introduction – Clinic #2 (In Training): 16 hours</p>
	<p>Make Ethical Decisions: on-line</p>

- b) An NCCP softball certified coach must be on the field of play at the Championship with the team that they are registered with. Failure to have such a coach will make the team ineligible, and the game would be forfeited. (See Article 10.6 a) and c) **EXCEPTION:** Medical Emergencies or any unforeseen circumstances deemed so by the Softball B.C. Board Rep
- The Director of Coaching may provide an exemption to any coach who, for any unusual or exigent circumstance, may not have achieved the appropriate level prior to competition at a Provincial Championship.

## 8.5 ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS TO COMPETE IN A PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- a) In order for a team to compete in a Provincial Championship, the Softball BC Team Registration form must be uploaded and approved by the District Coordinator by the registration date.
- b) The Softball B.C. Minor Director shall provide the District Minor Coordinators with a set of standard tournament draws and rules for all District playoffs.
- c) Minor teams not intending to participate in a particular Provincial Championship will not be permitted to participate in the District playoff leading to the Championship.
- d) A form will be provided for all District Coordinators to notify the Softball B.C. office of his / her District's intent to participate in each of the categories of Provincial Championships. Failure to make prior notification with Softball B.C. office will result in disqualification of that District in further Provincial play.

- e) Any team intending to participate in a Provincial Championship must notify the Softball B.C. office and the appropriate Tournament Director 15 days prior to the Provincial Championship.
- f) All teams must submit an entrance fee to be eligible to compete in a Provincial Championship. All entry fees are to be submitted to the Softball B.C. office 10 days prior to the tournament. (NOTE: See Article 10.2)
- g) Each team participating in a Provincial Championship shall submit a copy of their roster form including any player(s) picked up to the Softball B.C. Board Representative or designate assigned to any given Championship. (A release form is not necessary.)

## **8.6 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – (to be read in conjunction with Article 2 and Article 10.)**

- a) All play leading to Provincial Championships including District Playoffs, must be played according to Softball B.C. rules.
- b) All Minor Provincial Championship draws will be conducted on Thursday night at the pre-Provincial Championship coaches meeting. Exception: The host team or association will be given the choice of being automatically the highest number in the draw in advance of the coaches meeting or can be part of the draw.
- c) In Minor categories, any Provincial 'A' Championship having 8 or more participating teams shall be a three day event.
- d) All Minor 'A' Provincial Championships shall be open to all teams registered in that classification. All Minor 'B' and 'C' Championships shall be open to a maximum of sixteen (16) teams. If each District is not represented, the pro-rata system will be implemented.

## **8.7 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT** (Exception: U12C, U12REP & U14C) Knockout Minor Provincial Championships will include a Modified Round Robin, a Championship Draw (Elimination Round) with a single knockout final.

### **A. ROUND ROBIN FORMAT AND Knockout Championship Draw WITH A SINGLE KNOCKOUT FINAL – the following criteria shall be followed.**

Definition – the final game will be game 6 in a 4 team double knockout, game 10 in a 6-team double knockout, game 12 in a 7-team double knockout, and game 14 in an eight-team double knockout.

- i. All U19A, U16A, U19B, U16B games to have no time limits.
- ii. U12 'REP', U14 'A', and all 'B' category games are to have a limit of 1 ½ hours, with no new inning to start after 1 ½ hours has expired. U12 REP to have a five (5) run limit per inning for the first three (3) innings. The 5 run rule limit shall be suspended in the 4th inning. Exception U14C, U16C and U19C. A five run maximum rule shall apply in half innings up to and

including the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Time will start on the first pitch, and a new inning is deemed to start on the umpire's "out" call of the third out on the home team. In these categories, no time limit will be in effect for the final game.

- iii. Games in the Knockout Championship Draw round (or special playoff games that may be necessary) that determine which of the two teams will advance to a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship will have no time limit. (Note: The time limit is waived when only one team of the two will advance to either a Canadian or Western.) Exception: U14
  - iv. Minor 'C': All Minor 'C' Championship games are to have a limit of 1 ½ hours, regardless of the inning, with no new inning to start after 1 ½ hours has expired. Time will start on the first pitch, and a new inning is deemed to start on the umpire's "out" call of the third out on the home team. No time limit will be in effect for the final game.
  - v. In the event the home team is losing after 4½ or 5½ innings after time has expired, or 6½ innings whether time has expired or not, all runs scored and bases touched in the play which results in the winning run will be counted in the scoring (i.e. Tie game with only one runner on base at third, the batter hits a ground ball to the outfield and makes it to second base safely as the ball is returned to the infield preventing any further advance beyond that base. The runner on third base will be credited with a base touched and the winning run after crossing home plate on the play. The batter will be credited with two bases touched.)
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| vi. | <p>A Run Ahead Rule shall result in the conclusion of the game when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After 2 ½ or 3 complete innings of play there is a difference of 15 runs or more.<br/>EXCEPTION: after 2 ½, 3, 3 ½ or 4 complete innings of play for U12 REP and C Boys a 10 run mercy rule will be in effect.</li> <li>2. After 3 ½ or 4 complete innings of play there is a difference of 10 or more runs.</li> <li>3. After 4 ½, 5, 5 ½, or 6 complete innings of play there is a difference of 7 or more runs.</li> </ol> |
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- vii. All ties are to be broken by extra innings. The Tie Breaking Rule shall start at the top of the 8th inning or when time has expired. The Tie Break Rule shall be applied in all games except the final game.
  - viii. Modifications – U12C, U14C:
    - a) All teams player's names handed in at the coaches meeting on the Minor Provincial Championship Roster form, to a minimum of nine (9), shall be listed on the



lineup card and shall bat accordingly to the lineup on a rotational basis throughout the game. Lineup cards to be handed in 30 minutes before game may or may not contain all of the players on the official players list handed in at the coaches meetings and the sequence may vary per coach's discretion.

- i. where due to illness or injury a player listed on the rotational batting order is removed from the game, no penalty shall apply, and the next player listed shall take the batting position and that new rotation shall carry on throughout the game; the player who proceeds them in the batting order and not already on base shall replace a player, who is injured while running the bases and is unable to continue in the game. The player who has left the game due to injury may not return to the lineup
  - ii. if for any other reason a listed rotational player fails to show up for a game, leaves the game, or is removed by the coach from the game, an out will be recorded each time that rotational player is scheduled to bat;
  - iii. in either case, when a listed rotation player fails to show, leaves, or is removed from the game, under no circumstances shall the player be allowed to re-enter or participate during the remainder of the game;
  - iv. where a player has permanent medical issues or disabilities, which may cause intermittent inability to participate in their regular rotation, there will be no penalty, and that player may be skipped in the batting lineup. Unlimited substitutions may be made if the player bats and requires a substitute runner. If the player is removed from the batting lineup the player may not return to the batting lineup; notification of the possibility of this must be made at the Coaches meeting and at the plate meeting. Medical Certificate is required to outline permanent medical condition.
- b) unlimited and multiple defensive substitutions may be made at any time during the game and need not be announced to the umpire EXCEPT for U12 categories changes to the pitcher should be announced to the umpire;
  - c) the Minor "C" time limit shall apply;

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- i. in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, or when tied in all subsequent innings, the five run maximum rule is suspended and the game shall continue with no maximum run limit.
- B. **In the U12 REP, U12C and U14C** categories, pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 4 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning). The pitching limit rule is suspended in extra-inning games when the time limit has been reached or in the top of the 8th inning.
- C. **KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW**
  - If the Championship started with 7 teams or less, the top four teams advance to the Knockout Championship Draw as per Annex 'B' Knockout Championship Draw. Games 1 & 2 should be completed Saturday night.
  - If the Championship started with 8 to 11 teams, the top 6 teams advance to the Knockout Championship Draw Final as per Annex 'B' Knockout Championship Draw. Games 1 & 2 should be completed Saturday night.
  - If the Championship started with 12 or more the top 8 teams advance to the Knockout Championship Draw Final as per Annex 'B' Knockout Championship Draw. Games 1 to 4 must be completed Saturday night. If these 4 games cannot be completed the format will be a single knockout starting Sunday morning.
  - If 2 or more rounds (the same number of games for each team) is complete the top 8 teams will then play a single round robin based upon their standings. If teams are tied in points, run differential and bases touched if a head to head game was played, it will determine standings or if no head to head game played a coin flip will break the tie.
  - And any teams that have a record equal to or better than a 3 wins & 1 loss will advance to the Knockout Championship Draw final as per Annex 'B' Knockout Championship Draw. Games 1 to 4 must be completed Saturday night. If these games cannot be completed, the format will be a single knockout starting Sunday morning.
- D. **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:
  - i. Win/loss/tied record: (2 points for win, 0 for a loss), if still tied then,
  - ii. When only 2 teams are tied and those teams have played each other, winner of the game between the tied teams. When more than 2 teams are tied and have played each other and one such team has defeated all the others who in that case are tied, that team shall advance. If need be, this process shall continue until it is no longer workable. If two or more teams are tied but have not played each other equally, or where a team has not defeated all other remaining tied teams, only criteria (iii), (iv) and (v) will be applied.
  - iii. Total runs scored for or against (score differential limit or +7 runs or – 7 per game).

- i.e. Team A = 10 Team B = 6 Results (10-6)
    - Team A credited with +4
    - Team B credited with -4
    - If still tied, then,
  - iv. Total bases touched for or against (score differential limit of +30 or -30 per game)
    - i.e. Team A = 30 Team B = 20 Results (30-20)
    - Team A credited with +10
    - Team B credited with -10
    - If still tied, then,
  - v. Play a tie breaking game only if a spot in seeding for the Championship final shall result in one team being eliminated. Otherwise ties will be broken by a coin toss.  
 NOTE: In case of forfeited game, winning team is credited with maximums of 7 runs and 30 bases touched and losing team is credited with maximum of -7 runs and -30 bases touched.
- E. AWARDS: When hosting Minor Provincial Championships the Host Association may only present awards to the top pitcher, top batter and most sportsmanlike team. No other awards or all-star team awards are to be presented.
- F. **COMBINED CLASSIFICATION FOR U12, U14 AND U16:**
  - i. where there are 4 or less teams attending a Provincial, those teams will be combined with the next classification to form a combined Provincial.
  - ii. if the classification with 4 or less teams is 'A' those classifications will be combined to form a combined Provincial Championship on the 'B' weekend
  - iii. if the classification with 4 or less teams is 'B' or 'C', those classifications will be combined to form a combined Provincial Championship on the 'B' weekend.
  - iv. in a combined Provincial Championship, the teams will be seeded by the Softball B.C. Minor Director.
  - v. the top 6 teams in the modified round robin will advance to the Knockout Championship Draw in the higher classification
  - vi. the next highest playing teams (to a maximum of 6 teams) in the modified round robin will advance to the Knockout Championship Draw final in the lower classification.
  - vii. in a combined championship of 11 or less teams the Minor Director will determine by the coaches meeting the number of teams placed in the higher classification.
  - viii. the difference in provincial fees between A and B classification will be paid to the Softball B.C. office by August 1st.

## **8.8 COACH & PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a) **ALCOHOL/TOBACCO:** Minor players and coaches are forbidden to smoke, chew tobacco or have alcoholic products in the dugouts, on player's benches or any part of the playing field. **EFFECT:** ejection.
- b) The head coach, or in their absence, another coach shall be responsible for the conduct of the team's attendees. If after a warning from an umpire, Softball BC Board Representative, or Tournament UIC, concerning the behaviour of the team's attendees, they may choose to eject the coach from the game and the game will be forfeited. Note the coach is responsible for the conduct of the attendees before and post-game.

## **8.9 INTERPROVINCIAL EVENTS**

- a) Canadian Championships: U19 'A'  
U16 'A'  
U14 'A'
- b) Western Canadian Championships: U19 'B'  
U12 Boys  
U14 A Boys  
U16 'A' Boys

NOTE: To be eligible, all "B" teams must be made up of no fewer than seven (7) players who have not participated on any "A" classification team in the two preceding years.

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# **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S**

# **SPECIAL OPERATING RULES (SOR'S)**

## ARTICLE 9 – MEN’S AND WOMEN’S FASTPITCH

### 9.1 Men’s and Women’s FASTPITCH CATEGORIES & POST SEASON:

Men’s and Women’s A	Leads to a Canadian Championship
Intermediate A	Leads to a Canadian Championship
Men’s and Women’s B	Leads to a Western Championship
Men’s and Women’s C	Provincial Championship only
Men’s and Women’s D	Provincial Championship only
U23 Men	Leads to a Western or a Canadian Championship

### 9.2 DEFINITIONS

- DOUBLE BASE – for Fastpitch only.
- FOOTWEAR – metal cleats are permitted.
- HELMETS BATTING – an approved helmet shall be one that is fully enclosed, with two ear flaps, a foam liner and a peak.
- HELMETS & MASKS (CATCHER) – Catcher must wear a regulation helmet and mask and/or approved equipment.
- PITCHING – Softball Canada Rule 4.3 Legal Pitch Requirements for all divisions.
- ON DECK CIRCLE – the on-deck batter has the right to go to either on-deck batting circle as they choose.
- UNIFORMS – all Provincial and post-Provincial sanctioned events are to meet uniform requirements as per Article 16.
- ELECTRONIC DEVICES – electronic devices (e.g. smartphone, tablet) are not permitted on the field of play and shall be removed immediately.
- PROHIBITION – players and coaches are forbidden to smoke, chew tobacco, and have alcoholic or legal recreational drugs in the dugout or on any part of the playing field. Consequence – violators will be ejected from the game.

### 9.3 TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION

- Players, managers and coaches are to be registered through Softball BC electronic registration
- Each team shall be entitled to carry a maximum of twenty (20) players and five (5) coaches/managers.
- A player identifying as male shall not be permitted to register on a female team.

- d. A player identifying as a female may be permitted to register with either a male team or a female team.
- e. Team registration shall be considered final when the team roster has been confirmed and approved by the Men's and Women's Coordinator, or the Men's and Women's Director.
- f. A team that plays in multiple leagues, or has multiple home parks will establish their district of registration by considering the following criteria:
  - i. Where they play a majority of their games
  - ii. Where the majority of the players reside
- g. Team registration to Softball BC through the online process is to be complete and confirmed by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- h. The Softball BC team roster is to be approved by the Men's and Women's Coordinator or Director by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current playing year.
- i. Team rosters are to be submitted for approval through the Softball BC registration process no later than June 15th of the current playing year. If registering through a recognized member in good standing club or association, the team roster is to be completed by June 10th of the current playing year.
- j. The addition/deletion form shall be in effect up to and including the day of the coach's meeting. Only additions for documented medical reasons, or moved out of the province will be considered for approval by the Men's and Women's Coordinator. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, approval is to come from the Men's and Women's Director.
- k. The Men's and Women's Coordinator may reclassify teams to a higher or lower category as they deem necessary. The coordinator must notify the affected team in writing within seven (7) days of their reclassification. Teams may appeal this reclassification within seven (7) days by notifying their coordinator and Softball BC in writing. Appeals will not be considered after July 7th of the current playing season.
- l. U23 Male team registration – Under 23 years of age as of midnight, December 31st of the previous year.

<b>m. Men's and Women's FEE STRUCTURE for ALL participants:</b>
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Team Fee	N/A
Annual Dues (players, coaches, managers)	\$175.00/team
Annual Dues (Executive or Board Member,	\$30.00 per person/yearly

## 9.4 TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION

- a) Manager/coach shall not be eligible to play unless currently registered as an active player, in the proper manner, on the team's Softball BC roster form.
- b) Any team placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Provincial Championship in the previous year, and having eight (8) or more players returning to the team, will move up one (1) classification. The definition of eight (8) or more returning players shall include all players registered on the team, and any pick-ups used by the team at the previous Provincial Championship.  
**\*\*Exception- Intermediate A will move up (1) classification after placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> twice with at least eight returning players, including pickups and players who have been on a provincial medal team.**
- c) A team may return to a lower classification after competing for at least two (2) years at the higher classification with their Men's & Women's Coordinator approval
- d) Teams graduating from minor categories shall use the following chart based on their previous year's registration and/or participation at their Provincial Championship.
  - U19A to Men's or Women's Intermediate A (Men's U19A to Men's U23A)
  - U19B to Men's or Women's B (Men's U19B to Men's U23B)
  - U19C to Men's or Women's C (Men's U19C to Men's U23C)
- e) Each player must have played a minimum of four (4) games with one team in order to participate at the Provincial Championship as a rostered player with that team. Proof of participation will be required at the Pre-Provincial coach's meeting if requested. Exceptions may be made should a regular member of a given team sustain, or be recovering from an injury which prevented them from playing the minimum number of games. The Men's or Women's Director shall have sole authority in this decision.

## 9.5 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION OF TEAMS FOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) Men's and Women's Fastpitch teams must submit their provincial entry fee to the Softball BC office no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Every team participating in a Provincial Championship shall submit a copy of their Softball BC roster form, duly authorized by the Men's and Women's Coordinator, and the same for any player or coach pick-up, to the Board Member or designate assigned to that Provincial Championship.
- c) Teams intending to participate in their Provincial Championship are required to notify their Men's and Women's Coordinator of their intent by June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season. Failure to do so could result in the team not being eligible to attend the Championship if space is not available due to venue restrictions.



## 9.6 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

### A) DRAW

- i. Teams must register for their provincial championships by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Draw will take place fourteen (14) days before the Championship is to begin
- iii. When drawing for the tournament, first team drawn will be marked as Team #1 and so on until all team names have been drawn

### B) FORMAT

- i. Women – all teams will play a two (2) game seeding round, with all teams advancing into a modified double knockout elimination round (championship game will be a single knockout final). Host will try to have games start no earlier than 4:00 PM on the Friday of the event and the final game will be scheduled for no later than 4:00 PM on the Sunday of the event.
- ii. Men's A and B – will play a round robin format, top four (4) teams advance to the elimination round with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams having a double life and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams having a single life.
- iii. Men's C and D – all teams will play a three (3) game round robin, with all teams advancing to a single knockout elimination round. Where there are eight (8) or more teams registered in a single classification, those teams will play within their own classification. Less than eight (8) teams in a single classification, teams will play a combined round robin. Top half of the qualifying round will play in the "C" Provincial Championships and bottom half will play in the "D" Provincial Championships. The Men's and Women's Director shall have sole authority to determine how many teams advance to each classification of the combined format.
- iv. Games are to be scheduled a minimum of two (2) hour time slots.
- v. Run difference: In all men's and women's fastpitch categories, the game will end after:
  - vi. 2 ½, 3, complete innings of play if there is a difference of fifteen (15) or more runs
  - vii. 3 ½, 4, 4 ½ complete innings of play there is a difference of ten (10) or more runs
  - viii. 5, 5 ½ or 6 complete innings of play if there is a difference of seven (7) or more runs

#### ik. MEN'S MASTER PROVINCIAL FORMAT

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. 4-6 teams: round robin and then double knockout (4 game guarantee)</li><li>b. 7+ teams: double knockout with a 3-game guarantee.</li></ol> |
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### C. QUALIFYING ROUND

- i. Home team decided by coin toss at the coach's meeting
- ii. Game time starts with the first pitch to the first batter
- iii. Time limit of one hour thirty minutes, or seven (7) innings, with no new inning to start after time has expired. (Exception:

A game is constituted by 4 ½ or 5 innings. Games must be played out regardless of the time limit to 4 ½ or 5 innings unless the Run Ahead Rule is in effect. With NO EXCEPTION will the home team bat if they are leading after 6 ½ innings

ii) A tied game shall be broken by extra innings regardless of the time limit.

iv. When there is a stoppage in play due to an injury, the blood rule, or concussion protocol, the game clock shall be stopped.

v. In the event the Home team is losing after 4 ½ or 5 ½ innings, and after time has expired, the game will end with either the final out of the inning, or the play which results in the Home team scoring the winning run.

vi. In the event the game is tied at the end of seven (7) innings, or after 4 ½ -6 completed innings, and the time has expired, the tie shall be broken by extra innings. (Tie Breaker rule is to be used)

#### **D. ELIMINATION ROUND**

i. Higher seeded team from qualifying round shall have the option of home or visitor \*\*Exception – If Article 9.6 i) k) d) comes into effect, which takes priority

ii. k) Game time starts with the first pitch to the first batter of the game

iii. l) Format:

iv. A time limit of one hour forty minutes will be in effect for all games in the Elimination round, with the exception of the final game, which shall have no time limit.

v. When there is a stoppage in play due to an injury, the blood rule, or concussion protocol, the game clock shall be stopped

vi. All ties are to be broken by extra innings with no exception. (Note: with the exception of the final game, International Tie Breaker rule is to be used in Elimination round)

vii. In all Men's and Women's provincials using the modified double knockout format, the undefeated team in the final is given the choice of Home or Visitor

viii. Tie Breaker- The final seeding shall be determined as follows:

ix. Won-Loss record. If still tied, then

x. When only two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the game between the tied teams. 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 (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) in that order will apply

xi. Combined Run Differential (Total runs for minus total runs against). Note: Run differential limit is +7 or -7 runs per game.

xii. Least runs scored against during entire qualifying round. (Note: full team records from the qualifying round shall be used) If still tied, then:

- xiii. Most runs scored for during entire qualifying round (Note full team records from the qualifying round shall be used) If still tied then:
- xiv. 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.

## 9.7 MASTERS FASTPITCH

- a) Players of Masters Fastpitch age are allowed to register and play on both a Masters and a Men's or Women's Fastpitch team roster. Each team may play in a league with the Men's or Women's team roster taking priority in the event both Provincial Championships are being played on the same weekend.
- b) Masters Fastpitch Age:
  - a) Men: Celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday by or in the current playing year.
  - b) Women: Celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday by or in the current playing year.
- a) Men's and Women's Masters Fastpitch Age:
  - i. Men: Celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by or in the current playing year
  - ii. Women: Celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> birthday by or in the current playing year

NOTE: Each team MUST present to the Softball BC representative, proof of age for all participants at the Provincial Championship.

- b) The representative Masters team from BC participating in a Western Canadian Championship will be allowed to roster up to a maximum of twenty (20) players.

## 9.8 DESIGNATED RUNNER

- c) The team may designate one player as a runner. The player shall be called the Designated Runner (DR)
  - 1. The DR must be listed in the starting line up
  - 2. The DR must be listed in the last spot of the starting line up (10<sup>th</sup> with no DP or 11<sup>th</sup> with a DP)
  - 3. The DR may run for only one player per inning and may do so each time that player becomes a runner in the inning.
  - 4. The DR may run for a different player each inning
  - 5. The DR may not bat or play defence
  - 6. An eligible player not in the game may substitute for DR.
  - 7. The DR may not re- enter the game.

8. A team is not obligated to use the DR the entire game.

## **9.9 COACHING NCCP QUALIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATION**

- a) Men's and Women's C and D – recommended minimum OGP or Competition Introduction In Training and MED
- b) Men's and Women's A and B – recommended minimum Competition Introduction Trained and MED
- c) Western Canadian Championship – required minimum OGP and MED
- d) Canadian Championship – required minimum Competition Introduction Certified and MED

NOTE – 2019 Softball Canada states that in a Canadian Championship, a coach may not be on the field unless they are certified

## **9.10 NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER**

Any team which has a player not available for a Provincial Championship due to that player's commitment to a Canadian National or a Provincial team, shall be permitted, with written approval of the Men's and Women's Director, a substitute on their roster for that Provincial Championship on the following basis: (this will not count as a pick-up player).

- i. Pitcher for Pitcher
- ii. Non-Pitcher for Non-Pitcher
- iii. Coach for Coach

## **9.11 PICK-UPS**

To be read in conjunction with Articles 2 and 10 (Provincial Championships) for eligibility of players to participate in Provincial play, please refer to Annex "H" Men's and Women's Pick-up chart.

(Men's and Women's teams may pick up from outside their home district)

- a) Teams attending Provincial Championships may pick up a maximum of 3 players
- b) A player may play in more than one Men's and Women's Provincial Championship, as long as they have fulfilled all obligations to their registered team, and
- c) Have the permission of their team's head coach. This is granted by providing a signed approval on the Softball BC approved roster
- d) Pick-ups must have written permission from their Head coach in the form of a copy of the Softball BC approved roster form, which must also be signed by the head coach or a designate. Any team using a pick-up player who is ruled ineligible will be subject to forfeiture at any time during a Championship upon receipt of a formal protest.

## 9.12 SLO-PITCH

### A) SENIOR SLO-PITCH CATEGORIES

Canadian Championships	Western Canadian Championships
Men's Open	B Men & Women
Women's Open	Co-Ed B
Co-Ed Open	Master Men's 40+
Master Men's Open	Master Women's 30+
	55+ & 60+

### B) CANADIAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OPEN

Teams wishing to participate in the Softball Canada Men's or Women's Open Canadian Championship must express their intent to participate in writing, with a formal letter of intent form, all applicable fees, deposits and Softball B.C. team registration form with appropriate registration fees by April 1st of the tournament year. Teams that do not comply with these dates will be considered for participation on a space available basis only. The Executive Director will determine if the team will be accepted for registration.

The criteria for ranking teams wishing to participate, in order, will be as follows:

- Order of finish at the most recent Softball Canada Championship
- Host team as determined by Softball Canada Article 1.2 a) team representation Slo Pitch c) If there are two teams to be ranked, a two out of three playoff will be arranged in the championship year
- If there are more than two teams to be ranked, a ranking tournament between the teams who have submitted their letter of intent, along with all payments and deposits will be arranged in the championship year
- Any teams that participate in a ranking tournament that do not qualify to attend the Canadian Championship will have their Canadian Championship entrance fee returned.

### C) EQUIPMENT

- Footwear – No metal cleats allowed in all categories of Slo-Pitch.
- Helmets:
  - Helmets are mandatory for:
    - Batters
    - On Deck Batters

- Batter-Runners
- Catchers
- Runners

Effect: Players shall be called out immediately under the following circumstances:

1. Failure to wear a helmet when ordered to do so by the umpire.

## **D) ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS – CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP AND WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- a) In order for a team to be eligible to compete in a Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship, the team registration form must be processed through the Softball BC electronic registration system by the registration deadline without exception. Note: Slo-Pitch registration deadline – April 1st.
- b) Each Men's and Women's Coordinator must notify the Softball B.C. office of team(s) from their District which intend to participate in a Canadian Championship by March 1st of the current year and for Western Canadian Championships by June 1st of the current year;
- c) To be eligible to compete in a Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship, all teams must submit a Letter of Intent and an entrance fee to Softball B.C. All entry fees are non-refundable unless the championship has been cancelled;
- d) Any team continuing on to a Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship must notify the Softball B.C. office. Where vacancies occur, the Men's and Women's Director shall offer available spots to other teams.
- e) Every team competing in a Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship must submit a roster form under the full membership plan.

## **E) REGISTRATION**

- a) Players, managers and coaches in membership are to be registered on forms provided by the Softball B.C. representatives; such forms may be obtained from, Softball BC office, your league President or Men's and Women's Coordinator.
  - i) Each team shall be entitled to carry a maximum of seventeen (17) properly registered players. Exception: Masters and Mixed categories (20).
  - ii) Females may register on a male team, but males are not allowed to register on female teams except as manager or coach.
- c) Teams registering with Softball B.C. for insurance purposes only (including 'R' Registration Slo-Pitch) must submit a Softball B.C. roster for these players to receive insurance benefits. d) Late registration (after June 1st) in the 'R' category will be accepted to allow teams to play in sanctioned tournaments and receive insurance benefits.

- e) A team that plays in two leagues or has two home parks will establish their District of registration by considering the following criteria:
- i) Where do they play a majority of their home games?
  - ii) Where do a majority of the players reside?
  - iii) Is there a historical precedent to associate the team with a particular District?

#### **F) FEE STRUCTURE – Men’s and Women’s SLO-PITCH**

Team Fee	N/A
	Liability Insurance
Annual Dues	\$175.00/team
(Includes players, coaches and managers)	
Insurance Only (maximum of 20 players on a roster)	\$100.00
Lifetime Membership (One time only)	\$10.00
League/Association Executive	\$30.00
	(Plus Lifetime Membership)
NOTE: Team registration fees include an accident and liability insurance program.	

The registration date for Slo-Pitch is April 1st. The Softball B.C. Team and Player Roster Forms must be submitted to the Softball B.C. District Coordinator by April 1st of the current year. Teams not meeting this deadline will not be eligible for Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship qualifier play.

For Men’s and Women’s Slo-Pitch teams, from 7 days prior to the final roster deadline, no Coach (or Manager) may release a player. However, during that seven-day period, players may be transferred to another team.

All Men’s and Women’s Slo-Pitch teams must declare their exact category by the roster deadline date –April 1st of the current year.

#### **MINOR AGED PLAYERS:**

Any minor aged (under 19 years) player or team, shall not sign or play with an Men’s or Women’s team until a written consent form from a parent(s) or guardian(s), is received by the District Minor Coordinator, who with the District Men’s and Women’s Coordinator shall forward their decision in writing to the Softball B.C. office by April 15 of that playing year and a copy sent to the parent or guardian.

#### **G) MASTERS SLO-PITCH**

a) The representative Masters team from B.C. participating in a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship will comply with the Canadian roster size rule (maximum 20 players).

b) Masters Slo-Pitch age:

Men: (+35): Celebrate their 35th birthday by or in the current playing year.

Men: (+40): Celebrate their 40th birthday by or in the current playing year.

Women: Celebrate their 30th birthday by or in the current playing year.

c) Masters Slo-Pitch player may coach in any other category.

d) Mixed Masters age:

Men: 35th birthday by or in the current playing year.

Women: 30th birthday by or in the current playing year.





# **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## ARTICLE 10 – PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 10.1 ELIGIBILITY

- a) **ROSTERS AVAILABLE:** Team rosters for Provincial Championships are available, upon written request, to teams competing in the same event. A fee in advance of \$25.00 applies.
- b) **INELIGIBLE PLAYER:** Upon the discovery of the use of an ineligible player or players in any Softball B.C. District Zone, Regional or Provincial Championship play, the game shall be forfeited either to the team being played, or the last defeated team, and the team so forfeiting the game shall immediately be reviewed by the Protest Committee to determine whether the team shall be disqualified from the Tournament.

### 10.2 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEES:

ALL MINOR CATEGORIES	\$500.00
A WOMEN	\$500.00
INTERMEDIATE A WOMEN	\$500.00
B/C/D WOMEN FP	\$500.00
MEN FP	\$500.00
MIXED ORTHO	\$500.00
SLO-PITCH	\$500.00

- a) **NON-REFUNDABLE** All Provincial Championship Entry Fees are non-refundable.  
**EXCEPTION:** Men's and Women's Fastpitch. A team unable to participate 21 days before the tournament may apply for a refund of their entry fee less the umpire fees and the expense money.
- b) **ALLOCATION OF FEES** At all Women Fastpitch Provincial Championships, \$50.00 per team from entry fees is allocated to the host association to offset costs relating to the championship. No expense money is disbursed to teams.  
**EXCEPTION:** 'A' Women  
Orthodox Entry Fees: \$50.00 per entry fee is allocated to the host association to offset costs relating to the Championship.
- c) **COST OF OFFICIALS** Provincial entry fees for Men's and Women's Fastpitch will have \$200.00 per team allocated to the host association to cover the cost of officials.
  - i) Tournament UIC's of Men's and Women's Fastpitch Provincials, at the end of the Provincial Tournament, are to provide the Host Association an accounting of all monies given to them by the Host Association (or Softball BC) to cover the officiating fees of officials.
  - ii) Tournament UIC's of Men's and Women's Fastpitch Provincials, at the end of the Provincial tournament, are to return all unused funds to the Host Association.
- d) **MINOR ENTRY FEES:** \$50.00 per game will be allocated to the Minor Championship District or Tournament U.I.C. to cover all Round Robin

and up to two 6-team Knockout Championship Draw rounds in the case of a Minor Combined Provincial Championship.

- i) Tournament UIC's of Minor Provincial Championships, at the end of the tournament, are to provide the Softball BC Board Representative an accounting of monies from the Host Association (or Softball BC) to cover the cost of officials.
- ii) Tournament UIC's of Minor Fastpitch Provincial Championships, at the end of the Provincial tournament, are to return unused funds to the Softball B.C. Board Representative.

**DEADLINES** Entry fees for Minor categories are to be submitted to the Softball B.C. office 10 days prior to the championship. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 late fee.

Entry fees for Men & Women's categories are to be submitted to the Softball BC office by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Failure to do so and your team will be ineligible to participate

- e) **FORM OF FEES** All entry fees are to be in the form of cash, certified cheque or money order made payable to Softball B.C. Entry Fees not received on time, as stated, will automatically eliminate the team from the Provincial Championship.
- f) **REQUIRED INFORMATION** The entry fee be accompanied by the following information: team name, category, male or female, coach's name and phone number and the appropriate cheque.

### **10.3 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW – General**

- a) **NO CHAMPIONSHIP** if there is only one team registered in that category.
- b) **TWO TEAMS** Two teams will play a best of three series.
- c) **DRAW** The tournament draw format and actual draw shall be conducted by the Board of Director (or his or her designate) assigned to that tournament. Once the draw and schedule of game times has been made known to the teams and the host association, any changes to the game times shall only be made after consultation with the host association.
- d) **APPROVAL BY BOARD REP** The starting times for the draw of all games, time, use of park(s) and all items in the Tournament Kit deemed necessary for the success of all parties connected to the tournament must be approved by the Softball B.C. Board Member in charge of the Provincial Tournament. This must be done prior to any announcements, publications or phone calls to anyone associated with the tournament.

### **10.4 INCOMPLETE CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURE**

- a) **MUST PLAY ONE GAME** All teams must play at least one game. If this is not possible, all team names will be put into a lottery and a winner (only) will be drawn by the Softball B.C. Representative (or designate) unless the participating teams unanimously agree to play the tournament at a later date at their own expense. Championships leading to a Western Canadian or a Canadian would have to be rescheduled so as to be able to declare a winner at least 7 days prior to the scheduled departure date to those competitions.

- b) **INCOMPLETE GAMES** that are discontinued shall be resumed at the break-off point that same day or night. If games cannot be completed on the same day or night the following shall apply the next day before the scheduled games:
  - i) Less than 4½ or 5 Innings Played: resume at breakoff point
  - ii) Winner after 4½ or 5 Innings: legal game
  - iii) After 5 Tied: resume at breakoff point
- c) **REVERT TO SINGLE KNOCKOUT** If no games are played until the last day or is otherwise delayed to the point that insufficient time is available for a modified round robin or double knockout, the tournament format shall revert to a single knock-out using as many parks as possible. If 6 or fewer teams are entered, the Knockout Championship Draw shall be played on one day if there are 2 parks available; or single knockout if only one park available. The order of the draw shall remain the same except for modified round robin formats would now apply their original draw order to a single knockout format. The same number of teams originally slated for the Knockout Championship Draw will use that draw. In the case of a modified round robin format, they will revert back to the last point at which all teams had played an equal number of games
- d) **UNDEFEATED RESUME OR LOTTERY** If board rep and Host are unable to work (c), and there is time and place available, subject to the conditions in (a) above, the undefeated teams shall try to agree to resume the championship at a later date (at their own expense), and declare a winner. Otherwise, winner shall be determined by lottery of undefeated teams. There will be no second or third place awards
- e) **TOURNAMENTS USING MODIFIED ROUND ROBIN FORMAT**  
 If the board rep and Host are unable to work (c) or (d) above, and there is time and place available, subject to the conditions in (a) above, then the teams can agree to resume the championship at a later date (at their own expense), and declare a winner. If the tournament has not progressed past the round robin portion then play would revert back to the point where all teams played an equal number of games and then determine the elimination round qualifiers based on the criteria outlined in Article 7.7 h) Minor Female/8.7 C) Minor Male/9.6 i) Men & Women. Those elimination round qualifiers would be the teams eligible to agree to move the tournament. If the agreement is not forthcoming then a winner (and second and third) will be declared based on the round robin record. If the tournament has passed the round robin portion and has progressed so that all of the elimination round qualifiers have played at least one game then you would revert back to the last point in the elimination round where the teams have played an equal number of games and select the undefeated teams (in the elimination round) and attempt to reach a mutual agreement regarding moving the tournament. Teams entering the elimination round with only “one life” shall be considered to have one loss in their record.

If agreement is not forthcoming then those undefeated teams' names shall be entered in a lottery and a winner drawn and declared. There will be no drawing of second and third.

- f) **PLAYING CONDITIONS** Prior to the start of the tournament and prior to the start of any game the decision as to the suitability of play (weather conditions or otherwise) shall be made by the Softball B.C. Representative or their appointed designate. Once a game has started, the Umpires, in consultation with the Softball B.C. Representative, shall decide if it shall continue.
- g) **UNDEFEATED TEAM** If the Championship game has an undefeated elimination round team and a one loss elimination round team, and is unable to continue, the undefeated team shall be declared champion if the game has not progressed 4½ or 5 complete innings. If it has progressed past 4½ or 5 complete innings and the game has been declared legal, but a necessary final (if game) is unable to be played, then the two teams' names will be put in a lottery and drawn for the winner unless those two teams agree upon a resumption of play at another time and place (at their own expense) and subject to the conditions in (a) above.
- h) **DEADLINE** The Softball B.C. Representative shall be required to wait until the final schedule day of the tournament at 12:00 p.m. (for Minor only) or 2:00 p.m. (on an unlit park) or 4:00 p.m. (on a lit park) (for Fast Pitch) before cancelling the tournament and resorting to drawing for or declaring champions or to moving the championship time and place as per other provisions of this article.
- i) **POST PROVINCIAL PLAY** In any event where the champion was declared by lottery, and where these are championships that lead to a Western Canadian or Canadian, the Softball B.C. Representative shall continue the draw to determine the order of finish as a contingency against the first place winner choosing not to compete further.
- j) **BOARD REP DISCRETION** If there are situations that arise that are not covered by this Incomplete Championship Procedure or by other Articles under the Special Operating Rules or Constitution of Softball B.C., the Softball B.C. Representative shall have the sole authority to rule on those situations.

## **10.5 UNIFORMS ON THE FIELD OF PLAY**

- a) **Uniforms, team names, logos and mascots** cannot be of a discriminatory or harassing nature.
- b) **SHORTS AND PANTS** Women have the option of wearing a combination of shorts and pants as long as the shorts and pants are identical in style and colour.
- c) **NOT EXPOSED** An acceptable softball uniform for females shall be of such design that the bra areas not be exposed, and the top must be long enough to be tucked in at the waist.
- d) **JEWELLERY** Casts, exposed jewellery, such as wrist watches, bracelets, earrings, and neck chains, or any other item judged dangerous by the umpire may not be worn during the game.

- e) MINOR C In Minor 'C' Championships full team uniforms are encouraged but proper dress may be shirts which have 6 inch numbers on the back, and caps for boys are mandatory.
- f) METAL CLEATS Metal cleats are not allowed in the game of Slo-Pitch, Orthodox, Mixed Fast Pitch or any Minor category unless there is a specific exception.
- g) NO JEANS At District and Provincial Championships coaches may not wear jeans of any colour.
- h) LOST HELMET When a batter receives a walk or delivers a hit, he/she must proceed directly to first base and may not enter the team area or dugout. If a batter or runner loses the helmet while proceeding to first base or running the bases and the act is unintentional, there is no penalty if there is interference.

If a batter or runner deliberately removes the helmet and causes interference then this is an act or interference by the offensive player and the appropriate interference rule applies. If a player bats or runs bases without wearing a helmet and the act is not detected by the umpire, there is no penalty; the player is simply made to wear a helmet.

## **10.6 FORFEIT**

- a) PROTEST COMMITTEE Any team which loses a game as a result of forfeit, default or failure to complete a scheduled game during a District, Zone or Provincial Championship, shall immediately be reviewed by the Protest Committee to determine whether that team shall be disqualified from the Tournament.
- b) INJURY In the case of a forfeit because of injury, the Softball B.C. Rep will allow that team to compete in any further games, and retain their points from any previous games.
- c) RUNS CREDITED In case of a forfeited game, the winning team is credited with the maximum of ten runs in Slo-Pitch and seven runs in Fastpitch.

## **10.7 UMPIRES (Provincial Championships)**

- a) CURRENT TICKET Umpires shall not be permitted to umpire in any District or Provincial playoffs without a current Softball B.C. ticket, which must be obtained on or before June 15th of the current year.
- b) UIC In Provincial Championships, the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief or his appointed representative shall oversee all officiating.
- c) ALLOCATION of game officials will be the Tournament Umpire-in-Chief's responsibility and his/her decision is final.
- d) DESIGNATE If a District Umpire-in-Chief is unable to supervise a Provincial Championship in his/ her District, then his/ her designate must be appointed by the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief.
- e) NUMBER OF UMPIRES:
  - i) 'A' (Fastpitch) men and women will use three umpires, subject to availability, per game in all Semi-Final and Final Provincial Championship games.

- ii) All Slo-Pitch categories shall use 1 umpire per game in the Round Robin games and 2 umpires per game in the Elimination games. (Note: Host has the option to supply 2 or 3 umpires.)
- iii) All Minor categories shall use 2 umpires per game (Host, Umpire-in-Chief has the option of using 3 umpires per game.)
- iv) All Provincial Championships that lead to a National Championship shall use the three-umpire system for the Championship round where sufficient umpires are available.
- f) FEES Provincial Championship Umpire Fees:
  - i) Men's and Women's A Fast Pitch \$35.00 per game per umpire.
  - ii) Men's and Women's Fast Pitch – other \$35.00 per game per umpire; 3 umpires used for final game.
  - iii) Men's and Women's Slo-Pitch \$35.00 per game per umpire; minimum 2 umpires used for all Elimination games.
  - iv) MINORS: Softball B.C. is to allocate enough funds, as per the present chart, to cover all games played at a Provincial Championship, minimum 2 umpires for all games. In the event any extra games are required due to a 7 or 8 team Knockout Championship Draw, the Tournament Director will submit a request to Softball B.C., at the conclusion of the Championship to be reimbursed for all extra games played at \$50.00 per game.

## **10.8 PROTESTS – PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- a) PROTEST COMMITTEE will be made up of the Tournament Umpire-in-Chief, Tournament Director and the Softball B.C. Board of Director in charge, or their assigned designate.
- b) ELIGIBILITY Softball B.C. Board of Director (or his/her appointee) shall make the final decision on an eligibility protest of a player in a Provincial Championship.
- c) CASH FEE In Provincial Championships, before the Protest Committee hears the protest, the protesting manager/head coach must put forward a protest fee of \$50.00 cash. Should the protest be upheld the fee will be returned. Should the protest be denied, the fee will be retained by Softball BC.
- d) SCHEDULE NOT APPEALABLE There can be no protest on the rescheduling of any games at a Provincial Championship. Failure of a team to appear in any Provincial Championship game shall immediately be reviewed by the Protest Committee to determine whether that team shall be disqualified from the Championship and disciplinary action will be considered by the Board of Directors of Softball B.C.
- e) RULEBOOKS The Protest Committee must have a copy of the current Softball B.C. Handbook and a current C.A.S.A. rule book.
- f) BOARD REP ROLE The Softball B.C. Board Representative shall have the power to act and be in complete charge of all Provincial Championship games.
- g) PAUSE TIME In the event of a protest during a game where a time limit is used the game clock will be paused until the protest has been resolved.

- h) **DISCIPLINE** Any player or team official that has been ejected from a game before, during or after a Provincial Tournament may be subject to further disciplinary action, to be decided by the Protest Committee or submitted to Softball BC for further investigation.

## **10.9 TOURNAMENT OBLIGATIONS - PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- a) **LEGAL AGREEMENT** Leagues or Associations having been awarded the Provincial Championship Tournament must fulfill all obligations as specified in the bid and in the signed legal agreement between Softball B.C. and the organizing League(s) or Association(s).
- b) **NO LIABILITY FOR DEBT** Softball B.C. shall not be liable for any claims or indebtedness incurred in the conduct of any Provincial Championship.
- c) **BALLS** Softballs to be used at Minor, Men's and Women's Fast Pitch and Slo-Pitch (male and female) Provincial Championships are as follows:

### **Men and Women Fastpitch**

Jr. /Women/Master Women	Cor 47 12" Optic Raised Seam
Jr./Men's and Women's/Master Men	Cor 47 12" Optic Rolled Seam Orthodox
	Cor 47 12" Optic Rolled Seam
Mixed Fastpitch	Cor 47 12" Optic Rolled Seam

### **Minor Fastpitch boys**

U19 'A', 'B' & 'C' boys	12" Optic Rolled Seam
U16 'A', 'B' & 'C' boys	12" Optic Rolled Seam
U14 'A', 'B' & 'C' boys	12" Optic Rolled Seam
U12 'A', 'B' & 'C' boys	11" Optic Rolled Seam

### **Minor Fastpitch Girls**

U19 'A', 'B' & 'C' Girls	12" Optic Raised Seam
U16 'A', 'B' & 'C' Girls	12" Optic Raised Seam
U14 'A', 'B' & 'C' Girls	12" Optic Raised Seam
U12 'A', 'B' & 'C' Girls	11" Optic Raised Seam

### **Slo-Pitch**

#### **(all categories – Open/C/D)**

Women's Slo-Pitch	ZN 1147SP 11"
Men's Slo-Pitch	ZN 1247SP 12"
Mixed Slo-Pitch – Men	ZN 1247SP 12"
Mixed Slo-Pitch – Women	ZN 1147SP 11"

- d) **PASS ALLOCATION** All teams competing in a Provincial Championship will be entitled to no more than five passes for all games, over and above the official player's roster submitted.
- e) **ACCOMODATION** Leagues or Associations hosting Provincial Championships will advise participating teams upon registration with the Championship Director of the accommodations closest to the ball park being used in the Championships.



- f) **COACH MEETING** Host Associations are required to have a Coaches and Managers meeting prior to the start of the Provincial Championship. The Softball B.C. Board Representative and the Tournament Umpire-in-Chief must be in attendance.
- g) **DOUBLE BASE** The Official Double Base is mandatory in all District, Zone and Provincial Playoffs for all categories.

#### **10.10 AWARDS**

Softball B.C. medals will be awarded: Gold to the winning team, Silver to the second place team and Bronze to the third place team.

#### **10.11 COACH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTENDEES**

The head coach, or in their absence, another coach shall be responsible for the conduct of the team's attendees. If after a warning from an umpire, Softball BC Board Representative, or Tournament UIC, concerning the behaviour of the team's attendees, they may choose to eject the coach from the game and the game will be forfeited. Note the coach is responsible for the conduct of the attendees before and post-game.

- 10.12 Softball BC Board Representative can and may stop the game if grossly mismatched and consent is given by coaches from both teams. The game will scored as +7 runs and +30 bases touched for the winning team.

### **ARTICLE 11 – REGIONAL & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS**

- 11.1 **BIDS:** All bids for Softball B.C. Regional & Provincial Championships must follow Provincial requirements:

- a) **DEADLINE** Bid deadline is the Saturday of the Annual General Meeting in October (5:00 p.m.). A schedule will be set prior to the bid period. Championships that have not been bid on by March 1st will be cancelled for the current season. (Exception: Minor).

**NOTE:** Further information on preparing a bid in relation to host requirements can be obtained from the Softball B.C. office.

- b) **CONTENT** Bids must include a description of the available facilities and a proposed budget for the event.
- c) **ELIGIBILITY** Only recognized leagues or associations will be accepted as bidders for Provincial Championships.
- d) **BOND** A performance bond of \$200.00 must accompany the bid and be received by the bid deadline. Unsuccessful bidders will have the bond returned by December 31 of the current year.
- e) **TIMING**
  - i) Minor category Provincial 'A' Tournaments will begin on the third weekend after the long weekend in July. **EXCEPTION:** U16 in Summer Games years.
  - i) Minor category Provincial 'B' Tournaments will be held on the second weekend after the long weekend in July.
  - ii) Minor category Provincial 'C' Tournaments will be held on the first weekend after the long weekend in July.

- iii) All Provincial Championships leading to a Canadian or Western Canadian be scheduled at least two weeks prior to the inter-Provincial Championship.
- f) **RIGHT TO CHANGE** Softball B.C. has the right to withdraw, reassign or reschedule any Provincial Championship for reasons including but not limited to:
  - i) The hosting fee has not been received
  - ii) The Provincial Championship Host Agreement has not been returned to the Softball B.C. office duly signed by the Coordinator and District Umpire-in-Chief
  - iii) Playing conditions are not acceptable
  - iv) Planning is not acceptable.

In taking such action the tournament dates will be varied only after every possible effort has been exhausted to find a suitable location for the Championship on the originally scheduled date.
- g) **SOFTBALL BC ROLE** Softball B.C. shall conduct and control Provincial Championships. They shall scrutinize the bids to confirm the best possible site for Championships.
- h) **MAY COMBINE** The Board of Directors of Softball B.C. has the authority to combine two or more Provincial Championships into one site with the approval of the host association(s), providing that the number of teams does not exceed 20 teams.
- i) **BOYS TIMING** U12 Rep' boys and U14 Rep' boys provincials will be played on the "B" weekend at the same venue. This will be in effect until the year following a combined registration of 25 teams is achieved.

## **ARTICLE 12 – WESTERN CANADIAN OR CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 12.1 **LETTER OF INTENT:** To represent B.C. at a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship, teams must complete a "Letter of Intent" form and submit it to the Softball B.C. office by June 1st of the current playing year.
- MINOR ONLY:** Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- a) **BOND** A performance bond shall accompany the "Letter of Intent" form, equal to the Western Canadian Softball Association or Softball Canada fine for defaulting or failing to attend the applicable championship.
  - b) **FORFEIT** Minor Only: Any team defaulting or failing to attend the applicable championship will forfeit their Performance Bond.
  - c) **NO PLAYOFF REQUIRED** When the number of letters of intent to attend a championship is equal to the number of spots that B.C. receives for a championship, Softball BC will inform the team(s) no later than June 15th.
  - d) **DISTRICT COORDINATOR** The Men's and Women's Director upon receiving notification of a team's intent to participate in a Western Canadian Championship will immediately notify the District

Coordinator. The coordinator will confirm the classification of the team. Re-classification must be done immediately to allow the appeal process to take place prior to June 15.

- 12.2 **MUST ATTEND:** Teams that have submitted a Letter of Intent to participate in a Western Canadian or a Canadian Championship, and won the right to attend where Softball B.C. has committed to and/or paid for such an opportunity to attend, shall attend pursuant to the Notice of Intent. Teams failing to attend upon their commitment to do so, shall immediately be:
- a) **LIABLE FOR COSTS** associated with that commitment, including but not limited to entry fees and penalty assessments made by the Western Canadian Softball Association or Softball Canada. Failure of players, coaches and where applicable, minor associations to reimburse Softball B.C. for any of the aforesaid costs and/or assessments upon a team's failure to attend a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship, will result in disciplinary action.
  - b) **DISQUALIFIED** from attending Districts or Provincials and ineligible for Western Canadian or Canadian Championships for the following season, having six or more returning players.
- 12.3 **REPRESENTATIVE TEAM:** The team representing British Columbia at Canadian ('A' Classification) or Western Canadian ('B' Classification) Championships shall be as follows:
- a) **TOP PLACE** The highest placing team at the Provincial Championship team (except Slo-Pitch and Mixed Orthodox) to have completed a "Letter of Intent".
  - b) **TWO TEAMS** If two teams are eligible to attend the Canadian or Western Canadian Championship, the top two eligible finishing teams are to represent British Columbia.
  - c) **FOLLOW UP** Within 48 hours of winning a Provincial Championship, the team must contact the Softball B.C. office for further information on the trip to further competitions (Softball B.C. 604-371-0302).
  - d) **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE** received by Softball B.C. from the Government or any other source allotted to teams, if any, will be by cheque at the discretion of the Softball B.C. Board of Directors.
  - e) **FOLLOWING YEAR Mixed Orthodox Only:** The first place team from the B.C. Provincial Championship will be offered the opportunity to attend the Canadian Championship in the following year as the B.C. representative (including travel funding if available). The second place team is offered the opportunity to attend the Western Canadian Championship in the following year as the B.C. Representative (including travel funding if available). If a second spot in the Canadian Championship is offered to B.C. it shall be first offered to the second place finisher (without any available travel funding) before it is offered to lower finishers. If taken by the second place finisher then the Western Canadian Representative Spot (and any available travel funding), shall be offered to the next highest finisher from the B.C. Provincial Championship.

- f) **PRIOR YEAR CHAMPION** Prior year's Provincial Champion (Slo-Pitch and Mixed Orthodox only).
  - g) **CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR PLAYERS** To be eligible for Western Canadian Championships, all minor 'B' teams must be made up of no fewer than 11 players who have not participated on any 'A' classification team in the preceding year. For the purposes of this, players from teams reclassified from 'A' to 'B' by the Minor Director pursuant to Article 7.2 g) vi)/8.2 C0 xii) shall be considered 'B' players,
- 12.4 **DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Defending Champions from the Western Canadian Championships in Minor to be the Silver Medal winner of the Provincial Championship in the current year if the defending champion does not have eight returning players. In the event the Silver Medal team cannot attend, the Bronze medal team would be given the option. NOTE: As per the WCSA, there is no returning champion in U19 'B'.
- 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.
- 12.5 **PROVINCIAL HOST TEAM:** The host team will be determined as the highest finishing eligible team from the host:
- i) association
  - ii) District
  - iii) City
  - b) 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.
  - c) 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
- 12.6 **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE:** Where a British Columbia team has won a Western Canadian Championship or Canadian Championship and, has the right to participate in the subsequent year's Western Canadian Championship or Canadian Championship as defending champion:
- a) **DUTY** Where the defending champions submits a Letter of Intent by the applicable Softball BC deadline, Softball BC will complete all necessary correspondence and pay all necessary fees to ensure that the team that is eligible for the Western Canadian Championship or the Canadian Championship;
  - b) **ALTERNATE** when the defending champion may not be a current year's provincial champion, Softball BC will complete all necessary correspondence and pay all necessary fees to ensure that the current year's provincial champion team is eligible for the Western Canadian Championship or the Canadian Championship as the provincial representative;
  - c) **BACKUP** when the defending champion may be the current year's provincial champion, Softball BC will complete all necessary correspondence and pay all necessary fees so the second place finisher

in that provincial championship (or, another team, as deemed appropriate by the British Columbia Softball Association) is eligible for the Western Canadian Championship or the Canadian Championship.

- 12.7 **FEE TO SOFTBALL BC:** Softball B.C. shall receive \$250 for each Men and Women FP and SP and \$100 for each Minor Western Canadian Championship hosted in the Province of British Columbia.

## **ARTICLE 13 – WESTERN/CANADIAN BIDS**

- 13.1 **VOTING** Where two or more organizations bid for the same Western Canadian or Canadian Championships, bids must be presented to General Meeting and be voted on by the voting delegates. **EXCEPTION:** Minors.
- 13.2 **FEE** The host association for W.C.S.C. submits their \$250 for Men's and Women's FP and SP and \$100 for Minor tournament fees when they submit the W.C.S.A. contract.
- 13.3 **LOSS** Softball BC will, upon receipt of a financial statement from the host, supply up to \$2,500.00 should the host report a loss. The grant will be prorated based on the amount of loss, as determined by the Softball BC Director.
- 13.4 **UMPIRE PENALTY** Each Province/Territory must send an umpire to each Western Canadian Championship they send a team to and when a P/T does not send an umpire they are assessed a \$500.00 penalty. The full \$500.00 penalty will be sent to the host association to cover costs associated with officials.
- 13.5 **FINE** When a Province or Territory withdraws a team after June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year they are assessed a \$1000.00 fine. The full penalty received by Softball BC from the Western Canadian Softball Association will be forwarded to the host association to cover costs.

## **ARTICLE 14 – INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

- 14.1 **MUST BE SANCTIONED** All invitational softball tournaments hosted by Softball B.C. teams and held within the Province of B.C., must be sanctioned by Softball B.C.
- 14.2 **RESULTS** The results of all minor tournaments, together with any recommendations as to team classification, shall be forwarded by the tournament hosts to the Softball B.C. 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.
- 14.3 **HOW TO OBTAIN SANCTION**
- a) **AUTOMATIC** All tournaments hosted by members in good standing of Softball B.C. are automatically sanctioned. Those sanctions shall remain in place until such time as officially removed in writing or electronic form by the Director.
- 14.4 **CONDITIONS OF SANCTION**

- a) PERMISSION FOR NON-MEMBERS No team or player who is a member of Softball B.C. is permitted to play with or against a non-member of Softball B.C. without permission from Softball B.C.
- b) AWARDS All trophies, medals or awards promised are to be given to teams or players to whom they are entitled.
- c) RULES All rules and regulations of Softball B.C. are to be adhered to.
- d) FAIR EXPENSES All expense allowances to teams are to be distributed on a fair and equitable basis.
- e) FOLLOW THROUGH All conditions agreed upon that may be inherent to the particular tournament desiring sanction, are to be carried out.
- f) REVIEW Accredited Softball B.C. representative is permitted to examine records and tournaments procedures to ascertain above conditions.



# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## ARTICLE 15 – GENERAL

### 15.1 **DISTRICT ELECTIONS:** (To be read in conjunction with By-Laws, Part 4)

- a) **COORDINATOR/UIC:** Elections, if held, are to take place before September 15th, with the terms of office commencing at the election year's Annual General Meeting in October. Candidates shall:
  - i) endorse a Volunteer Agreement confirming that the candidate is a bona fide member of Softball B.C.,
  - ii) confirm that the current annual dues have been fully paid, and
  - iii) demonstrate a basic understanding of the Special Operating Rules of Softball B.C. and/or applicable Coordinator Manual.
- b) **REPRESENTATIVES:** Elections, if held, are to take place before September 15th each year, with the term commencing immediately upon election. The District Coordinator shall satisfy themselves that the candidate is a bona fide member of Softball B.C., and that the current annual dues have been fully paid.
- c) **ELECTION YEARS:** The Umpire-in-Chief and Men's and Women's Fastpitch Coordinator elections are to be held on odd numbered years, and the Minor Fastpitch Coordinator and Men's and Women's Slo-Pitch Coordinator on even numbered years;
- d) **ELECTION RESULTS:** The new Softball B.C. District Representative names shall be reported in writing or electronic form to Softball B.C. within 30 days of the election;
- e) **INCOMING AT AGM:** The incoming Softball B.C. District Representative may, without holding the power of a vote, accompany the outgoing Softball B.C. District Representative to the Softball B.C. Annual General Meeting, at the expense of the incoming Softball B.C. District Representative or District. In the case of the Minor Coordinator, Men's and Women's Fastpitch Coordinator or Men's and Women's Slo-pitch Coordinator, the new representative could fill a voting delegate's position of Female or Male Representative.
- f) **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY DISTRICT UIC** After each term, the District Umpire-in-Chief position shall become vacant and all interested parties, including the incumbent, must notify Softball B.C. in writing or electronic form by September 1st of their candidacy. If more than one person challenges for the position of District Umpire-in-Chief, elections will be held under the following criteria:
- g) **UIC ELECTION:**
  - i) Voting shall be done electronically and supervised by the Softball BC office.
  - ii) All eligible voters shall be provided a link to the voting site.
  - iii) Each person in the election may include an endorsement of up to 1000 words to be included in the voting site beside the candidate's name.
  - iv) Each eligible voter shall be allowed to only vote once, and must be identified through the voting site.



- v) Elections shall be open for a period of not less than 48 hours and not more than 96 hours from the time of the notification to all eligible voters.
- h) **CANDIDACY FOR COORDINATOR:** Candidates must submit an email, or letter of intent postmarked on or before September 1st to Softball B.C. and the incumbent Coordinator.
- i) **COORDINATOR ELECTION:** the applicable director or his/her appointee shall arrange an election to be held before September 30th of the current year and shall:
  - vi) Provide a list of nominees and the date, time and in writing or electronic form at least 14 days before the election to:
    - (a) the President or Executive of each Club or Association, and
    - (b) the coach or manager of every independent team in the District
  - vii) Arrange an election by secret ballot and have it monitored by at least 3 scrutineers who are non-voting delegates;
  - viii) Provide a reasonable opportunity for each nominee to address the delegates before the election;
- j) **VOTES:** Each registered team shall be entitled to one vote. A voting delegate at a District Coordinator election shall, where represented by, or registered with, an Association, Club or League, be identified in advance by the President or a Director of such Association, Club or League, and may include any person who is listed as a player who is of the age of majority (19 years), coach or manager of a registered team on the approved roster. Each voting delegate should carry a copy of the approved team roster form, and may, on demand of the election scrutineers, be required to produce it to receive a ballot

15.2 **HANDBOOK COPIES:** Softball B.C. Handbooks will be distributed by Coordinators to Presidents of Associations.

### 15.3 WHEELCHAIR COACHES

Criteria for on field (coach's box) participation

- a) The wheelchair must be manually propelled. Motorized wheelchairs are not acceptable.
- b) Hazardous areas or protrusions of the wheelchair, as determined by the Softball B.C. Representative, in consultation with the Tournament Umpire-in-Chief and the Tournament Director, will be removed or padded.
- c) In reference to Softball Canada Rule 10.1 should a question pertaining to the safety of any participants, due to the mobility of the wheelchair coach, the plate umpire must consult with the Softball B.C. Board Representative, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Umpire-in-Chief before any action is taken.

## **15.4 TEAM TRAVEL FUND**

- a) **RECIPIENTS** The recipients of the team travel fund will be as follows:
- i) teams must participate in a Provincial Championship providing a championship is held to qualify.
  - ii) Softball B.C. will determine the funding allocated to teams travelling to Western Canadian and Canadian Championships
  - iii) the amount of pay out to teams is based on how far they travel and other travel funding available
  - iv) 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).

# UMPIRE INFORMATION



## ARTICLE 16 – UMPIRES

### 16.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

- a) Only umpires currently registered and in good standing with Softball B.C., may vote on their respective District Umpire-in-Chief position.
- b) The designated Umpire-in-Chief of all Minor 'A' Provincial Championships shall not umpire in the Tournament.
- c) The designated B.C. Board representative shall not umpire in the Provincial tournament.
- d) The designated Tournament Umpire-in-Chief of all Men's and Women's, Fastpitch and Slo-Pitch Provincial Championships, shall not umpire in the Tournament, except under unusual circumstances.
- e) Umpire procedures and duties shall conform to Rule 10 of the Softball Canada Rulebook.
- f) In all Softball B.C. Championships, Western Canadian Championships (hosted in B.C.), international tournaments or international tours hosted in B.C., requiring Softball B.C. and / or Softball Canada sanction, the Softball B.C. Provincial Umpire-in-Chief or his appointed representative, shall select and oversee the assignment of all game officials. International tournaments or international tours shall be defined as *"A tournament or tour which has teams from outside North America or national teams from North American countries."* All World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) sanctioned events held in B.C. will be administered by the Softball Canada National Director of Umpires (NDU). The Softball Canada NDU may appoint the Softball B.C. UIC or his designate to UIC these events.
- g) Softball B.C. shall recognize only one Amateur Umpire Association in B.C., that to be the Association that is presently affiliated with B.C.A.S.A.
- h) No District Umpire-in-Chief and/or designate shall receive remuneration for allocating District or B.C. Championship umpires.
- i) All District Umpires-in-Chief must make the Provincial Championship(s) in their District their first priority over invitational tournaments.

### 16.2 UMPIRE REGISTRATION AND CLINIC FEES

A recognized Softball B.C. umpire's clinic is mandatory for any BC umpire registering with Softball Canada

- a) **Level 1 (Cost \$110.00)** – *This clinic is designed for the umpire who has never taken a certification clinic. The clinic will give you the basic positioning for the one and two umpires system as well as some basic rule information. You will receive the Level I Certification Manual and the current Softball Canada Rule Book. This clinic will allow you to officiate local minor and Men's and Women's recreational softball.*
- b) **Level 1R (Cost \$95.00)** – *This is the new designation for the Minor Refresher and will be presented in conjunction with the Level 1 clinic. The clinic is a review of all the materials presented at the Level 1 clinic*

*with emphasis on drills. You will receive the current Softball Canada Rule Book.*

- c) **Level 2 (Cost: \$125.00)** – *This clinic is the next step in the certification program and builds on the skills learned at the Level 1 clinic, with further rules discussion and on-field drills. You will receive the Level 2 Certification Manual and the current Softball Canada Rule Book. This clinic will allow you to officiate local and provincial/territorial minor level and/or local Men's and Women's softball and consideration for selection as a secondary selection to a U14 or U16 Canadian Championship.*
- d) **Level 2R (Cost: \$110.00)** – *This is the new designation for the Minor Refresher and will be presented in conjunction with the Level 2 clinic. The clinic is a review of all the materials presented at the Level 2 clinic with emphasis on drills. You will receive the current Softball Canada Rule Book.*
- e) **Level 3 (Cost: \$155.00)** – *For this clinic you need the recommendation of your DUIC or PODC and is by invitation only. The clinic builds on the previous clinics and introduces the umpire to the three and four umpire systems. It also discusses philosophy of officiating and handling of coaches in more detail. You will receive the Level 3 Certification Manual and the current Softball Canada Rule Book. This clinic allows you to Officiate provincial/territorial minor and Men's and Women's softball and qualifies you to officiate U19, U23, Women FP, and Masters.*
- f) **Level 3R (Cost: \$125.00)** — *This is the Senior Refresher for all fully certified Level 3 and 3T umpires who do not conduct or assist at a clinic.*
- g) **Level 4 (Cost \$110.00)** — *Only offered by Softball Canada and requires the permission of the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief. The registration fee is for all fully certified Level 4 and 4T umpires.*
- h) **Level 4R (Cost: \$140.00)**— *The Senior Refresher for all fully certified Level 4 and 4T umpires who do not conduct or assist at a clinic.*
- i) **Level 5 — Cost \$120.00**
- j) **Level 5R (Cost: \$150.00)** — *The Senior Refresher for all fully certified Level 5 umpires who do not conduct or assist at a clinic.*
- k) **Emeritus (Cost: \$30.00)** — *For the umpire who has retired from on field-work and is working in an administrative role such instructing clinics or evaluating.*

Lifetime Membership Fee

(One time only)

\$10.00

**All umpire clinic and membership registration applications are now processed online only.**

Softball B.C. registration includes mandatory insurance coverage and mandatory Softball Canada registration.

- l) Three dollars from the sale of each Softball B.C. Umpire registration fee will be donated to the Gordon McDonald/Margo and Doreen Thoms Bursary Funds.
- m) Softball BC umpire registration must be completed online by May 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- n) Umpire membership/registration shall be granted by the District U.I.C. and approved by the Provincial U.I.C.
- o) The Provincial U.I.C. may refuse a Softball B.C. umpire registration for reasons deemed to be characteristic of a member not in good standing. This refusal must be ratified by the full Board of Directors of Softball B.C.
- p) The term of membership shall begin upon affiliation and payment of set fees, and exist until the next affiliation date of January 1st.
- q) Softball B.C. umpires registration / membership shall be granted after January 1st for the current season.
- r) Softball BC umpires are required each year to complete the Softball Canada National Umpires Exam on-line for the certification level they hold as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.
- s) Each District Umpire-in-Chief will be responsible to schedule all appropriate clinics to be held in their district, notify the office of the dates to be publicized on the Softball B.C. website and schedule instructors for each clinic.

### **16.3 DRESS AND EQUIPMENT**

- a) Softball B.C. registered umpires must comply with the required Softball B.C. approved dress code for umpires when umpiring in the province. There will be no exceptions. Umpires assigned to Western and Canadian Championships must comply with the C.A.S.A. dress code. Umpires traveling out of province will be required to follow the C.A.S.A. dress code. Failure to comply with the above dress code requirements may result in disciplinary action.
- b) A registered umpire will be expected to comply with all the required protective safety equipment as spelled out in the C.A.S.A. Umpires Certification Manuals.

### **16.4 EXPENSES – UMPIRES**

All umpires expenditures must be submitted in writing, complete with receipts, directly to the Softball B.C. office. All expenditures will be subject to the approval of the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief. If the expense claim is approved, the expenditure will be submitted for payment.

### **16.5 UMPIRE TRAVEL PERMITS**

- a) All umpires who are invited (or wish) to umpire out-of-district must have permission from their home District UIC (or designate)
- b) All umpires who are requested to officiate out-of-province must have permission from the Provincial UIC; actions contrary to this may lead to immediate suspension.

### **16.6 EVALUATIONS AND INTER-PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL TRANSFERS**

- a) The Softball BC Evaluation Form shall be the only form used for B.C. Umpires.
  - b) An incoming umpire shall hold his former C.A.S.A. graded level in B.C., until such a time he/she is graded by the Provincial U.I.C. or his appointed representative.
- 16.7 The head coach, or in their absence, another coach shall be responsible for the conduct of the team's attendees. If after a warning from an umpire, Softball BC Board Representative, or Tournament UIC, concerning the behaviour of the team's attendees, they may choose to eject the coach from the game and the game will be forfeited. Note the coach is responsible for the conduct of the attendees before and post-game.



# **AWARDS AND HALL OF FAME**



## **ARTICLE 17 – SOFTBALL B.C. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS AND HALL OF FAME**

**17.1 PURPOSE** – To establish an honour roll of:

- a) HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS of Softball B.C.
- b) BRITISH COLUMBIA ATHLETE OF DISTINCTION of Softball B.C.
- c) HALL OF FAME of Softball B.C.

### **17.2 CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION**

#### **a) B.C. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

- i) Has served as a Director in B.C. and/or Coordinator, U.I.C. of Softball B.C. for a period of five (5) years, not necessarily consecutive.
- ii) May not return to Softball as a Director or Coordinator / U.I.C. if Honorary Life Membership is given.
- iii) Consideration for honorary life membership is to be based on exceptional service.

#### **b) BRITISH COLUMBIA ATHLETE OF DISTINCTION**

- i) Has represented Softball B.C. with distinction in Softball competition, in B.C. and/or Canada and whose career has brought great credit to Softball and high respect for the individual.
- ii) Has compiled an outstanding record which extends over a period of years in Softball and,
- iii) During the years for which outstanding performances are claimed, the athlete has been registered amateur as defined in the Operating Rules of Softball B.C. and,
- iv) Has been a B.C. resident during the period for which outstanding performances are claimed

#### **c) SOFTBALL B.C. HALL OF FAME**

- i) **ATHLETE**
  - (a) Has represented Softball BC with distinction in Softball competition, in B.C., Canada and internationally and, whose example has brought great credit to Softball and high respect for the individual.
  - (b) Has represented Canada in International Championship, Pan-American Games, Olympic Games or World Championship.
  - (c) Has compiled an outstanding record which extends over a period of years in Softball and,
  - (d) During the years for which outstanding performances are claimed, the athlete has been registered amateur as defined in the Operating Rules of Softball B.C. and,
  - (e) Has been a B.C. resident during the period for which outstanding performances are claimed.
- ii) **OFFICIALS**
  - (a) Both male and female, who has umpired with distinction in B.C., Canada, or outside of Canada; or whose example has

- brought great credit to Softball and high respect for the individual or,
- (b) Has compiled an outstanding umpiring record which extends over a period of years.
  - (c) During the years for which outstanding performance is claimed, has been a registered umpire as defined in the Operating Rules of Softball B.C.
  - (d) Has been a B.C. resident during the period for which outstanding performance is claimed.
- iii) **SPORTSPERSON/BUILDER**
- (a) Has served meritoriously in more than one capacity for a period of at least 10 years, not necessarily consecutive, as a volunteer, and/or;
  - (b) Has served at the Association, District or Provincial capacity for a minimum of 2 years;
  - (c) Has been a B.C. resident for the period during which exceptional service is claimed.
- iv) **TEAMS**
- (a) Has represented Softball B.C. as a team with distinction in Softball competition and whose example has brought great credit to Softball and,
  - (b) Has won a Gold Medal in a Canadian/Western Championship.
- v) **SPONSORS**
- (a) Who has contributed to the growth of B.C. Softball for a period of five (5) years or longer.
- vi) **COACH**
- (a) Has been a resident of B.C. during the period for which outstanding performance is claimed; and
  - (b) Have coached at least 5 years at Western and/or a Canadian Championships or 3 years at Canadian Championship; or
  - (c) Have coached at least 1 year at Pan Am or World Championships;
  - (d) Represented B.C. with distinction at those competitions.
- d) **SPECIAL RECOGNITION** Softball B.C. will recognize individuals for meritorious service to the sport of softball, from time to time.
- i) Coordinators/U.I.C.'s – 5/10/15 year pins issued at Annual General Meeting in year of service.
  - ii) Local Association person – plaques issued recognizing contribution for display at local level.
  - iii) Must have served 5 years or more with local association.
  - iv) Must have worked to the betterment of Softball B.C. within his/her organizations.

### **17.3 NOMINATIONS**

- a) **ORIGINATION** Nominations may originate with a Club or an Association: in all cases, nominations must be approved by the appropriate District Coordinator, or Umpire-in-Chief.
- b) **CITATION** Nominations must be accompanied by citations covering in as great detail as possible, the athletic accomplishments or the service record or both, of each person nominated. The claimed accomplishments or service record shall be supported by documentary evidence where there is any possibility of doubt.
- c) **PHOTOGRAPHS** Should be accompanied by one or more photographs of the nominee(s), preferably 8 inches by 10 inches (20.3cm by 25.3cm). In the case of an athlete, it shall be an action picture from the athlete's competing days. In the case of sportsman or sportswomen, it shall be a suitable pose from their active service days.
- d) **DEADLINE** Must be in the hands of the Softball B.C. Hall of Fame Membership Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of Softball B.C., for consideration in that year.
- e) **REVIEW BY BOARD** All applications approved by the Softball B.C. Hall of Fame Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors of Softball B.C. with a recommendation for enrolment in the Hall.

### **17.4 SOFTBALL B.C. HALL OF FAME CENTRE**

- a) **LOCATION** Shall be located at a suitable site as determined by Softball B.C.
- b) **PERMANENT DISPLAY** Each Honorary Life Member / Athlete / Sportsperson / Team shall be permanently displayed at the Softball B.C. Hall of Fame, in the form of photographs and/or resume.
- c) **50 YEAR CLUB:** Softball B.C. will provide recognition to eligible members who have been involved with Softball B.C. and the sport of softball for 50 years.

17.5 **ENROLMENT:** At no time shall the total enrolment of Sports person exceed the total enrolment of Athletes.

17.6 **RECOGNITION:** Suitably engraved framed certifications shall accompany each appointment to the Softball B.C. Hall of Fame.

17.7 **SUPERVISION AND CONTROL:** The supervision and control of the Softball B.C. Hall of Fame shall be a responsibility of the Board of Directors, and administered by the committee herein called "The Softball B.C. Hall of Fame Committee" appointed by the Board of Directors every two years. The cost of operating this shall be borne by Softball B.C. The Softball B.C Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of three (3) members as appointed by the Board of Directors of Softball B.C. A Softball B.C. Hall of Fame register shall be kept by the Softball B.C. Executive Director for the purpose of recording names, citations, photographs (negatives) or other materials considered of value for records of all persons.

17.8 **AMENDMENTS:**

- a) **PLURALITY** Any amendments to this Article may be made at any annual or general meeting of Softball B.C. provided two-thirds of the votes cast are favourable to any proposed amendment.
- b) **NOTICE** of Motion of any proposed amendment shall be sent to the Office of Softball B.C. at least thirty (30) days before the annual or special general meeting and shall at once (upon receipt of said Notices of Motion) be forwarded by the Executive Director to all members of the Board of Directors and all members of the Hall of Fame Committee.

## **GORDON MCDONALD/MARGO AND DORENE THOMS BURSARY GUIDELINES**

1. All monies at present in the McDonald/Thoms Memorial Fund, and monies donated in future, to be administered by the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief, Mark Thoms and Callum McDonald. Monies to be expended will be voted upon each fall prior to October 1 of each year by the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief, Mark Thoms, Callum McDonald, Brian Van Os and the District Umpires-in-Chief (19 votes). The vote will be done by a mailed in ballot. All votes will be in sealed envelopes and mailed to Softball B.C. The sealed envelopes will be sent to the Softball B.C. office and at the time the votes will be tabulated. The counting of the ballots should include 2 people. The results of the ballot count will be sent to all U.I.C.'s and the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief.
2. A complete financial report, including all revenues and its source, all expenses including all bursary recipients, opening balance and closing balance, be submitted to the Softball B.C. office by October 1 of each year by the McDonald/Thoms committee.
3. The voting members will establish one year in advance, the number of Bursaries and the amount of the Bursaries and these will be advertised in the last Softball B.C. Magazine of the year. (Application deadline August 1st or following the October 1st vote.)
4. The voting members will establish the guidelines for the application form and the distribution of these Bursaries. The voting members will be authorized to adjust by vote, changes to the guidelines as required. A signed copy of these guidelines will be available at the Softball B.C. office for the inspection of any Softball B.C. member.

### **MINOR DEVELOPMENT FUND GUIDELINES *Est 1999***

1. The Minor Development Fund shall hereafter be referred to as the "Fund" and the Minor Development Fund Committee shall hereafter be referred to as the "Committee".
2. The Softball BC Board of Directors must ratify all Fund expenditures.
3. The signing officers of the Fund shall include the Minor Director AND any one the following:
  - a) One of two Minor Coordinators appointed by the Minor Director, or;
  - b) The President of Softball BC in the event that either of the appointed Minor Coordinators is not available.

4. The Committee shall consist of the Minor Director and one elected representative from each of the following areas of the province
  - a) Districts 1, 2 & 3 hereinafter referred to as Area A
  - b) Districts 4, 5, 6 & 15 hereinafter referred to as Area B
  - c) Districts 7, 8 & 14 hereinafter referred to as Area C
  - d) Districts 9, 10 & 11 hereinafter referred to as Area D
  - e) Districts 12 & 13 hereinafter referred to as Area E
5. Elections for representatives in Areas A, C & E shall take place in even numbered years and elections for representative in Areas B & D shall take place in odd numbered years.
6. The Minor membership shall submit nominations to the Minor Director for the Committee representatives from their respective areas, sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Softball BC AGM.
7. Any elected Committee representative who is unable or unwilling to perform the duties expected of them, may be replaced by the Minor Director. Where in any area a nominee for election cannot be found, the Minor Director shall appoint one of the Minor Coordinators from that area. In either case such appointment shall expire at the date of the next Softball BC AGM and an election for a representative from the affected area shall, whether it is the appropriate election year for that area or not, be carried out as if it was an appropriate election year from that area.
8. On an annual basis following the election of Committee representatives in a given year, the Committee shall meet at the respective Softball BC AGM and shall select a chairperson from their peers.
9. Motions, including budgets, relating to the allocation of monies collected by the Fund, may be made by any Committee representative and/or any Minor member or representative in good standing with Softball BC. Such motions and budgets shall be submitted to the Committee chairperson thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Softball BC AGM.
10. All funds collected during a particular year shall be expended or allocated by the Committee by May 31st of the following year.
11. All Committee expenses shall be submitted to the Committee chairperson for review and recommendation, which shall then be forwarded to the Minor Director for ratification and approval.
12. The Committee chairperson shall submit a written annual report to the Softball BC Board of Directors, the Minor Director of Softball BC, all District Minor Coordinators and the membership at the Minor Only Meeting of the Softball BC AGM.

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# **ANNEXES AND LINKS**

**Available for download on the Softball BC Website**

**[www.softball.bc.ca](http://www.softball.bc.ca)**

**ANNEX 'A'**

- Minor Provincial Championship Draws – Round Robin – online

**ANNEX 'B'**

- Knockout Championship Draw - online

**ANNEX 'C'**

- Senior Women – Modified Round Robin - online

**ANNEX 'D'**

- Senior Women – Championship Draw - online

**ANNEX 'E'**

- Minor Pickup Chart – online and in book

**ANNEX 'F'**

- Men's & Women's Pickup Chart – online and in book

**ANNEX 'G'**

- Coaching Matrix – online and in book

**ANNEX 'H'**

- U12B Championship Round – Single Knockout - online

**ANNEX 'I'**

- U10 Minor Rule Recommendations - online

**Also Available Online:**

**Tournament Brackets - (Double Knockout)**

- 5-16 Team DKO

## ANNEX 'E' – MINOR PICKUP CHART

YOUR TEAM	U19			U16			14			U12		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
MAY PICKUP FROM												
U19A	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
U19B	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
U19C	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
U16A	✓	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
U16B	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
U16C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×
U14A	×	×	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×	×
U14B	×	×	×	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	×
U14C	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
U12A	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×
U12B	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×
U12C	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ Yes, you may pick up from that category/classification

× No, you may not pick up from that category/classification



ANNEX 'F' – MEN & WOMEN PICKUP CHART

M/W = MEN AND WOMEN

YOUR TEAM	M/W A	M/W B	M/W C	M/W D	U23A	U23B	U23C	U23D	MASTER
MAY PICK-UP FROM	M/W A	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓
	MASTER	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	✓
	M/W B	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓
	M/W C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓
	M/W D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	U23A	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x
	U23 B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x
	U23C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x
	U23D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
	U19A	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x
	U19B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x
	U19C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

- ✓ Yes, you may pick up from that category/classification
- x No, you may not pick up from that category/classification

# Annex ‘G’

## Coaching Matrix (please refer to [www.softball.bc.ca](http://www.softball.bc.ca) for more information)

CATEGORY	SOFTBALL BC ARTICLE	REQUIREMENT: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	STATUS OBTAINED FOR PROVINCIAL	REQUIREMENT: WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP	REQUIREMENT: CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP
U13B	Recommended	LTC or Community Coach	LTC Trained or Community Coach Trained	N/A	N/A
U10	Required	LTC or Community Coach	LTC Trained or Community Coach Trained	N/A	N/A
U12A	Required	Community Coach + MED	Community Coach Trained	N/A	N/A
U12B	Recommended	Community Coach + MED	Community Coach Trained	N/A	N/A
U12C	Required	Community Coach + MED	Community Coach Trained	N/A	N/A
U14A	Required	Competition Introduction Clause #1 and #2 + MED	Competition Introduction Trained	N/A	Competition Introduction Certified
U14B	Required	Community Coach + MED	Community Coach Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
U14C	Required	Community Coach + MED	Community Coach Trained	N/A	N/A
U16A	Required	Competition Introduction Clause #1 and #2 + MED	Competition Introduction Trained	N/A	Competition Introduction Certified
U16B	Required	Competition Introduction Clause #1 and #2 + MED	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
U16C	Required	Community Coach + MED	Community Coach Trained	N/A	N/A
U19A	Required	Competition Introduction Clause #1 and #2 + MED	Competition Introduction Trained	N/A	Competition Introduction Certified
U19B	Required	Competition Introduction Clause #1 and #2 + MED	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
U19C	Recommended	Community Coach + MED	Community Coach Trained	N/A	N/A
Men's * Women's A	Recommended	Competition Introduction Clause #1 and #2 + MED	Competition Introduction Trained	N/A	Competition Introduction Certified
Men's * Women's B	Recommended	Community Coach + MED	Community Coach Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Men's * Women's C	Recommended	Community Coach + MED	Community Coach Trained	N/A	N/A
Men's * Women's D	Recommended	Community Coach + MED	Community Coach Trained	N/A	N/A

**Legend:**

- LTC:** Community Sport – Learn to Coach Clinic (great for Learn to Play instructors/coaches)
- Community Coach:** Community Sport – Ongoing Participation
- Weekend #1:** Competition Introduction Weekend #1 Clinic
- Weekend #2:** Competition Introduction Weekend #2 Clinic
- MED:** Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation

## MINOR SOFTBALL RULES

With the creation of Softball's Long-Term Player Development Model\* in 2008, Softball Canada determined that rules unification was a key element of our LTPD implementation plan. The creation of a nationally standardized set of rules for the minor age categories would assist in aligning our competition structures with LTPD principles. The goal was to create a set of rules to be followed by all minor age categories that was based on the latest research on growth and motor development to ensure that the games played by children and youth were age and stage appropriate and met the objectives for those stages of development. The end goal is that more Canadians are enjoying playing softball at the recreational and elite levels.

The rules that follow were developed with the help of experts from across Canada and it is recommended by Softball Canada that all softball governing bodies follow these rules for minors as a supplement to the standard rules found earlier in this document.

\*For more information about LTPD, please visit Softball Canada's web site ([www.softball.ca](http://www.softball.ca)).

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Rule 2-The Playing Field</b>				
<b>Base Path Distance</b>				
• 40' (Softball Canada Standard for U6)	*			
• 45' (Softball Canada Standard for U8 and U10)		*	*	
• 55' (Softball Canada Standard for U12)				*
<b>Pitching Distance</b>				
• 30' (Softball Canada Standard for U8 and U10)		*	*	
• 35' (Softball Canada Standard for U12)				*
• Note: If Coach Pitcher, the defensive pitcher should stand at the minimum pitching distance listed above and no closer.				
<b>Rule 3-Equipment</b>				
<b>Ball</b>				
• 10" Ball - Softball Canada standard for U6 - Recommends a softer "COR" ball.	*			
• 11" Indoor Ball - Softball Canada standard for U8 & U10		*	*	
• 11" Ball - Softball Canada standard for U12 (COR .47)				*

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Helmet</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All batters will wear a batting helmet with cage with strap done up while at bat and on base.</li> </ul>	*	*	*	*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional for defensive pitchers to wear protective equipment (helmet with cage or face guard).</li> </ul>	*	*	*	*
<b>Mouthguard</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional for defensive or offensive players to wear a mouth guard.</li> </ul>				
<b>Homeplate</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19" or 21" home plate</li> </ul>	*	*	*	
<b>Rule 4-Coaches, Players and Substitutes</b>				
<b>Coaches</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offensive and defensive coaches are permitted on the playing field.</li> </ul>	*	*		
<b>Players-Number of Players</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of 8-9 players on team</li> </ul>	*	*	*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of 6 players on field.</li> </ul>	*	*	*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 7 players on team.</li> </ul>				*

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Players-Number of Players (continued)</b>				
• Minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 9 players on the field.				*
• When playing with less than the maximum number of players, there are no automatic outs.	*	*	*	*
• If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line up.	*	*	*	*
• Each inning rotate who is the first batter.	*	*	*	
<b>Substitutes</b>				
• Unlimited defensive substitutions	*	*	*	*
<b>Replacement Runner</b>				
• A Coach may use a courtesy runner for the catcher to allow that catcher to suit up for the next half inning.	*	*	*	

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Replacement Runner (continued)</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the team on offence has two (2) out and the player designated to catch the next half inning is on base or there are only two (2) batters left in the order, the coach is allowed to substitute the last recorded out of the inning in that player's place as a base runner. The designated catcher must then suit up for the next half inning.</li> </ul>				*
<b>Playing Time</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No player is to sit more than 1 consecutive inning. Coaches will ensure that every player sits out one inning before any player sits out two innings.</li> </ul>	*	*	*	*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A player cannot play the same position in consecutive innings.</li> </ul>	*	*	*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A player cannot play the same position more than three (3) innings per game.</li> </ul>				*

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Playing Time (continued)</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each player must play an infield and outfield position in a game unless safety is an issue.</li> </ul>				*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The batting order should be shuffled every inning so a different player leads off each inning.</li> </ul>	*	*	*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaches are encouraged to play all players as equally as possible over the course of the season.</li> </ul>	*	*	*	*
<b>Rule 5-The Game</b>				
<b>Regulation Game</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practices/Modified games do not last for more than 1 hour.</li> </ul>	*			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new inning will not start after 1 hour 15 minutes after the scheduled start time.</li> </ul>		*	*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new inning will not start after 1 hour 30 minutes after the scheduled start time.</li> </ul>				*



RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Regulation Game (continued)</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In case of weather or cancellation of a game by an official and when two innings have been completed, the score of the game will revert to the last fully completed inning.</li> </ul>				*
<b>Mercy Rule</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mercy Rule: If any team is ahead by fifteen (15) runs or more after three (3) innings, or any inning thereafter, the game will be called. If any team is ahead by ten (10) runs or more after five (5) innings (4 1/2 if Home Team), or any inning thereafter, the game will be called.</li> </ul>				*
<b>Run Limit Per Inning</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of 5 runs per half inning.</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a	n/a	*

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Run Limit – Open/Last Inning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the last inning:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if the visiting team is behind by more than 5 (U12) runs, they will be limited to this run differential plus 1 run.</li> <li>if the visiting team is behind by less than 5 (U12) runs, they will be allowed to score a maximum of 5 (U12) runs.</li> <li>if the visiting team is ahead, they can only score a maximum of 5 (U12) more runs.</li> <li>if the home team is behind they will be limited to the run differential at the start of their bat plus 1.</li> <li>if the home team is ahead before their bat or at any time during, the game is considered over.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	n/a	n/a	n/a	*
<b>Charged Conferences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A team is permitted unlimited offensive conferences per inning.</li> <li>A team is permitted two defensive conferences per inning. With the third conference, the pitcher must be removed from the pitcher position for the balance of the inning.</li> </ul>	n/a	n/a	*	*

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Rule 6-Pitching Regulations</b>				
<b>Pitching</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coach Pitcher - 5 pitches. If they haven't hit after 5 pitches, if they swung 3 times, they are given 1st base.</li> </ul>	n/a	*		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Player pitching to opposing team until the batter receives a 4th ball, which would normally result in a walk. This is where the game changes. After the 4th ball, the batter will have a count against him/her. It will either be 4 balls (0 strikes 4-0), 4-1 or 4-2. The hitter's coach or designate for the offensive team, will now come in to pitch to his/her own batter and carry on the count (LTP rules).</li> </ul>			*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Player pitch - normal count. After 3 strikes, batter out.</li> </ul>				*
<b>Pitching Limitations</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A pitcher is allowed to pitch to a maximum of 10 batters per game and 20 batters per day. 1 pitch equals one batter. A pitcher is not allowed to pitch consecutive innings.</li> </ul>			*	

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Pitching Limitations (continued)</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A pitcher is allowed to pitch to a maximum of 13 batters and a maximum of 3 innings per game (can be consecutive). They can pitch a maximum of 6 innings per day or a maximum of 26 batters per day. 1 pitch equals one inning.</li> </ul>				*
<b>Hit Batters</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the same pitcher hits two (2) batters in an inning, he/she must be removed for the remainder of that inning.</li> </ul>			*	
<b>Walks</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walks are allowed</li> </ul>				*
<b>Intentional Walks</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no intentional walks</li> </ul>		*	*	*

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Rule 7-Batting</b>				
<b>Number of Batters</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Players Bat. All eligible players will appear on the batting order (whether they are in the field defensively or not). The Coach must declare the last batter to the umpire before the first pitch and the umpire must inform the opposing team. It is the duty of the Coach to inform the batter. When the last batter has hit, the ball must be returned to the catcher or other defensive player, who must be touching home plate. At that time, play is suspended. All previous runs are counted. If the last batter is put out through normal play, the inning is complete.</li> </ul>	*	*		
<b>Late Players</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players who arrive after the start of the game will be placed last in the batting order and bat their turn.</li> </ul>		*	*	

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Bunting</b>				
• Bunting is not permitted.		*	*	
• Bunting is permitted.				*
<b>Rule 8-Batter-Runner &amp; Runner</b>				
<b>Third Strike Rule</b>				
• Third Strike Rule is not in effect		*	*	*
<b>Infield Fly Rule</b>				
• Infield Fly Rule is not in effect		*	*	*
<b>Stealing</b>				
• Runner cannot steal bases; she/he can only run when the batter makes contact (No Stealing).		*	*	
• Base runners may steal on any legally pitched ball when it has crossed home plate.				*
• A player can only advance one base on a steal attempt.				*

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Stealing (continued)</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Player can not advance to home on a steal, passed ball, or wild pitch – must be batted in or forced home by a walk or is part of a continuation of a play (i.e. overthrow).</li> </ul>				*
<b>Lead Offs</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Runners may leave the base when the ball has crossed the plate.</li> </ul>		*	*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Runners may leave the base when the ball has crossed the plate. If they leave early, they will be called out.</li> </ul>				*
<b>Sliding</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sliding is allowed</li> </ul>	*	*	*	*
<b>Base Runner Advancement</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following a fairly hit ball, the advancing of runners is considered 'over' when the ball is returned to a player in the infield (inside the base paths). Runners may continue to the base they are heading to but the fielders may attempt to throw/tag the runner out.</li> </ul>		*	*	

RULE	U6	U8	U10	U12
<b>Overthrows</b>				
• Runners do not advance on an overthrow.		*	*	
• Runners advance 1 base only on an overthrow.				*
<b>Rule 9-Dead Ball-Ball In Play</b>				
• No walks or free bases awarded for being hit by a pitch from a coach-pitcher.		*	*	
<b>Rule 11-Protests</b>				
• There are no protests or appeals		*	*	
<b>Rule 12-Scoring</b>				
<b>Scores &amp; Standings</b>				
• Score and standings will not be kept as the emphasis is on player and team skill development not on winning.		*	*	