



# 2022 HANDBOOK

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# President's Message

On behalf of Softball Saskatchewan, our Board of Directors and staff welcome to the 2022 Softball season. I want to thank our many local Associations and all the volunteers involved for their tireless efforts over the past two years. Thanks to your hard work, programs and softball activities have continued to be provided in a safe environment as we all continue to deal with COVID-19.

We are very optimistic that programs and competitions will proceed in 2022 and we look forward to having Provincial, Western and Canadian Championships. Once again Associations in our province are prominent hosts of inter-provincial competition. Saskatoon is Hosting three Canadian Championships (U15 Girls, U17 Boys and U23 Women's along with the U23 Women's Westerns). Regina is hosting the Women's Canadian Championships and Prince Albert is hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> ever U13 Boys Western Canadians. Thank you to the many local volunteers who always make these championships such a positive experience for everyone involved.

Softball Saskatchewan launched our new marketing campaign at the beginning of 2022 and will continue through to the middle of March. The campaign is intended to promote participation in the sport of softball across Saskatchewan. The project is the culmination of many hours and days of production and video shoots in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina. Thank you to all those who volunteered to be part of our marketing campaign. The "This Is Softball" slogan is prominent in television, radio, billboard, digital audio (Spotify), online and paid social (Facebook/Instagram) media platforms. We intend to continue this marketing campaign for another two years.

We remain optimistic that our Men's and Women's Provincial teams will be able to compete in the 2022 Canada Summer Games after being delayed a year. We want to thank the players and coaches involved in the program for their dedication and commitment over the past two years with the any challenges and changes to our program due to COVID-19.

Finally, may all players, coaches and umpires have a successful and fun season of softball in 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary MacDonald", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary MacDonald  
President

## 2022 Important Dates to Remember

<b>Feb. 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Transfer Deadline for U17 &amp; U19 female/U20 male "A" Players</li> <li>Inter-Provincial Transfer Deadline for U17 &amp; U19 female/U20 male "A" Players</li> </ul>
<b>Apr. 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline for Board of Director Nominations</li> <li>Deadline for UDC Nominations</li> <li>District Transfer Deadline for U11, U13 &amp; U15 "A" Players</li> <li>Inter-Provincial Transfer Deadline for U11, U13 &amp; U15 "A" Players</li> </ul>
<b>Apr. 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Transfer Application Deadline for BW &amp; B players</li> </ul>
<b>Apr. 23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2022 Softball Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting. Delta Hotel in Regina or Virtually via Zoom</li> </ul>
<b>May 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inter-Provincial Transfer Deadline for "B" players</li> </ul>
<b>May 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affiliation Deadline</li> <li>Provincial Championship Entry Deadline for ONLY those categories that lead to Canadian Championships (A Categories)</li> </ul>
<b>Jun. 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Championship Entry Deadline for all categories NOT leading to Canadians</li> <li>Minor Provincial Roster Deadline (4:00 p.m.)</li> </ul>
<b>Jun. 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult Provincial Roster Deadline (4:00 p.m.)</li> </ul>
<b>Sept. 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline</li> </ul>
<b>Oct. 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awards Program Nomination Deadline</li> </ul>
<b>Oct. 22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Semi-Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon</li> </ul>
<b>Nov. 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline for Bid to Host 2023 Provincial Championship</li> </ul>

# Fastpitch Operating Rules

(Changes from the 2021 Handbook are in **bold**)

## Article I. General

- A. Softball Saskatchewan uses the Softball Canada Official Guide and Rule Book for its interpretation in playing the game of Softball. **Modifications to the official rules as stated herein take precedence over those in the Softball Canada Rule Book.** Specific League rulings take precedent for League play regarding:
  - i. Game variances, the use of batting, running, pitching, etc.
- B. All affiliated Leagues, Associations and teams will have complete charge over their own operations and business, except
  - i. In the case of a dispute, where any affiliated League, Association or team shall have the privilege of appealing to Softball Saskatchewan in writing through their respective League or Association following the Softball Sask Appeal Policy.
- C. In the case of Provincial Championships, which are governed by Softball Saskatchewan.

## Article II. Definitions

- A. **Association:** A group of volunteers, whether incorporated as a Non-Profit Corporation or not, organized to administer the operation of softball within the Province of Saskatchewan and in accordance with the Bylaws and Operating Rules of Softball Saskatchewan. The group will be administering softball within a center or a District. Associations that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan. **A softball association may have players registered with it in one or more recognized divisions or categories and may operate one or more teams.** Softball Associations must pay the annual \$50 Association/League Membership Fee to be recognized as an Association. All teams in an Association must have common signing officers for the purpose of registration and releases and provide this information to the Executive Director of Softball Saskatchewan. Any changes in the officers of an Association set up must be forwarded to the Executive Director of Softball Saskatchewan as they occur. **Softball Saskatchewan will only recognize one (1) Minor Softball Association for each city, town, or village.**



- B. **League:** A combination of teams affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan through their respective Associations or with another Province that is a member of Softball Canada who compete among themselves based on a regular schedule of games established by an elected or appointed group of individuals affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan. Leagues that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and pay the \$50 Association/League Membership Fee. Leagues must also have at least four (4) teams and a league Executive to be eligible for membership.
- C. **Teams:** All Minor teams must be affiliated with a local Minor Association. Individual Adult Teams must demonstrate that no Association or League exists in their center and/or district to be accepted and approved for membership. Teams that are accepted for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and the privilege to apply to register for Provincial Championships.
- D. **Center:** For Minor Softball only - any city, town, village incorporated, as defined by the Dept. of Urban Affairs, and listed in the most recent Municipal Directory and which had a Minor Softball Association affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan the previous season.
- E. **Non-Center:** For Minor Softball only, any city, town, or village incorporated, as defined by the Department of Urban Affairs, and listed in the most recent Municipal Directory and which did not have a Minor Softball Association affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan the previous season.
- F. **Divisions:** Masters (40+ male, 35+ female), Men's & Women's (Male & Female), U23 Male (Canadians) and Minor (includes both male and female) in the following age categories: U20 male, U19 Female, U17, U15, U13, U11 and U9/U7/U5 (Timbits Softball).
- G. **Provincial Championship Categories: Minor - A, BW, & B, Adult A, B & C**
- H. **Umpire Associations:** Will qualify for membership into Softball Saskatchewan if they have five (5) or more registered umpires in their Association.

## **RULE 1: RESIDENCY**

### **Section 1: General**

- A. Players and Coaches registered on a team with the Association must be residents of Saskatchewan as of June 1st of the current playing year. Players and Coaches that are not Canadian citizens may participate in a Provincial Championship if they have been CONTINUOUS residents of Saskatchewan for one (1) calendar year prior to the Provincial Championship registration deadline date (June 1<sup>st</sup>) and meet all other residency requirements. Players and Coaches registered on teams in categories which lead to a Canadian Championship must adhere to the Softball Canada Residency Rule of May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- B. An urban player is defined as any player who lives within the corporate limits of any city, town, village, or hamlet. Rural players must use the legal land description of the home quarter. (P.O. box numbers and sites are not acceptable).
- C. For the purpose of determining communities, any urban community with a population of 100 or less will not be counted as one of the communities. We will use the most recent Government Census to define the populations.
- D. For Minor softball registration purposes, the address for players from the center/non-center shall be the address of the player's parent(s) and/or the address of the person who is in loco parentis of the player within the district. Postal Addresses i.e., post box number or sites are not acceptable (Must list the center/non-center they reside nearest to or reside in within the district).
- E. For Minor Softball registration purposes, the address from rural areas shall be the Center/Non-Center closest to the residence of the player's parent(s) and/or the person who is in loco parentis of the player within the district.
- F. For Adult softball registration purposes, the address shall be the player's place of residence.
- G. For Adult softball registration purposes, the address for players from rural areas shall be the Center closest to the player's place of residence.

- H. A player living in the rural area shall determine the closest center/non-center by a straight line between the closest point of the center/non-center city/town/village limits to the closest point to the quarter section or acreage on which the said residence is located.

## Section 2: Dual Residency Regulations

- A. It shall be the obligation/responsibility of Softball Saskatchewan, in their sole and unfettered discretion to implement residency affiliation and registration regulations for the formation of teams.
- B. Minor Players must register in the district where their parent(s)/court appointed guardian(s) reside.
- C. Residence is established by:
- i. The parents' usual residence when parents live in the same house, or if one of the parents is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent.
  - ii. In cases where parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player; OR, if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives; OR again, if the player lives equally with both parents, his/her place of residence shall be determined by Softball Saskatchewan.
- D. When legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence shall be determined by Softball Saskatchewan. The term "usual residence" is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.

NOTE: In the application of the above, the term "legal custody" and/or "legal guardian" refers to the granting of custody as determined by a Court of Law in one of the following circumstances:

- The application of the Divorce Law
- In the case of legal separation
- Loss of parental authority
- When it is deemed the child's development is compromised
- When both (2) parents are deceased,
- Married, or the equivalent of married

## **RULE 2: AGE CLASSIFICATIONS (Male &Female)**

All ages prior to January 1 of the current playing year

### **Timbits**

Under 5- Male/Female	Born in 2017, 2018
Under 7 – Male/Female	Born in 2015, 2016
Under 9 – Male/Female	Born in 2013, 2014

### **Minor**

Under 11 – Male/Female	Born in 2011, 2012
Under 13 – Male/Female	Born in 2009, 2010
Under 15 – Male/Female	Born in 2007, 2008
Under 17 – Male/Female	Born in 2005, 2006
Under 19 – Female	Born in 2003, 2004
Under 20 – Male	Born in 2002, 2003, 2004

### **Adult**

Under 23 – Men	Born in 1999, 2001, 2002
Under 23 – Women	Born in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
Master Women's F.P.	35 during current year
Master Men's F.P.	40 during current year

## **RULE 3: PROOF OF AGE**

If not previously registered all the players must submit proof of age in the form of a copy of Birth or Baptismal Certificate, Passport, or a Saskatchewan Health Services Card by the Roster Registration Deadline Date.

## **RULE 4: AFFILIATION (Membership)**

**Affiliation with Softball Saskatchewan is done online through our website at [www.softball.sk.ca](http://www.softball.sk.ca) via RAMP Interactive.**

### **Section 1: Application for Affiliation (Membership)**

- A. Application for Affiliation (membership) will be accepted from Associations, Leagues, Teams (players, coaches, and managers), and Umpire Associations as outlined in Article II Definitions. Approved applicants will receive a membership in the Association by paying the annually set Affiliation fees, submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office. To be covered by the Softball Saskatchewan Insurance Program, players, coaches, and managers on teams must be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan on or before May 15. All coaches must also have completed their Respect in Sport (RiS) training by this date as well. Information regarding the RiS is available on our website under the Respect in Sport tab. The program takes about 3 hours to complete and is free of charge.

### **\* Affiliation (Membership) Deadline Date: May 15 \***

- B. Affiliated teams attending tournaments will be covered by the Insurance Program ONLY if the tournament is SANCTIONED by Softball Saskatchewan.
- C. Teams attending tournaments outside of Saskatchewan must obtain a Travel Permit to be covered by the Insurance Program.
- D. Affiliation/Membership Fee Structure:
- i. \$50.00 (Association/League)
  - ii. \$12.00/Player (U9 Player Fee - Born in 2013 or later)
  - iii. \$17.00/Player (Minor Players born 2012 or earlier)
  - iv. \$17.00/Player (All Adult Players – female 2002 or earlier, male 2001 earlier)
  - v. \$12.00/Coach and Manager
  - vi. FSIN Championships: \$175/team (includes all players and coaches)
- E. Slo-Pitch/Orthodox team Affiliation Fee Structure: The fee for all Slo-Pitch and Orthodox teams is a TEAM Fee not a per player fee, the Team Affiliation Fee for all Slo-Pitch/Orthodox teams is \$175.00 per team

- F. **Affiliation Fees are non-transferable from one player to another. (i.e., if a player is deleted from a roster, their affiliation fee is nontransferable to a player being added). Once paid, a player's affiliation fee remains with them the entire season, the player being added must have their affiliation fee paid.**
- G. All Softball teams including players, coaches and managers must be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan through a league or Association to be covered under our insurance program and to be eligible to register for Provincial Championships. No team, player or coach who is a member of Softball Saskatchewan is permitted to play in a game with or against a non-member of Softball Saskatchewan without permission of Softball Saskatchewan. In circumstances where an adult team can provide documentation that no league exists the Board of Directors may grant permission to affiliate with Softball Saskatchewan.
- H. Any player wishing to play in more than one affiliated league/Association must receive approval from both league/Associations prior to playing any games. Any player violating this rule may be suspended pending written notification to Softball Saskatchewan.
- I. **Minor softball Associations in all centers shall be under one governing body. This body must affiliate with Softball Sask. on or before the time they affiliate their teams (players, coaches, managers) or any teams governed by this body will not be affiliated. It will be the responsibility of that body for the accuracy of all player affiliation information.**
- J. **All minor players must affiliate and tryout with their local or nearest Minor Softball Association within their district.**
- K. The Association, through the Board of Directors, reserves the right to refuse any application for affiliation (membership) in Softball Saskatchewan.

## **RULE 5: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Section 1: General**

All teams (players & coaches) registering for Provincial Championships must first be affiliated. All Minor teams (players and coaches/managers) registering for Provincial Championships must be a member of a local Association or League. The Association through the Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any application for registration in Provincial Championships and has the authority to re-categorize teams.

## Section 2: A Centers

Softball Saskatchewan has designated the following Associations as “A” centers:

Regina (2)	All Minor Girls age divisions
Moose Jaw (3)	The U13 & U15 Girls age divisions
Lumsden (5)	The U13, U15 & U17 Girls age divisions
Warman-TC (5)	All Minor Girls age divisions
Saskatoon (6)	All Minor Girls age divisions
Melfort (8)	The U13, U15 & U17 Girls age divisions
Prince Albert (8)	All Minor Girls age divisions

Centers other than Regina and Saskatoon may only register a maximum of one team in each age category.

- A. Minor Associations not designated as an A center may still register an “A” team in Provincial Championships. Note: Softball Saskatchewan supports Associations who are developing programs that register “A” teams in more than one age category.

## Section 3: Provincial Championship Entry Fees

<b>Category: Minor Fastpitch</b>	<b>Player Roster</b>	<b>Reg. Fee</b>	<b>Travel Fund</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Under 20 A Men's	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 20 B Men's	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 17 A Boys	15	200.00		200.00
Under 17 B Boys	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 15 A Boys	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 15 B Boys	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 13 A Boys	15	200.00		200.00
Under 13 B Boys	20	200.00		200.00
Under 11 Boys	20	200.00		200.00
Under 19 A Girls	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 19 BW Girls	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 19 B Girls	20	200.00		200.00
Under 17 A Girls	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 17 BW Girls	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 17 B Girls	20	200.00		200.00
Under 15 A Girls	15	200.00		200.00

Under 15 BW Girls	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 15 B Girls	20	200.00		200.00
Under 13 A & B Girls	20	200.00		200.00
<b>Under 11 Girls North</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>200.00</b>		<b>200.00</b>
<b>Under 11 Girls South</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>200.00</b>		<b>200.00</b>

<b>Category: Adult</b>	<b>Player Roster</b>	<b>Reg. Fee</b>	<b>Travel Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Fastpitch</b>				<b>Amount</b>
Women's A	15	250.00		250.00
Men's A	15	250.00	315.00	565.00
Men's & Women's B	15	250.00	315.00	565.00
Men's & Women's C	20	250.00		250.00
Under 23 A Men	15	250.00	315.00	565.00
Under 23 A Women	15	250.00	315.00	565.00
Master Men	20	250.00	315.00	565.00
Master Women	20	250.00	315.00	565.00

#### Section 4: Provincial Championship Registration Deadlines

- A. All teams entering Provincial Championships in categories that lead to a Canadian Championship (All A categories) must submit the completed Provincial Championship Team entry form, **Letter of Intent, and \$5,000 bond** with appropriate Reg. Fees to the Softball Sask. office in Regina by 4:00pm on or before **MAY 15<sup>th</sup>** (All entry forms must be accompanied with payment of fees).
- B. All teams entering Provincial Championships in categories that lead to a Western Canadian (All Girls BW and Boys B) must submit the completed Provincial Championship Team Entry form, Letter of Intent, and \$1,000 Bond with appropriate Reg. Fee's to the Softball Sask. office by 4:00pm on or before **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- C. All teams entering Provincial Championships that **DO NOT** lead to a Canadian or Western Canadian must submit the completed Provincial Championship Team Entry form and fees to the Softball Sask. office by 4:00pm on or before **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>**. (All entry forms must be accompanied with payment of fees).
- D. Late Provincial Championship team entry forms will be accepted until 4pm one week following the entry deadline with an additional \$100 late entry fee. No exceptions.



- E. **Minor team Provincial Rosters must be received on or before 4:00pm on JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>.** All Minor team rosters must be approved by the sponsoring League or Association Softball Centre PRIOR to being submitted to Softball Saskatchewan. **NOTE:** Incomplete Provincial entries and Rosters will not be accepted, and entry fees will not be refunded.
- F. **Adult team Provincial Rosters must be received on or before 4:00pm on JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>.** **NOTE:** Incomplete Provincial entries and rosters will not be accepted, and entry fees will not be refunded.

### Section 5: N.C.C.P. Coaching Certification Requirements

1. **ALL coaches and managers MUST be affiliated prior to being listed on a Provincial Roster.**
2. **ALL persons listed on a Provincial Roster (Coach/Manager) MUST have their Respect in Sport (RiS) for Activity Leaders.**
3. **Provincial Rosters allow for up to a maximum of five (5) coach/managers.**
4. **Provincial Rosters must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is of the same gender as the category the team is registering in. (ie: Female teams must have a minimum of one female coach, male teams must have a minimum of one male coach).**

### Coach Certification Pathways

**CSOP - Community Sport On-Going Participation** (Can also be called CSC-Community Softball Coach). Coaches who complete the e-learning (FOCS-Part 1 and MED), online module #1, and the in-person clinic are deemed to be TRAINED (There is no certification at this level)

#### **Comp. Intro. – Competition Introduction**

Coaches who complete the e-learning (FOCS-Part 1 & 2 and MED), online modules #1, #2, #3 and the in-person clinic are deemed to be TRAINED. Coaches can become CERTIFIED after completing and passing the on-field evaluation.

#### **Comp. Dev. – Competition Development**

This pathway is for coaches who are interested in Canada Games and National team opportunities and is administered by Softball Canada.

## **Coach E-Learning (Prerequisites to taking above Pathways)**

E-Learning	Foundations of Coaching Softball (FOCS)– Part 1
E-Learning	Foundations of Coaching Softball (FOCS)– Part 2
E-Learning	Making Ethical Decisions (MED)-Online Evaluation

## **Coach Certification Terminology**

**CSOP Trained** – This is coaches who have completed the e-learning (FOCS 1 & MED) online module(s), and in-person clinic. There is no certification in this level.

**COMP. Intro. Trained** - This is coaches who have completed the e-learning (FOCS 1,2 & MED) online module(s), and in-person clinic.

**COMP. Intro. Certified**– This is coaches who have completed the Comp. Intro trained requirements and have passed the on-field evaluation.

## **Certification Requirements for Provincial Championships**

**(In addition to previous #1 and #2)**

1. For teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that **DO NOT** lead to a Western or Canadian Championships (U11 boys/girls, U13 B boys, U13 A & B girls, U15 B girls, U17 B girls, U19 B girls, men's and women's C).
  - i. Must have a minimum of one (1) coach on the Provincial Roster who is CSOP TRAINED and on the bench at the championship.
2. For MINOR teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Western Canadian (U13 A boys, U15 B boys, U15 BW girls, U17 B boys, U17 BW girls, U19 B boys and U19 BW girls).
  - i. Must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is Comp. Intro CERTIFIED and on the bench at the championship.
3. For ADULT teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Western Canadian (U23 B men's and women's, men's & women's, master men's & women's)
  - i. Must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is CSOP TRAINED and on the bench at the championship.

4. For ALL teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Canadian Championship (U15 A boys/girls, U17 A boys/girls, U19 A boys/girls, U23 A men's/women's, men's & women's)
  - i. The Head Coach must be identified on the Provincial roster and must be Comp. Intro CERTIFIED and who is in attendance at all games.
  - ii. Any assistant coach who wishes to be on-field and in the coaches box must be Comp. Intro TRAINED.
5. The required Trained or Certified coach must be in attendance and on the bench at all Provincial Championship games. Effect: Absent coach is fined \$100.00 and no base coaches will be allowed on the playing field. The required Trained or Certified coaches not attending Provincial Championships may be suspended. Teams requiring a certified coach for Provincial Championships and who do not have this person on the roster at the registration deadline will be fined \$100. No exceptions. Teams adding a certified coach after the roster registration deadline will still be fined \$100.

**NOTE: ALL teams registering for Provincials must have a minimum of one coach on the roster who is of the same gender as the category the team is registering in. (i.e.: Female teams must have a minimum of one female coach, male teams must have a minimum of one male coach).**

### Section 6: Minor Team Categories/Player Selection

Teams may enter Provincial Championship Categories using the following criteria:

- A. There shall be no population or community limits in any Minor Boys Categories.
- B. Female teams from centers other than Regina and Saskatoon shall be required to adhere to the following rules in determining the category of Provincial Championships they wish to register in. Population and Community Limits for player selection; In the following table the U15 "BW", U17 "BW" and U19 "BW" categories will lead to a Western Canadian Championship. The U15 "B", U17 "B" and U19 B categories will have a Provincial Championship only.

### **U11 Girls**

- No population or community limits

### **U13 Girls**

- 'A' Category- No population or community limits
- 'B' Category- Maximum 25,000 population limit, maximum 6 communities

### **U15 Girls**

- 'A' Category- No population or community limits
- **'BW' Category- Maximum 25,000 population limit, maximum 8 communities**
- **'B' Category- Maximum 25,000 population limit, maximum 6 communities**

### **U17 Girls**

- 'A' Category- No population or community limits
- **'BW' Category- No population limit, maximum 8 communities**
- 'B' Category- No population limit, maximum 6 communities

### **U19 Girls**

- 'A' Category- No population or community limits
- **'BW' Category- No population or community limits**
- 'B' Category- No population or community limits

- C. For the purpose of determining communities any community with a population of 100 or less will not be counted in the maximum number of communities above.
- D. All teams registering for Minor Provincial Championships must have their rosters filed with their local Minor Association or sponsoring centre for approval before being forwarded to the Softball Saskatchewan Office prior to the Roster Registration Deadline Date.
- E. District 2 (Regina) and District 6 (Saskatoon) must register a minimum of the following teams in Provincial Championships.
  - a. A minimum of 4 teams in the U13 A Girls category
  - b. A minimum of 4 teams in the U15 A Girls category
  - c. A minimum of 2 teams in the U17 A Girls category
  - d. A minimum of 1 team in the U19 A Girls category

**Note: District 2 and District 6 may register teams in the BW and B Categories.**

- F. Teams Registering in the U13 A & B, Girls, U13 A & B Boys, U15 A, BW & B Girls, U15 A & B Boys, U17 A, BW & B Girls and U17 A and B Boys from centres other than Regina and Saskatoon must make their player selections from within the Sask. Sport District, of which they reside or attend school six (6) months prior to the Roster Registration Deadline.
- G. Teams registering in the U20 A & B Boys and U19 A, & B Girls categories from centres other than Regina and Saskatoon must make their player selection from within the Sask. Sport District of which they reside, or attend school, six (6) months prior to the Roster Registration Deadline Date.
- H. All minor players must affiliate and tryout with their local or nearest Minor Softball Association within their District or must obtain a release.
- I. Forced Transfer: When a family is transferred within the six (6) month period prior to the roster registration deadline date, players must affiliate and register in the district they are transferred to.

## Section 7: Provincial District Boundaries

- A. The province shall be divided into nine (9) Districts.
 

1) District 1 - Southeast	6) District 6 - Saskatoon
2) District 2 - Regina	7) District 7 - Northwest
3) District 3 - Southwest	8) District 8 - Northeast
4) District 4 - East Central	9) District 9 - North
5) District 5 – Central	
- B. The Softball Saskatchewan Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish Provincial team registration boundaries in all minor divisions; the map showing the Provincial District boundaries is at the back of the Handbook.
- C. For a complete listing of communities by District please refer to the list at the back of the Handbook.

## Section 8: Provincial Championship Draws

- A. All draws for Provincial Championships shall be made by Softball Saskatchewan and will be a Round Robin format. Teams that enter Provincial Championships do so with the understanding that the round robin format constitutes more games and therefore, teams may expect to begin Provincial Championships

as early as FRIDAY MORNING, depending on the category and the number of teams accepted into the Provincial Championship. In all instances, Softball Saskatchewan will try to schedule Friday games based upon practicality and the need for the games to be completed to accommodate the weekend schedule. Every effort will be made to post Provincial draws on the Softball Saskatchewan website [www.softball.sk.ca](http://www.softball.sk.ca) two (2) weeks prior to the championship.

While pairings of the opening round remain a draw situation, the opening games must involve the pairing representing the closest teams to the Provincial Site in their first games. Consideration will be given to the host team to have prime time for their second game of the day.

Note: There will be Bronze Medal games in all U13, U15 and U17 divisions of Provincial Championships.

- B. **Please note there will be mandatory coaches' meetings prior to all Provincial Championships. The meetings will be held the week prior to Provincials via Zoom Teleconferencing. Any team not attending this meeting will forfeit their opportunity to take part in the coin toss to determine home/away for all Round Robin Games which will be done at this meeting.**
- C. Draws for Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Western or Canadian Championship. There is no more "If Necessary" game. Any double life applies only until you reach the FINAL GAME. Note: **Upon completion of the Round Robin, criteria will be used to seed teams for the playoff round there will be no tiebreaker game(s).**
- 2 Teams: play a best of five (5). Exception: Masters will be a best of three (3).
  - 3 Teams: play a complete RR with all 3 teams advancing to a page playoff.
  - 4 Teams: play a complete RR with the top three teams advancing to a page playoff.
  - 5 Teams: play a complete RR with the top three teams advancing to the Playoffs where the top team advances to the final and 2nd and 3rd play the bronze game.

- 6 Teams: each team plays four (4) games in a modified RR with top four teams advancing to Playoffs. Top two teams have a double life 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place have a single life.
- 7 Teams: each team plays four (4) games in a modified RR with top four (4) teams advancing to Playoffs. Top two teams have a double life, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th place have single life.
- 8 Teams: Two pools of four (4) teams play a complete RR within their pool. Top team in each pool has double life in playoffs and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams have single life.
- 9 Teams: A pool of four (4) teams and a pool of five (5) teams play a complete RR within their pool. Top team in each pool has double life in playoffs and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams have single life.
- 10 Teams: two pools of five (5) teams play complete RR within pool. Top team in each pool has double life in playoffs and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams have single life.
- 11 Teams: a pool of five (5) teams and a pool of 6 teams play a 4 game RR within their pools. Top team in each pool has double life in playoffs and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams have single life.
- 12 Teams: Round Robin pools plus guaranteed double life in playoff round for top team(s).
- 13 Teams or more: Round Robin pools plus guaranteed double life in playoff round for top team(s).

D. Draws for Provincial Championship categories NOT leading to Western Canadian or Canadian Championship: Note: Upon completion of the Round Robin, criteria will be used to seed teams for the playoff round there will be no tiebreaker game(s).

- 2 Teams: encourage teams to change categories or play a best of three (3)
- 3 Teams: play a complete RR with all 3 teams advancing to a page playoff. A total of 5 games required.
- 4 Teams: play a complete RR with the top three teams advancing to a page playoff.
- 5 Teams: play a complete RR with the top three (3) teams advancing to the playoffs where the top team advances to the final and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> play the bronze game.
- 6 Teams: each team plays four (4) games in a modified RR with top 4 teams advancing to a single elimination playoff.

- 7 Teams: each team plays four (4) games in a modified RR with top four (4) teams advancing to a single elimination playoff.
  - 8 Teams: Two pools of four (4) teams play a complete RR within their pool. Top two (2) teams in each pool advance to single elimination playoff.
  - 9 Teams: A pool of four (4) and a pool of five (5) teams play a complete RR. Top four (4) teams in each pool advance to single elimination playoff.
  - 10 Teams: two pools of 5 teams play complete RR within their pool. Top four (4) teams in each pool advance to single elimination playoff.
  - 11 Teams: a pool of five (5) teams play a complete RR and a pool of six (6) teams play a 4-game modified RR within their pool. Top four teams in each pool advance to a single elimination playoff.
  - 12 Teams: two pools of six (6) teams play a four (4) game RR. Top four (4) teams in each pool advance to a single elimination playoff.
  - 13 Teams or more: utilize pools and still have single elimination playoff. We will qualify as many teams as possible for the Championship Round.
- E. Undefeated team(s) after the Round Robin will have choice of being home team in the Playoff Round until their first loss (if any) in the Playoff Round. If both teams in the playoff round were undefeated in the Round Robin, then a coin toss will be held.
- F. All Provincial Championship games must be played to completion - NO TIES.
- G. Softball Saskatchewan has the authority to modify Provincial Draws based on the number of teams registered and umpire/diamond availability.

## Section 9: Provincial Championship Tiebreaking Procedures

Final Standings in the Qualifying Round (Round Robin) shall use the following criteria to determine the order of finish.

*Note 1:* No Provincial Championship games will remain a tie.

*Note 2:* If a game is tied after seven (7) complete innings, the teams will revert to the international tie breaking rule starting in the top of the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) inning.



*Note 3:* The final score of a game is also the score used for tiebreaking purposes. We no longer revert back to the last complete inning.

*Note 4:* If the home team is ahead after 6 ½ innings of play, they will NOT bat in the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) inning. This rule will also be in effect if the mercy rule comes into play after 2 ½, 3 ½, 4 ½ or 5 ½ innings.

#### Two (2) teams tied

- A. The winner of the round robin game between the tied teams receives the higher placement.
- B. In the event the two teams did not play each other in the qualifying round (round robin)
  - i. The difference of plus and minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus per game for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:
  - ii. Least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the Round Robin will be used determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:
  - iii. Total runs for each team (with a maximum of 7 runs per game, for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement

#### Three (3) teams tied

- A. If all three teams have played each other the winner of the round robin games between the tied teams will receive the higher placement.
- B. If only one team has played all teams they are tied with, and won both games, then they will receive the higher placement. The two remaining teams will revert back to the two teams tied criteria above.
- C. If the teams have or have not played each other, the difference of plus or minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus per game for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the highest placement. If the two teams remaining have played each other, the head-to-head game will be used to determine the 2nd and 3rd position. If the two teams have not played each other, the plus/minus criteria will be used to determine 2nd and 3rd placements. If still tied, then:

- i. Least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:
- ii. Total runs for each team (with a maximum of 7 runs per game, for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement.

#### Four (4) or more teams tied

- A. If four or more teams are tied, the following criteria will be used:
  - i. The difference of plus or minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus, or minus for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine all four placements. If still tied, then:
  - ii. Least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:
  - iii. Total runs for each team (with a maximum of 7 runs per game, for all games played in the Round Robin will be used to determine the higher placement.

### Section 10: Provincial Championship Procedures

- A. Provincial Rosters must have a minimum of 11 players listed at the time of Provincial registration. **Teams can list up to five (5) coaches/managers on the Provincial Roster.** All Players and coaches/managers must first be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan before their name can appear on a Provincial Roster Form.
- B. **Coaches must be familiar with using line-up cards as they will be used at all Championships. Generally, line-up cards are submitted to scorekeepers ½ hour prior to game time and provided to the umpires at the pre-game plate conference. The Line-up cards are provided to all Hosts of Provincial Championships and are usually available from the scorekeeper.**

- C. The **Certified Coach** is responsible and accountable for signing a copy of the Provincial Roster Registration Form prior to the first game of Provincials to verify the accuracy of all information appearing on the Roster Registration Form. Players must be able to produce identification (Birth Certificates or Health Card) at Provincial Championships if requested by the Softball Saskatchewan Representative. Effect: Failure to produce identification may constitute removal from the Provincial Championships.
- D. A player shall be considered registered with a team when his/her name appears on a Roster Registration Form which has been received by the Softball Saskatchewan Office.
- E. Players who have registered with an Association team may be released up to the established registration deadline date. Notification of the release must be in writing to the Executive Director.
- F. Managers and Coaches may NOT participate as players unless they are registered as such.
- G. No player shall be allowed to register with more than one team in Provincial Championships (except Masters). Any player violating this rule shall be automatically suspended from further Softball competition for the current season. Players are encouraged to participate on teams within their own age category. Further, players are not allowed to register in categories two age groups above their actual age in the following categories: U13 may not register in U17, U15 may not register in U19 and U17 may not register in U23. U19 Girls and U20 Boys aged players may register on an adult team provided they have obtained a release from their local Minor Association.
- H. No team may register in an age category where a maximum of six (6) players on the roster are less than the minimum age of said category.

### Section 11: Multiple Participation

Adult players shall be allowed to register and participate with one (1) Fast Pitch team (except Masters). Softball Saskatchewan will not allow any other forms of multiple participation in Provincial, Western or Canadian Championships.

## Section 12: Inter-Provincial Player Transfer

Any player or coach who is a permanent resident of Saskatchewan and wishes to register on a U17 or U19 “A” team outside the province must apply in writing for an Inter-Provincial Transfer by the February 1st deadline. The deadline for U11 and U13/U15 “A” players and coaches is April 1st. The deadline for “B” players is May 1st. Applicants must demonstrate what efforts were made to register on a team within Saskatchewan. Any player or coach who is not a permanent resident of Saskatchewan and wishes to register on a Saskatchewan team must have a written letter of permission from the Provincial/Territorial Softball Association they reside in. This letter of permission must be received by Softball Saskatchewan by April 1st if registering on an “A” team and by May 1st if registering on a “B” team. The Inter-Provincial Transfer Application Form is available on our web site.

## **Section 13: Minor Player Releases (Must be obtained every year if necessary)**

**For the purpose of participation in Provincial Championships, players must follow the following process: (Note: All minor players must register and if a team is available, tryout with their local or nearest recognized Minor Softball Association within the District.)**

- A. Players residing in a community with a recognized Minor Association must obtain a release from this Association. Players who reside in a non-Center or rural residence where there is no Minor Association must obtain a release from their nearest recognized Minor Association. If released this player can register where they choose to within the district. If wishing to register with an Association “A” team outside the district they must also obtain a release from the Association of the “A” team within their District (and apply for a District Transfer).**
- B. Players who are non-residents of Regina and Saskatoon may register in Regina or Saskatoon if they attend a softball academy or school in Regina or Saskatoon six months prior to the Roster Registration Deadline Date. These players will still require a release and District Transfer from their home or nearest minor association within their District. Proof of school attendance, signed by the principal must be provided with the teams Provincial Roster. Players will be placed on teams according to Regina or Saskatoon Minor Softball League Rules/Policies.**

- C. Players must obtain a release from their local or nearest Minor Association to register on an adult team.
- D. Players who are released to register on an “A” team outside their local or nearest Association and are not successful in making the “A” team must return to their home or closest Association to register on a “B” team. (Please note only one (1) “A” team tryout is allowed per player). **Associations releasing players must notify the Softball Sask Executive Director of the release and the players contact information.**
- E. To determine the nearest center, we will use Google maps and numbered highways. The Player Release Form application is available on our website. Applications must provide rationale as to why there is no opportunity for the player to register on a team within or near their residence within the district.

#### Section 14: Player Protection Rule

**Players who previously registered with a team for Provincial Championships within or outside of their District for two (2) consecutive years (Not including 2020 & 2021 due to the COVID Pandemic), will have the option of registering with that Association again if they wish.**

#### Section 15: Provincial Championship District Transfer

U11, U13, U15, U17 and U19 Girls and U20 Boys players may apply for a District Transfer. Players who wish to register on a U17 “A” or U19 “A” Girls or U20 “A” Boys team must apply by the February 1st deadline. Players who wish to register on a U13 “A” or U15 “A” team must apply by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Players who wish to register on a “BW” or “B” team must apply by the April 15th deadline. Players applying for a District Transfer must complete the Application Form available on our website at [www.softball.sk.ca](http://www.softball.sk.ca). District Transfer Requests must include the Player Release Form, if necessary. Applications must provide rationale why there is no opportunity for the player to register on a team within their District. Final approval of applications will be complete upon review by the Softball Saskatchewan Board of Directors.

#### Section 16: Team Withdrawal from Provincial Championships

In the event of a team withdrawing from Provincial Championships the team's registration fee will not be refunded. Teams withdrawing within three (3) days of the Provincial Championship will be fined \$200.00 that will be split equally between the Host and Softball Saskatchewan.

## Section 17: Injury Replacement for Provincial Playoffs

Teams may be allowed to replace injured players. Injured players and/or legal guardians for minors must submit a signed Doctor's certificate to the Executive Director seven (7) days prior to the first scheduled date of Provincial Championships. The Doctor's certificate must state the following:

- A. That the player sustained an injury or has an illness which will prevent him/her from participating.
- B. The length of time the player will be unable to participate in sport. Injured players will be ineligible from further participation at Provincial, Western Canadian and Canadian Championships. Replacement players must be affiliated as of May 15<sup>th</sup> and not registered with another team in Provincial Championships. Any false claims will be subject to suspension of offending player, coaches and/or managers.

## Section 18: Postponement or Delay of Provincial Championships

- A. If inclement weather or other factors lead to a postponement of a Provincial Championship, it shall be held at the earliest date possible or the following weekend.
- B. Any game that is suspended for any reason shall be continued from the point of suspension at the first opportunity possible within the Current Tournament.
- C. The Softball Saskatchewan Representative shall be empowered to take such steps, as necessary to ensure the completion of a Provincial Championship.
- D. If a Provincial Championship is partially completed during the days that it was officially set for and then rescheduled for a later date the following shall apply:
  - i. All completed games shall stand.
  - ii. Any games suspended prior to five (5) complete innings of play must be resumed from the point of suspension.

## Section 19: Provincial Championship Awards

**Softball Saskatchewan will provide medals to the top three (3) teams in all Minor age divisions (U11, U13, U15, U17 & U19 Girls, U20 Boys). Adult divisions will receive a prize package for the Provincial Champion and Finalist. When no Provincial Championship is played, no prize package is provided. All players and coaches in the U11, U13, U15 and U17 age divisions will receive a participation t-shirt.**

## Section 20: Official Softball at Provincial Championships

Hosts of Provincial Championships must use **Rawlings** Softballs. Softball Saskatchewan will supply a portion of balls to be used at Provincial Championships. Host Centres who do not use the Official **Rawlings** Softball will not receive their Provincial Championship Membership Assistance Program (MAP) Grant. The official softballs are:

- A. U11 and U13 Boys and Girls – Rawlings Red Dot - 11’ Optic (PX11RYLC)**
- B. All other Female categories – Rawlings Red Dot - 12” Optic (PX2RYLC)
- C. All other Male categories – Rawlings K-Master - 120 12” Optic (C120YCC)

## Section 21: Bid to Host Provincial Championships

- A. Provincial Championship Hosting applications will be accepted from the following.
  - i. Affiliated Leagues/Associations
- B. 2023 Bid to Host applications must be received by the Softball Saskatchewan Office on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Host sites will be determined by the Executive Director.
- C. Categories that remain open to bid will be awarded by the Executive Director.
- D. There is a \$50.00 hosting fee for Provincial Championships.

## Section 22: Provincial Championship Representative

The Association will have a representative in attendance at all Provincial Championships. This representative shall exercise the authority of the Board of Directors at the championship and submit a written report to the Softball Saskatchewan Office on all rulings. The Provincial Championship Representative shall be empowered to take such steps as necessary to ensure the completion of the Provincial Championship under their authority.

## Section 23: Financial Responsibility

- A. Officers of Softball Saskatchewan and participating players, coaches, managers and assigned umpires are not required to pay gate admission at Provincial Championships.
- B. All expenses incurred by the Host in any Provincial Championships are the responsibility of the same; any profits realized at these Championships are to be retained by the Host.

## Section 24: Umpires

- A. Provincial Championship Assignments
  - i. The District Umpire-In-Chief will assign umpires to all Provincial Championships. Umpires assigned shall be those who live near the Championship location regardless of which District they live in.
  - ii. The Umpire Development Committee (UDC) MAY assign umpires to Provincial Championships which lead to a National or Western Canadian Championship.
- B. Provincial Championship Umpire Fees shall be paid at a rate of:
  - i. \$40.00 per game for plate umpire (See Note below)
  - ii. \$40.00 per game for base umpire (See Note below)
  - iii. **If a one (1) umpire system must be used the umpire fee is \$60/game**

NOTE: In addition, \$5.00 from every Provincial Championship game will be returned, by the host, to Softball Saskatchewan for future umpire recruitment, retention, and development initiatives upon completion of the Championship.

- C. The following expenses shall also be paid to umpires working Provincial Championships who must travel from outside the Host center:
  - i. Car allowance - .47 per kilometre (both ways)
  - ii. Hotel/Motel allowance - actual costs
- D. All umpire fees and expenses shall be paid for by the host organization and the Association shall not have any responsibilities therein.
- E. In all Provincial Championship games, the two (2) umpire system shall be used, unless the three (3) umpire system is requested by the Hosting Committee. **In all U17A, U17 BW, U19 A & B, U23 A and Men's and Women's A Provincial Championship a 3-umpire system must be used in the Championship Final Game ONLY.**



## Section 25: Protests

- A. No protests shall be considered if they involve a decision by an umpire based solely on the umpire's judgement. Protests that will be received and considered concern matters of the following types:
  - i. misinterpretation of a playing rule,
  - ii. failure of an umpire to apply the correct ruling to a given situation, and/or
  - iii. failure of an umpire to impose the correct penalty for a given violation.
- B. A protest may properly involve a matter of judgement and the interpretation of a rule and in such an instance the finding of fact by the umpire cannot be the subject of the protests but the application of the rule to the facts as found by the umpire may be the subject of a protest.
- C. With respect to any protest regarding the matters referred to in A, i, ii and iii, (hereinafter called game-play protests) notification of intent to protest must be made immediately before the next pitch, and
  - i. the coach/manager of the protesting team shall immediately notify the plate umpire that the game is being continued under protest. The plate umpire shall in turn notify the opposing manager, official scorekeeper, and Provincial Championship Representative
  - ii. all interested parties shall take notice of the conditions surrounding the making of the decision that will aid in the correct determination of the issue. (Note: on appeal plays, the appeal must be made before the next pitch, legal or illegal, or before the defensive team has left the field. For the purpose of this rule the defensive team has "left the field" when all players have left fair territory on the way to the bench or dugout area)
  - iii. in all Provincial Championships protests arising from game-play protests shall be dealt with immediately and before play resumes. The results will be announced by the umpire.

## Section 26: Ejections at Provincial Championships

**Umpires officiating at any Provincial Championship game must complete and submit to the Softball Saskatchewan office the Game Ejection Report and notify the Provincial Championship Representative of any ejection. The Game Ejection Report is a fillable form available on the Softball Saskatchewan website under the umpire tab.**

## RULE 6: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYING RULES

### Section 1: General Rules

- A. The Softball rules as outlined in the Softball Canada Rule book will govern in all Provincial Championships, except where superseded by Softball Saskatchewan's Operating Rules. **(Note: We do not use the Minor Softball rules at the back of the Softball Canada Rule Book for the U11 age category)**
- B. Teams (including players, coaches, and managers) shall be uniformly dressed at all Provincial Championships, as outlined in the Softball Canada Rule Book.
- C. **All Provincial Championship Fast pitch (FP) games (except all U11 Round Robin and Championship games and U13 Round Robin games)** will end after 2 ½ or 3 innings of play if there is a difference of fifteen (15) runs or will end after 3 ½ or 4 innings of play if there is a difference of ten (10) runs or will end after 4 ½, 5, 5 ½, 6 or 6 ½ innings of play if there is a difference of seven (7) runs.
- D. **No metal spikes or shoes with detachable cleats are allowed in the U11 and U13 age categories of softball.**
- E. Helmets are mandatory for batters, base runners, catchers, on deck batters and minor age players who coach in the first and third base coaches' box. In all categories of minor softball, a protective batting helmet is one that is fully enclosed, with two (2) earflaps, foam liner and a peak.
- F. **All male and female batters, on deck batters and baserunners in the U13, U15 and U17 age divisions must wear an attached face mask. We also recommend that all defensive infield players wear facial protection.**
- G. **Anyone warming up the pitcher on or off the diamond must also wear a mask, helmet and throat protector while receiving warm-up pitches prior to and during the game.**
- H. Minor Catchers must wear a protective helmet and mask with the attached throat protector. In addition, all minor catchers must wear shin guards which offer protection to the kneecap, body protectors, and athletic support with protective cup (male and female).
- I. Batters' Box in all Categories. After entering the batters' box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one (1) foot, between pitches and while taking signals and practice swings.

### **Exceptions:**

- i. If the ball is hit foul or fair.
  - ii. On the swing, slap or check swing.
  - iii. If forced out of the box by a pitch.
  - iv. On a wild pitch or passed ball.
  - v. If there is an attempted play.
  - vi. If time has been called.
  - vii. If the pitcher leaves the 8ft circle or the catcher leaves the catchers' box.
  - viii. On a three-ball pitch that is a strike, which the batter thinks is a ball.
- J. **Effects:** If the batter leaves the batters' box and delays play, and none of these exceptions apply, the umpire may warn the batter or call a strike. Note: Any number of warnings and called strikes can be made with each batter. No pitch has to be thrown and ball is dead.
- K. In all minor categories, the "Re-Entry Rule" is waived, in case of injury, if all substitutes have been used. The injured player who has been substituted for is ineligible for the remainder of the game. The substitution must occur at the time of injury.
- L. In all Provincial Championship games, seven (7) innings will constitute a legal game with the following **exceptions**:
- i. In **ALL** games in the **U11 age categories** and in **ONLY the Round Robin in the U13 age category**.
  - ii. If a game is tied after seven (7) innings, it shall be played out to completion. Tiebreaker Rule applies starting the top of the eighth inning.
  - iii. A game called by the umpire shall be regulation if five (5) or more complete innings have been played or if the team second at bat has scored more runs than the other team has scored in five (5) or more innings. The umpire is empowered to call a game at any time because of darkness, rain, fire, panic, or other cause which puts the patrons or players in peril.

## **Section 2: U11 Playing Rules**

**(Note: We do not use the Minor Softball rules at the back of the Softball Canada Rule Book for the U11 age category)**

### **A. Time Limit**

- i. In the U11 Male and Female Provincial Championships there is a time limit where no new inning will start after 90 minutes in ALL games (Round Robin and Championship Round).**
- ii. Time starts when the plate umpire calls, "Play Ball!" to start the game.**
- iii. No games end in a tie: The tiebreaker rule will begin immediately after the time limit expires in the Round Robin, if necessary.**
- iv. No additional time will be added to games in case of injury or protest.**

### **B. The Game**

- i. There will be no Mercy Rule in Round Robin games. (All games will be played to the maximum time limit (90 minutes).**
- ii. Maximum of 5 runs per half inning. Once the fifth (5th) run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They do not start on base the next inning.**
- iii. For the Championship Round Only, there will be a mercy rule of +/- 11 runs after 5 innings or +/- 6 runs after 6 innings.**
- iv. A coin toss will determine home team for all Round Robin games in Provincial Championships. Undefeated team(s) after the Round Robin will have choice of being home team in the Playoff Round until their first loss (if any) in the Playoff Round. If both teams in the Playoff Round were undefeated in the Round Robin, then a coin toss will be held.**
- v. Everyone on the roster and in attendance must bat in all Provincial Championship games. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions. Effect: A coach who does not allow every player on the roster and in attendance to bat shall be removed from the game and suspended from further participation in the championship. Softball Saskatchewan shall review reported instances of coaches who do not follow this rule. Injured player(s) who are unable to bat cannot return to play in that game after being declared injured.**

- vi. Each player listed on the line-up card must play a minimum of 2 innings (12 outs) by the end of the 4th inning in each game. In a time-limit situation (Round Robin), a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players. In a mercy situation (Championship Round), a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players. Violations of this rule will result in the Head coach being suspended for one (1) game in the Provincial Championships.
- vii. If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line-up card and scorebook.
  - 1. Unlimited defensive substitutions.
  - 2. Coaches must be familiar with using line-up cards as they will be used at all Championships. Generally, line-up cards are submitted to scorekeepers ½ hour prior to game time and provided to the umpires at the pre-game plate conference. The line-up cards are provided to all Hosts of Provincial Championships and are usually available from the scorekeeper.

### C. Ranking

- i. At completion of the Qualifying Round, teams are ranked after the Round Robin games based on:
  - 1. Win/Loss record (there are no tie games in the Qualifying Round)
  - 2. Games played against each other
  - 3. Total Plus/Minus of all games (runs for minus against) with a maximum (+/-) per game being 5 runs
    - Least runs allowed in all games by each team
    - Total runs scored in all games by each team
    - Positions settled by a coin toss
- ii. When using criteria 2, if one team has beaten all the other teams who they are tied with, then that team will be ranked highest regardless of whether or not the remaining teams have played one another.
- iii. When using criteria 3, team records are based on all games of the qualifying round, and only 3, 4, 5, 6 etc. full innings in 3½, 4½, 5½, 6½ etc. inning games are used.
- iv. If the game is over and the bottom one-half of the inning is not required, the home team does not bat in the bottom of the inning. Runs for/against will be determined based on full innings.
- v. Teams will be ranked according to this criterion for purpose of determining seeding for playoffs. No tiebreaker game is required.

#### **D. Pitching**

- i. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of three (3) innings in ALL games. Should a pitcher throw one (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitched is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be re-played.**
- ii. In the event of a suspension in play resulting in a day(s) delay, at U11 Provincial Championships the Pitching Rule is carried over to the new day and the game resumes from the point of suspension.**
- iii. The Conference Rule (regarding pitchers) in U11 will allow one (1) conference per pitcher per inning and the second (2) conference will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position but may remain in the game in another position.**
- iv. All pitchers must wear a protective face mask.**
- v. Walks are allowed.**
- vi. There are no intentional walks.**
- vii. A team is permitted unlimited offensive conferences per inning.**
- viii. 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.**

#### **E. Catchers**

- i. Catchers may catch a maximum of three (3) innings in Round Robin games and three (3) innings in Championship Round Games.**

#### **F. Batting**

- i. The batter is out on the third strike, regardless if the ball is caught or not, the ball remains alive.**
- ii. All batters, on deck batters and base runners must wear helmets that have an attached face mask**
- iii. Bunting is permitted.**
- iv. Designated Player use is not permitted.**
- v. There are no intentional walks.**

## **G. Base Running**

- i. **Players cannot advance to home on a steal, passed ball, or wild pitch. The player must be batted in or forced home by a walk.**
- ii. **Runners may leave the base when the ball has crossed the plate. If they leave early, they will be called out.**
- iii. **Sliding is allowed.**

## **H. Distances & Measurements**

- i. **Base Path Distance: 13.70m (50')**
- ii. **Pitching Distance: 10.67m (33')**
- iii. **Softball: Rawlings 27.95cm (11") Red Dot**

# **Section 3: U13 Playing Rules**

## **A. Time Limit**

- i. **All U13 Male and Female divisions of Provincial Championships will utilize a time limit where no new inning will start after 90 minutes in the Round Robin. All Championship Round games are (7) innings, NO time limit**
- ii. **Time starts when the plate umpire calls, "Play Ball!" to start the game.**
- iii. **No games end in a tie: The tiebreaker rule will begin immediately after the time limit expires in the Round Robin, if necessary.**
- iv. **No additional time will be added to games in case of injury or protest.**

## **B. The Game**

- i. **Maximum of 5 runs per half inning. Once the fifth (5th) run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They do not start on base the next inning.**
- ii. **For all categories of U13 Boys and Girls, each player listed on the line-up card must play a minimum of 2 innings (12 outs) by the end of the 4th inning in each game. In a mercy game, a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players. Violations of this rule will result in the Head coach being suspended for one (1) game in the Provincial Championships.**
- iii. **If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line-up card and scorebook.**
  - a. **Unlimited defensive substitutions.**

## C. Pitching

- i. **Pitchers in all U13 categories may pitch a maximum of (3) innings per game in the Round Robin and (4) innings in the Championship Round.** Should a pitcher throw (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitched is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be re-played.
- ii. The "Conference Rule" (regarding pitchers) in U13 will allow one (1) conference per pitcher per inning and the second (2) conference will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position but may remain in the game in another position.
- iii. In the event of a suspension in play resulting in a day(s) delay at U13 Provincial Championships the Pitching Rule is carried over to the new day and the game resumes from the point of suspension.
- iv. All pitchers in the U13 male and female age divisions must wear a protective mask.

## D. Catchers

- i. **Catchers may catch a maximum of three (3) innings in Round Robin games and (4) innings in Championship Round Games.**

## E. Batting

- i. **Everyone on the roster and in attendance must bat in all Provincial Championship games.** There will be unlimited defensive substitutions. (Effect: A coach who does not allow every player on the roster and in attendance to bat shall be removed from the game and suspended from further participation in the championship. Softball Saskatchewan shall review reported instances of coaches who do not follow this rule. Injured player(s) who are unable to bat cannot return to play in that game after being declared injured.
- ii. All male and female batters, on deck batters and baserunners must wear helmets that have an attached face mask in the U13 age division
- iii. **There are no intentional walks.**



- F. Baserunning**
  - i. Runners may leave the base when the ball has crossed the plate. If they leave early, they will be called out.
  - ii. Sliding is allowed.
  - iii. Players can steal home.
- G. Distances & Measurements**
  - i. Base Path Distance: 13.70m (55')
  - ii. Pitching Distance: 10.67m (38')
  - iii. Softball: Rawlings 27.95cm (11") Red Dot

#### **Section 4: U15 Playing Rules**

- A. All categories of U15 Boys and Girls, Provincial Championship games will have a maximum of seven (7) runs scored per half inning. If in the top of the 7th inning of play a team is up by more than seven (7) runs, then the game is over.**
- B. Pitchers in all U15 categories may pitch a maximum of (4) innings per game. Should a pitcher throw (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitched is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be re-played.**
- C. The "Conference Rule" (in regard to pitchers) in U15 will allow one (1) conference per pitcher per inning and the second (2) conference will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position but may remain in the game in another position.**
- D. In the event of a suspension in play resulting in a day(s) delay at U15 Provincial Championships the Pitching Rule is carried over to the new day and the game resumes from the point of suspension.**
- E. All male and female batters, on deck batters and baserunners must wear helmets that have an attached face mask in the U15 age division**
- F. All pitchers in the U15 male and female age divisions must wear a protective mask.**

## **Section 5: U17 Playing Rules**

- A. The "Designated Player Rule" may only be used in U17 "A" and "BW" Girls and "A" and "B" Boys categories.**
- B. All male and female batters, on deck batters and baserunners must wear a helmet with an attached face mask in the U17 age division**
- C. All Pitchers in the U17 male and female age divisions must wear a protective mask.**

## **RULE 7: CANADIAN/WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Section 1: Eligibility**

#### **A. Canadian Championships:**

The following Provincial Championship categories lead to a Canadian Championship:

- I. U15 A Boys & Girls
- II. U17 A Boys & Girls
- III. U19 A Women's
- IV. U20 A Men's
- V. U23 A Men's & Women's
- VI. Men's & Women's
- VII. Master Men's
- VIII. Provincial Champions in the above categories **MUST** attend the Canadian Championship. In total a maximum of three (3) teams can attend Out of Province Canadians and a total of four (4) teams to In-Province Canadians which includes a Host team, based on the Letter of Intent received by the May 15th registration deadline. Teams registering in a category that leads to a Canadian Championship must submit a \$5,000 bond with their Provincial Championship Entry Form in addition to the Registration Fee.
- IX. All Teams who do not fulfil their obligations to attend Canadian Championships will forfeit their bond of \$5,000.00 and their \$850 Softball Canada Reg. Fee. (Masters \$600 per team)**
- X. Teams attending Canadian Championships are responsible to pay a Softball Canada team registration fee of \$850.00 per team (Masters \$600 per team). This registration fee is collected by and paid to Softball Saskatchewan prior to a team attending the Canadian Championships.**

- XI. For those Canadian Championships that allow import player(s) we will allow them to be added before or after the Provincial Championships. If added after Provincials, they are considered a pick-up(s). Import player(s) must be released from their Province of residence.

B. Western Canadian Championships:

The following Provincial Championship categories lead to a Western Canadian Championship.

- I. **Under 13 A Boys (New Championship in 2022)**
- II. Under 15 B Boys and U15 BW Girls
- III. Under 17 B Boys and U17 BW Girls
- IV. Under 19 B Women's and U20 B Men's
- V. Under 23 B Women's
- VI. Senior B Men's and Women's
- VII. Master Men's
- VIII. Provincial Champions in the above categories **MUST** attend Western Canadians. A second team or third, if hosting, may attend based on the Letters of Intent received by the June 1st Registration deadline. Teams registering in a category that leads to a Western Canadian Championship must submit a \$1,000 bond with their Provincial Championship Entry Form in addition to the Registration Fee. We are eligible to send two (2) teams to out of Province Westerns.
  - i. For all In-Province Western Canadian Championships we will have three (3) teams participate if there are 3 teams who qualify, one (1) team must be a Host team.
  - ii. Teams who do not fulfil their obligations to attend Western Canadian Championships will be fined \$1,000.00.

C. Host Team:

The highest-ranking team from the Host center participating in Provincial Championships shall have choice to be the Provincial Representative or Host Team **ONLY IF** they win the Provincial Championship. This must be decided in the same time frame as player pick-ups. Should a team from outside the host center win

the Provincial Championship they will be designated the Provincial Representative and the highest-ranking team from the Host center will be designated as the Host Team.

D. Defending Champions:

Canadian Championships:

- I. In all Canadian Championship categories, the previous year's champions are eligible to attend their respective Canadian Championship, subject to the following considerations:
- II. They are responsible for all their own expenses.
- III. At least eight (8) players from the Provincial Championship roster are still on the current roster and in attendance, except for the U19 Women's, U20 Men's and U23 levels of competition where it is acceptable for seven (7) players to have been on the Provincial Championship roster.
- IV. They follow Softball Saskatchewan's team and player registration procedures.

Western Canadian Softball Championships:

In all Western Canadian Championship categories, the defending Championship team is not guaranteed a berth in the following years Championship.

Section 2: Player Pick-ups for Canadian and Western Canadian Championships

- A. Pick-ups are allowed following the Provincial Championships from categories as outlined in the player pick-up charts below. Teams may add a maximum of three (3) registered players to their roster registration certificate. However, player pick-ups cannot exceed the Softball Canada or Western Canada player roster quota, which is seventeen (17) players. The Master quota is twenty (20) players.
- B. Teams eligible to pick up players will be determined by the order of finish at Provincial Championships. The first-place team at the Provincial Championship gets first choice of pick-ups regardless of whether they are going to a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship. Provincial champions in each category have first choice of all eligible players in that category.

- C. All players will only be eligible to be picked up once. Players cannot be picked up for both Western and Canadian Championships. Players may only participate in one Western Canadian but may participate in two Canadian Championships.
- D. Player pick-ups who refuse to join a team attending a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship may lose the right to participate as a pick-up in all championships. Any dispute regarding refusal to be picked up will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the President (or his/her designate), and two Board Members
- E. U19, U23 Men's and U23 women's players registering on adult teams are eligible to be picked up by U19, U23 Men's & U23 women's teams.
- F. Registered players meeting age requirements but playing in higher categories are allowed to be picked up should their team not advance past the Provincial Championship. However, the category the player is registered in gets first choice of pickup following pickup procedures.
- G. The team with the first choice of pick-ups following a Provincial Championship have 48 hours from the time of winning the Provincial Championship to notify the Executive Director of their pick-ups, if any. The team with second choice of pick-ups have 48 hours from the time of being contacted to notify the Executive Director. The team with third choice of pick-ups have 48 hours from the time of being contacted to notify the Executive Director. (Note: 2nd & 3rd place teams cannot pick up players that were not eligible for pick-up by the first-place team.)
- H. Players that are picked up to go to a Canadian Championship may return to his/her team and be able to participate in a Western Canadian Softball Championship in the same year. Additionally, players that are picked up to go to a Canadian Championship must first complete their commitment to the "B" team prior to playing in a Canadian Championship.
- I. Players registered on an "A" team playing in a Canadian Championship cannot be picked up by a team going to a Western Canadian Championship. (Exception: In male fast pitch only, Senior "B" categories may pick up players from U23 "A" categories.
- J. Teams who do not fulfill their obligation to attend a Western or a Canadian Championship will result in the players on this team not being eligible for pickup by anyone.

## Player Pick-Up Charts

### MINOR FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART

ELIGIBLE PICK-UPS		U19 A	U19 B	U17 A	U17 BW	U15 A	U15 BW
	U19 A Women's	X					
	U19 B Women's	X	X				
	U17 A Girls	X	X	X			
	U17 BW Girls	X	X	X	X		
	U15 A Girls			X	X	X	
	U15 BW Girls			X	X	X	X
	U15 B Girls					X	X

### MINOR MALE CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART

ELIGIBLE PICK-UPS		U20 A	U20 B	U17 A	U17 B	U15 A	U15 B	U13 A
	U20 A Men's	X						
	U20 B Men's	X	X					
	U17 A Boys	X	X	X				
	U17 B Boys	X	X	X	X			
	U15 A Boys			X	X	X		
	U15 B Boys			X	X	X	X	
	U13 A Boys					X	X	X
	U13 B Boys							X

### ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART

ELIGIBLE PICK UPS		Men's A & Women's A	Men's B & Women's B	Masters (M & W)	U23 (M & W)
	Men's A & Women's A	X			
	Men's B & Women's B	X	X	X	
	Men's C & Women's C	X	X	X	
	Masters	X	X	X	
	U23 A Men's & U23 A Women's	X	X		X
	U20 A Men's	X	X		X
	U20 B Men's	X	X		X
	U19 A Women's	X	X		X
	U19 B Women's	X	X		X
	U19 C Women's	X	X		X

### Section 3: Travel Assistance

- A. Teams participating in an IN Province Canadian or Western Canadian Championship shall do so at their own expense.
- B. Teams participating in an OUT of Province Canadian or Western Canadian Championship shall be funded by the Softball Saskatchewan Travel Fund.
  - 1. **Funds will be distributed and allotted as follows:**
    - Two (2) teams attending out of Province Championship**
      - i. **60% to the highest-ranking team**
      - ii. **40% to the 2nd highest ranking team**
    - Three (3) Teams attending out of Province Championship:**
      - i. **50% to the highest-ranking team**
      - ii. **30% to the 2nd highest ranking team**
      - iii. **20% to the 3rd highest ranking team**
  - 2. Funding will be distributed based on ground miles using the following formula: Total Softball Sask. Travel Fund dollars divided by total miles travelled by all teams which will provide a per mile rate to be used for all teams travelling.
- C. Team Travel Fund
  - 1. Money in this fund will be allotted to ALL teams participating in an out-of-province Canadian or Western Canadian Championship. Money in this fund comes from the \$300 Travel Fund fee paid by all teams registering in categories leading to a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship.
  - 2. Funding will be distributed based on ground miles using the following formula: Total Team Travel Fund dollars divided by total miles travelled by all teams which will provide a per mile rate to be used for all teams travelling.

### Section 4: Bid to Host

- A. Associations interested in Hosting a Canadian Championship should contact Softball Canada. Bids will be accepted in the Softball Canada Office beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, (2) years prior to the year of the event.
- B. Bids to host a Western Canadian Championship must be submitted in writing to the Softball Saskatchewan Office by October 1<sup>st</sup>, (1) year. A bid to host package including criteria is available from the Softball Saskatchewan office.



## Section 5: Coaches at Canadian and Western Canadian Championships

Certified coaches not in attendance at a Western Canadian Championship will be fined \$250.00. Certified coaches not in attendance at a Canadian Championship will be fined \$2,500.00 in addition to suspension by Softball Saskatchewan.

## Section 6: Injury Replacement for Western and Canadian Championships

- A. Teams may be allowed to replace injured players. Injured players and/or legal guardians for minors must submit a signed Doctor's Certificate to the Executive Director three (3) days prior to the first scheduled date of Western Canadian and Canadian Championships. The Doctor's certificate must state the following:
- i. That the player sustained an injury or has an illness which will prevent him/her from participating.
  - ii. The length of time the player will be unable to participate in the sport.
  - iii. Injured Players will be ineligible from further participation at Western Canadian and Canadian Championships. Replacement players must be listed on a Provincial Roster. Player pickups take precedent over injury replacements. Any false claims will be subject to suspension of offending player, coaches and/or managers.

## **RULE 8: TRAVEL PERMITS**

All affiliated teams, players and umpires that travel outside of Saskatchewan to a competition or tournament must be in possession of a travel permit in order to be cover under the Softball Saskatchewan Insurance program. All travel permits are obtainable by contacting the Softball Saskatchewan Office or on our website at [www.softball.sk.ca](http://www.softball.sk.ca) The deadline to submit Travel Permits is two weeks prior to departure.

## **RULE 9: TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS**

- A. All tournaments must be sanctioned by Softball Saskatchewan through the Executive Director. No tournament will be sanctioned unless the tournament committee or Association is an affiliated member of Softball Saskatchewan.
- B. All Softball Saskatchewan/Softball Canada rules & regulations shall apply.
- C. No sanctioned tournament shall accept entries from any team which is not an affiliated member of Softball Saskatchewan or any other Provincial Softball Association. It will be the responsibility of the tournament organizers to ensure that all teams participating in their tournament are affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan or another Provincial Softball Association.
- D. No team, player or coach who is a member of Softball Saskatchewan is permitted to play in a game with or against a non-member of Softball Saskatchewan without permission of Softball Saskatchewan.
- E. Any team, player, coach, or manager of an affiliated team taking part in an unsanctioned tournament may be suspended.
- F. All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be umpired by registered umpires in Saskatchewan. Umpires who participate in unsanctioned tournaments may be suspended.
- G. Should any team withdraw from a sanctioned tournament after the entry has been accepted, the team shall be reported to Softball Saskatchewan for disciplinary action if deemed necessary.
- H. No tournament sanctions will be issued that conflict with any Provincial Championships scheduled for the same dates.
- I. Tournaments must use provincial team classification when inviting teams to participate in their event. (i.e., U15 or Men's/Women's, etc.)
- J. A list of teams competing in the tournament must be submitted to the Softball Sask. office prior to the first game of the tournament.
- K. All irregularities, problems, conflicts, etc., must be reported to the Softball Saskatchewan Office no later than five (5) days after completion of the tournament.
- L. Application for a tournament sanction must be made at least two (2) weeks prior to the tournament date. Tournament sanctions must always be posted during the tournament.

## **RULE 10: SUSPENSIONS/APPEALS**

### **Section 1: Suspension of Association Members**

- A. Any member violating the Bylaws, Operating Rules and or Policies of the Association or refusing to abide by a decision of the Board of Directors may be expelled or suspended with the right to appeal.
- B. Any member of the Association may be suspended for any of the following:
  - i. Conduct detrimental to the game of softball.
  - ii. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - iii. Physical violence, proceeding, during, or following a game.
  - iv. Commission of fraud, such as playing under an assumed name or falsifying any documentation supplied to the Association.
  - v. Participating in a game where a suspended player, umpire, or team is involved.
  - vi. Violation of Association Policies

### **Section 2: Suspension Procedures**

- A. Suspension procedures will follow what is outlined in the Associations Dispute Resolution Policies found on our web site.
- B. A league or Association wishing Softball Saskatchewan to honour their suspension must provide written documentation stating the team or individual(s) whom they are suspending and the reasons for the suspension. The request will then be reviewed by Softball Saskatchewan appointed representatives.

### **Section 3: Right of Appeal**

Any member suspended by the Association may file an appeal as outlined in the Appeal Policy found on our web site or available from our office.

### **Section 4: Penalty for Violation**

In order that the game of softball, as controlled by Softball Saskatchewan, and its members shall not be affected by financial interest, any appeal to courts of law, or to a lawyer in anticipation of legal action, BEFORE all processes of appeal through Softball Saskatchewan and if applicable, through Softball Canada are exhausted,

shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct. Individuals who resort to such procedure shall automatically and immediately be suspended from all privileges and affiliations with Softball Saskatchewan and its member Associations.

## **RULE 11: CONCESSION APPLICATION**

- A. Any request for a concession to an Operating Rule must be in writing and submitted to the Softball Sask. Office, attention the Executive Director, and will only be accepted between February 1st and August 31st of each year. All applications must be made by the individual player, coach or Association who desires the concession to the Operating Rule. The Committee appointed by the President reserves the right to entertain blanket concession applications from Associations. Applicants who are denied their concession will not be eligible to apply for the same Concession for a period of two (2) years. The applicant shall have the right to make a brief presentation when the concession is reviewed by the Concession Committee (Conference Call). Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$157.50 (\$150.00 + \$7.50 GST). If the Concession application is successful, the registration fee will be refunded.
- B. A concession request shall be heard within fourteen (14) days of the date the concession received. The Executive Director will notify the party(s) applying for the concession of the date the concession will be heard. The Executive Director shall supply, in writing, the decision of the Concession Committee within seven (7) days of the date the decision is arrived at to the member(s) making the request for a concession. The decision of the Concession Committee shall be final and binding (No appeals allowed).

## RULE 12: FASTPITCH DISTANCE TABLES

<b>FEMALE</b>			
Age	Ball Size	Pitching Distance	Baselines
U5	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U7	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U9	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U11	11" (27.95cm)	<b>33' (10.06m)</b>	<b>50' (15.24m)</b>
U13	11" (27.95cm)	38' (11.58m)	55' (16.76m)
U15	12" (30.50cm)	40' (12.20m)	60' (18.30m)
U17	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
U19	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
U23	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
ADULT	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
MASTERS	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)

<b>MALE</b>			
Age	Ball Size	Pitching Distance	Baselines
U5	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U7	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U9	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U11	11" (27.95cm)	<b>33' (10.06m)</b>	<b>50' (15.24m)</b>
U13	11" (27.95cm)	38' (11.58m)	55' (16.76m)
U15	12" (30.50cm)	42' (12.80m)	60' (18.30m)
U17	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
U20	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
U23	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
ADULT	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
MASTERS	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)

## **RULE 13: MINOR MALE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY**

### **Section 1: Provincial Minor Boys Softball League**

A Provincial minor boys softball League for U13, U15 and U17 is being developed. The intent of this initiative is to provide minor boys the opportunity to play in a structured Provincial League. Any minor boys teams in the above noted age categories are encouraged to actively participate in the provincial league.



# Slo-Pitch Operating Rules

## Rule 1: Residency

Players signing with teams, which are registered with the Association, must be residents of Saskatchewan as of May 1st of the current playing year. Categories, which lead to a Canadian Championship, must adhere to the Softball Canada Residency Rule.

## Rule 2: Affiliation/Membership

- A. Application will be accepted from teams (players and coaches), League Executive and Umpire Associations. Approved applicants will receive a membership in the Association by paying the annually set Affiliation fee accompanied with the Team Affiliation Certificate submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office. To be covered by the Softball Saskatchewan Insurance and Benefits Program, teams (including players and coaches) must be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan by May 1st.
- B. Affiliated teams attending tournament will be covered by the Insurance and Benefits Program ONLY if the tournament is sanctioned by Softball Saskatchewan.
- C. Teams attending tournaments outside of Saskatchewan must obtain a Travel Permit to be covered by the Insurance and Benefits Program.
- D. Teams may affiliate to a maximum of twenty (20) players and five (5) coaches.
- E. Teams must be affiliated members of Softball Saskatchewan before they can register for Provincial Playoffs.
- F. The Association, through its Board of Directors, reserves the right to refuse any application for affiliation in Softball Saskatchewan.
- G. Slo-Pitch affiliation fee structure
  - All Teams - \$175.00/team

## Rule 3: Provincial Championship Registration

### Section 1: Fee structure

Category	Player Quota	Prov. Reg. Fee	Softball Canada Fee	Total
Men's Open	17	\$100.00	\$850.00	\$950.00
Co-ed Open (6&4)	20	\$100.00	\$850.00	\$950.00
Women's "Open"	20	\$100.00	\$850.00	\$950.00

Please note teams registering in Open categories can be eligible to attend Canadian Championships.

### Section 2: Provincial Regulations

- A. Teams may register for Provincial Playoffs by submitting the completed Provincial Playoff team entry form and Letter of Intent to the Softball Office with appropriate fee by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- B. A roster registration form listing all players and coaches, including signatures, must be submitted to the Softball Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>
- C. Rosters must have a minimum of twelve players on the roster registration form.
- D. All Players and coaches/managers must first be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan before they can sign a roster registration form for Provincial Playoffs.
- E. A player shall be considered to be registered with a team when his/her name appears on a roster registration form, which has been received by the Softball Saskatchewan Office.
- F. Managers and Coaches may NOT participate as players unless they are registered as such.

## Rule 4: Playing Rules

- A. The Slo-Pitch rules outlined in the Softball Canada Rule Book will govern in all Provincial Championships.
- B. Bats: Prior to each Provincial Championship the Provincial Playoff Representative, in cooperation with the U.I.C., will determine the eligibility of bats based upon the safety of the players.
- C. **All offensive players must wear a batting helmet with 2 (two) ear flaps.**



## **Rule 5: Player Pick-Ups for Canadians**

Teams attending Canadian Championships may pick up a maximum of three (3) players provided they do not exceed the maximum size of roster for the Championships. Players being picked up must have participated in the Provincial Slo-Pitch Championships during the year of competition.

## **Rule 6: Provincial Championship Draws**

All Provincial Championships will utilize Round Robin Draws whenever possible.



# Softball Saskatchewan Bylaws

Softball Saskatchewan  
(Called the “Association”)

## General Bylaw No. 1

A bylaw relating generally to the transaction of the activities and affairs of the Association.

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## Section One: Interpretation

### *1.1 Definitions*

In these Bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:

- A. "Act" means the Non-profit Corporations Act (Saskatchewan), and any statute that may be substituted therefore, as from time to time amended
- B. "Administrative District" means those Districts established by Section 4 of these Bylaws
- C. "Appoint" includes "Elect" and vice versa
- D. "Articles" means the articles of incorporation, the articles of amalgamation or the articles of continuance of the Corporation as the case may be as from time to time amended or restated
- E. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Corporation
- F. "Bylaws" means this bylaw and all other bylaws of the Corporation from time to time in force and effect
- G. "Directors" means the members of the Board of Directors
- H. "League" means a conference of two or more softball teams that have agreed to associate for competition purposes and that are recognized by the Association
- I. "Meeting of Members" includes an annual meeting of members and a special meeting of members
- J. "Member" includes a players, coaches and managers, members of a league executive, members of an Umpires Association included on an affiliation form and individually registered umpires.
- K. "Operating Rules" means those rules and regulations passed by the Board in accordance with paragraph 5.01 herein
- L. "President" means the President of the Board elected in accordance with paragraph 5.11
- M. "Province" means Province of Saskatchewan
- N. "Softball" includes fast-pitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball
- O. "Unanimous Member Agreement" means a written agreement among all the members of the Corporation, or among all such members and a person who is not a member, that restricts, in whole or in part, the powers of the

directors to manage the activities and affairs of the Corporation, as from time to time amended

- P. "Voting Delegate" means those individuals appointed by the members of the Association, in accordance with paragraph 8.04 and 8.05, to attend meetings of members

### *1.2 Interpretations*

Except as otherwise provided in section 1.01, words and expressions defined in the Act have the same meanings when used herein; and words importing the singular number include the plural and vice versa; words importing gender include the masculine, feminine and neuter gender; words importing persons include individuals, bodies corporate, partnerships, trusts and unincorporated organizations.

## Section Two: Preamble

### *2.1 Name*

The name of the Association shall be "Softball Saskatchewan" (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

### *2.2 Jurisdiction*

Softball Saskatchewan is the Provincial Sport Governing Body whose purpose is to Foster, Develop, Promote, and Regulate the playing of Amateur Fast-Pitch, Slo- Pitch and Modified/Orthodox Softball in Saskatchewan, within the framework of the Canadian Amateur Softball Association.

### *2.3 Aims and Objectives*

- A. The aims and objectives of the Association are:
- B. to foster, develop, improve, promote, and regulate the playing of amateur fast- pitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball in Saskatchewan
- C. to make, adopt, vary, and publish, operating rules, bylaws, and constitutions, for the regulation of the playing of amateur fast-pitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball in Saskatchewan
- D. to institute, promote and regulate tournament play in all classifications of amateur fast-pitch, slo-pitch and modified/orthodox softball as may be deemed to be in the best interest of amateur softball in Saskatchewan
- E. to regulate amateur fast-pitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball in Saskatchewan with respect to competitions leading to Saskatchewan championships, and participation by Saskatchewan players or teams in Saskatchewan, inter provincial, national, or international championships; and

- F. to subscribe to, become a member of, and cooperate with other associations, whether incorporated or not, whose objectives are altogether or in part similar to those of the Association.

### Section Three: Membership

#### *3.1 Membership*

- A. The membership of the Association shall consist of:
- B. Team Members - being amateur softball teams (including players, coaches, and managers) that have agreed to comply with and abide by the Bylaws and the Operating Rules of the Association, as amended from time to time, and whose applications for membership have received the approval of the Board:
- C. League Members - being amateur softball leagues, all the teams in which are members of the Association, and which leagues have agreed to comply with and abide by the Bylaws and Operating Rules of the Association, and amended from time to time, and whose applications for membership have received the approval of the Board:
- D. Umpires' Association Members - being amateur softball umpires and umpire associations interested in furthering the aims and objectives of the Association, and which have agreed to comply with and abide by the Bylaws and Operating Rules of the Association, and whose applications for membership have received the approval of the Board.
- E. Life Members - being individuals recognized by the Board as having contributed to the game of softball or having furthered the aims and objectives of the Association, and when nomination as a Life Member in the Association has been approved by the Board.
- F. High School Softball Academies and University/Collegiate softball programs are eligible to be members of the Association by paying the annual Association membership fee of \$50.00 and which have agreed to comply and abide by the Bylaws and Operating Rules of the Association and whose applications for membership have received the approval of the Board.

#### *3.2 Application for Membership*

Application for membership shall be made to the Executive Director and the Board may, in its absolute discretion, approve or refuse the

application of any team, league or umpires' association for membership in the Association, excepting that no amateur softball league may become a member of the Association unless all teams in such league are members of the Association. Nomination of an individual as a Life Member of the Association shall be made to the Executive Director and the Board may, in its absolute discretion, approve or refuse any such nomination.

### *3.3 Membership Fees and Dues*

Membership fees and dues shall be payable on an annual basis by a specified time and in such amounts as shall from time to time be fixed for an annual period by the Board of Directors. Team membership fees and dues for different age groups may vary.

## Section Four: Administrative Districts

### *4.1 Administrative Districts*

For the purposes of the Association, and for the purpose of carrying out the aims and objectives of the Association, the Province of Saskatchewan shall be divided into the following eight Administrative Districts:

- A. District 1 - Southeast (Weyburn/Estevan)
- B. District 2 - Regina City (Regina City)
- C. District 3 - Southwest (Moose Jaw/Swift Current)
- D. District 4 - South Central (Yorkton/Melville)
- E. District 5 - Central (Humboldt/Southey)
- F. District 6 - Saskatoon City (Saskatoon City)
- G. District 7 - Northwest (North Battleford/Lloydminster)
- H. District 8 - Northeast (Prince Albert/Melfort)

### *4.2 District Boundaries*

The boundaries of the Administrative Districts may be established and varied from time to time in the discretion of the Board.

## Section Five: Directors

### *5.1 Board of Directors*

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board, which shall consist of President (elected), Past-President, eight (8) directors - one Director shall be elected from each of the eight (8) Administrative

Districts and one (1) Director may be appointed by the Board of Directors this position will be the Aboriginal Director. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Board may make, amend, or repeal all operating rules, and decisions in respect of matters pertaining to:

- A. the game of softball
- B. the format, scheduling, administering, and playing of tournaments
- C. and play-offs the classification of players, teams, and leagues
- D. the qualifications of players, teams, and leagues
- E. the eligibility of any player to be a member of or play for any team or in any league.
- F. the eligibility of any coach or manager to coach or manage any team or in any league
- G. the eligibility of any team to play in any league
- H. the eligibility of any member of an umpires' association to umpire the game of softball
- I. the better carrying out of the aims and objectives of the Association.

#### *5.2 Special Determining Powers*

Without restricting the generality of paragraph 5.01, the Board may govern, regulate, and make decisions respecting any matter concerning the affairs of the Association and, in particular, but without limitation, has the authority to:

- 1. appoint one or more persons to represent the Association at the annual meeting of The Canadian Amateur Softball Association
- 2. govern, regulate, and make decisions respecting any matter
- 3. concerning amateur fast-pitch, slo-pitch and modified/orthodox softball in Saskatchewan
- 4. govern, regulate, and make decisions respecting any matter
- 5. concerning play-off and tournament play in Saskatchewan
- 6. suspend the membership of any member of the Association for any reason it deems sufficient
- 7. rule that any player is ineligible to be a member of or play for any team or in any league
- 8. rule that any coach or manager is ineligible to coach or manage any team or in any league
- 9. rule that a member of any umpires' association is ineligible to umpire in any league

10. rule that any team is ineligible to play in any league

11. deal with, decide and settle any matter, issue or question not expressly provided for in the Bylaws or the Operating Rules of the Association. All decisions made by the Board are final.

### *5.3 Nomination and Election Procedures*

#### **A. Nominations for the Board of Directors:**

- a. Any current Member may submit a written nomination for a candidate to be elected to the Board, to the Executive Director by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the election year. An individual may not nominate himself or herself for election. The President may be a resident of any Administrative District. District Director's must be a permanent resident of the Administrative District from which they are elected. Any person seeking to be elected as a Director of the Association must be a Team Member, League Member or Umpires Association Member. The nomination shall be accompanied by a personal profile and a consent form signed by the nominee (an electronic signature is sufficient for this purpose).
- b. Notice of the nomination and copies of the consent form and personal profile shall be circulated to the Members that register to attend the Annual General Meeting.
- c. A candidate may withdraw from the election any time prior to the start of voting.
- d. A paid employee of Softball Saskatchewan or any local softball association shall not be entitled to be nominated for election as a Director.

#### **B. Election of Directors**

- a. Association elections shall be carried out by written ballot at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. The President and Directors shall be elected on separate ballots. To be elected a candidate must receive fifty percent plus one of the votes cast. Until a candidate reaches this majority, the candidate receiving the least number of votes on any ballot shall be removed from the next ballot to be cast for the office.

#### **C. Period of Office**

- a. The Directors of the Association shall continue in office until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed as provided for in these Bylaws.



#### D. Resignation or Termination of Office

- a. A Director may resign his/her office by forwarding a written resignation to the Executive Director of the Association.
- b. A Director may be removed from office by a resolution to that effect passed by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Members at any Annual General Meeting. A Director may be removed or suspended from office for any conduct deemed detrimental to the Association by a unanimous vote of all remaining Directors. An appeal of this decision may be made to the Members at the next Annual General Meeting.
- c. Where the position of a director becomes vacant for whatever reason, the remaining Directors may appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacant position's term of office.
- d. The Aboriginal Director position appointed to the Board will be a person of aboriginal ancestry and must be a resident of Saskatchewan.
- e. Directors from Administrative Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be elected in the south region, at the Annual General Meeting in April 2020 in Regina, (these elections would then be every two years in Regina). These are 2-year terms = unlimited terms.
- f. Directors from Administrative Districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall be elected in the north region, at the Annual General Meeting in April 2019 in Saskatoon, (these elections would then be every two years in Saskatoon). These are 2-year terms = unlimited terms.
- g. The Aboriginal Director appointed by the Board shall serve a two-year term from the date of appointment. Should this director for some reason be unable to complete their term, then the Board may appoint another person to the position.
- h. The Past-President shall serve as an active member on the Board of Directors for two (2) years. This term may be extended upon a majority vote by the Board of Directors.

#### *5.4 Quorum of Directors*

The quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board shall be five (5) members of the Board of Directors (Directors and/or President) or such greater number as the Board may from time to time determine.

### *5.5 Action by The Board*

The powers of the Board may be exercised by resolution passed at a meeting at which a quorum is present or by resolution in writing signed by all directors entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of the Board.

### *5.6 Meetings*

Meetings of the Board shall be held from time to time and at such place as the President may determine. If all the directors' consent, a director may participate in a meeting of the Board or of a committee of the Board by means of telephone facilities enabling all persons participating in such a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. Any such consent shall be effective whether given before or after the meeting to which it relates and may be given before or after the meeting to which it relates and may be given with respect to all meetings of the Board and committees of the Board held while a director holds office.

### *5.7 Notice of Meeting*

The Board of Directors shall meet on a regular basis, notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Board shall be given to each director not less than seven (7) days before the meeting is to be held. The Board of Directors may meet without notice when a quorum of the Board has voted to do so.

### *5.8 President*

That a President be elected for a three-year term (two terms maximum = six years) at the Annual General Meeting in April 2019 in Saskatoon. The President shall:

- A. preside at all Association and Board Meetings
- B. be an ex-officio member of all Association Committees
- C. supervise the general administration and management of the Association
- D. supervise the work of the Executive Director
- E. supervise tasks assigned to members of the Board and ensure that all Association Constitution, Bylaws and Operating Rules and Policies are respected
- F. at the first meeting of the Board, following the Annual General Meeting, ensure that the meeting of the Board elect a Director as Vice-President who shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.

### *5.9 Treasurer*

The Board shall appoint a Treasurer for a one (1) year term that shall:

- A. be responsible for supervising the receipt of all monies received by the Association and for the deposit of the same in such bank, credit union or trust company as may be designated by the Board
- B. present a full and detailed account of receipts and disbursements to the Board whenever requested
- C. when directed by the Board, cause to be prepared an audited statement of financial position of the Association
- D. perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer.

### *5.10 Votes to Govern*

Every question at all meetings of the Board shall be decided by majority of the votes cast on the question. In case of an equality of votes, the President shall be entitled to cast a vote.

### *5.11 Remuneration and Expenses*

The directors shall serve without remuneration and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profits from his or her position as such except:

- A. a director may be reimbursed for such reasonable expenses as may be incurred in the performance of his or her duties; and
- B. a director who is also appointed an officer of the Association by the Board, in his capacity as an officer, be entitled to receive such remuneration as is established by the Board pursuant to paragraph 6.01.

### *5.12 Committee of Directors*

The Board may, from its numbers, appoint committees of directors and may delegate to such committees any of the powers of the Board except those which, under the Act, a committee of directors has no authority to exercise. Any committee so appointed may, subject to the resolution of the Board and the Bylaws, meet for the transaction of business, adjourn, and otherwise regulate its meetings as it sees fit.

### *5.13 Advisory Committees*

The Board may from time to time appoint such other committees as it may deem advisable, but the functions of any such other committees shall be advisory only.

## Section Six: Officers

### *6.1 Appointment*

Subject to any unanimous member agreement, the Board may elect or appoint officers of the Association. The offices to be filled and the duties of such officers shall be those designated by the Board and unless and until duties are designated, shall be those usually pertaining to such offices. Where a person has more than one office, each office shall be deemed separate from the others and an officer may sign documents or describe himself by any one or more of the offices whom he holds, or he may use the name of all offices held by him. The terms of employment and the remuneration of officers appointed by the Board shall be settled by it from time to time.

### *6.2 Executive Director*

Without restricting the generality of section 6.01, the Board shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be responsible for the day-to-day business of the Association and shall be accountable only to the Board.

### *6.3 District Liaisons*

Without restricting the generality of Section 6.01 the Board shall appoint the Umpire-In-Chief, three (3) Deputy Umpire-In-Chief's and District Liaisons for the coordination's of softball program development, in each administrative district. All Liaisons appointed by the Board must be residents of the district, which they represent.

### *6.4 Term of Office*

The Board may at any time, in its discretion, remove any officer of the Association, without prejudice to such officer's rights under any employment contract. Otherwise, each officer appointed by the Board shall hold office for the term of his appointment or until his successor is appointed.

## Section Seven: Dispute Resolution

All matters related to Dispute Resolution will be resolved according to the Softball Saskatchewan Dispute Resolution Suite which includes:

- A. Code of Conduct Policy
- B. Conflict of Interest Policy

- C. Discipline & Complaints Policy
- D. Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy
- E. Appeal Policy
- F. Complaints & Appeals Supplement

## Section Eight: Meetings of Members

### *8.1 Annual Meetings*

The annual meeting of the members shall be held during the Month of April at such time in each year and at such place in Saskatchewan as the Board may from time to time determine.

### *8.2 Special Meetings*

Special meetings of members may be held at such times and places as may be determined by the Board. All business transacted at a special meeting of members or at an annual meeting of members, other than:

- A. consideration for financial statements
- B. consideration of an auditor's report
- C. the election of directors
- D. the reappointment of an incumbent auditor
- E. the consideration of bylaws submitted by the directors, is deemed to be special business.

### *8.3 Notice of Meetings*

Notice of the time and place of each meeting of members shall be given in such manner as may be directed by the Board not less than fifteen (15) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting to each director, member, zone, and regional coordinator, and to the Umpire-In-Chief, Deputy Umpire-In-Chief and the auditor. Any such person may in any manner waive notice of or otherwise consent to a meeting of members, and the attendance of any such person at a meeting, except where he attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called if inadvertence does not nullify a meeting. Notice of a meeting at which special business is to be transacted shall state:

- A. the nature of that business is sufficient detail to permit the members to form a reasoned judgement therein; and
- B. the test of any special resolution to be submitted to the meeting.

#### *8.4 Members Votes*

Each Team Member, League Member and Umpires' Association Member shall be entitled to appoint one of their numbers as a Voting Delegate to attend meetings of members, and only the Voting Delegates so appointed shall attend at meetings of the members. Team Members may appoint a Voting Delegate only from their respective rosters of players, coaches, and managers. League Members may only appoint one of their executive members as a Voting Delegate. Umpires' Association Members may appoint a Voting Delegate only from their respective Umpires' Association Executive. Each Voting Delegate shall have the right to exercise one vote at any meeting of the members. Life members are entitled to attend and be heard at any meetings of members but are not entitled to vote at any such meetings.

#### *8.5 Voting by Officers*

In addition to the Voting Delegates described in paragraph 8.4, the following shall be entitled to be present and exercise in person one vote at any meeting of the members:

- A. each member of the Board
- B. the Umpire-In-Chief, three (3) Deputy Umpire-In-Chief's and the Master Learning Facilitator; and
- C. all District Liaisons appointed by the Board.

#### *8.6 No Voting by Proxy*

No member or other person entitled to vote at a meeting of members shall be entitled to vote by proxy.

#### *8.7 Chairman of Meetings*

The Chairman of any meeting of members shall be the President of the Board, or in his absence any other director of the Association.

#### *8.8 Votes to Govern*

Every question raised at any meeting of the members shall, unless otherwise required by these Bylaws, be determined by the majority of votes cast on the question. In case of an equality of votes, either upon a show of hands or upon a ballot, the President shall be entitled to cast a vote.

### *8.9 Show of Hands*

Any question at a meeting of members shall be decided by a show of hands, except that:

- A. the election of directors shall be made by secret ballot; and
- B. a secret ballot shall be held upon request of ten (10) voting delegates.

### *8.10 Quorum*

Twenty (20) Voting Delegates present at any meeting of the members shall constitute a quorum.

## Section Nine: Financial Matters

### *9.1 Accounts*

- A. all approved accounts shall be paid by cheque.
- B. all cheques written on the operating account at the Provincial Office of the Association shall be signed by two of the President, Treasurer or Executive Director.
- C. in the event that the Treasurer is unable to act, the President or appointed Director shall perform the duties of the Treasurer.

### *9.2 Audit and Inspection of The Books*

- A. the books and records of the Association shall be kept by the Executive Director under the strict supervision of the Treasurer and shall be audited each year by an independent auditor. This independent auditor shall be designated by the Board at its first regular meeting following the Annual General Meeting.
- B. the books and records of the Association may be inspected by members of the Association, by appointment made through the office of the President, at the Provincial Office of the Association. Such a member must be in good standing with the Association. The expenses of travel, housing and loss of time inspecting the books shall be borne by the requesting member.

### *9.3 Borrowing Power*

- A. Upon resolution passed by not less than three-quarters of the Board, the Association may from time to time:
  - a. borrow money upon the credit of the Association.

- b. issue, reissue, sell or pledge bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness or guarantee of the Association, whether secured or unsecured; and
- c. mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, or otherwise create and interest in or charge upon all or any property (including the undertaking and rights) of the Association, owned or subsequently acquired, by way of mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise, to secure payment of any such evidence of indebtedness or guarantee of the Association. Nothing in this section limits or restricts the borrowing of money by the Association on bills of exchange or promissory notes made, drawn, accepted, or endorsed by or on behalf of the Association.

#### *9.4 Indemnities to Directors and Others*

- A. Every Director or Officer of the Association or other person who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the Association or any company controlled by it and their heirs, executors and administrators, and estate and effects, respectively, shall from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the association, from; and
  - a. all cost, charges, and expenses whatsoever which such Director, Officer or other person sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceedings which is brought, commenced, or prosecuted against him, or in respect of any act, deed, matter of thing whatsoever made, done or permitted by him, in or about the execution of the duties of his office or in respect of any such liability
  - b. all other costs, charges, and expenses which he sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his own willful neglect or default.



## Section Ten: Amendment

### *10.1 Amendment of Bylaws*

- A. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be made by resolution from a member or the Board of Directors.
- B. A notice of motion to amend the Bylaws must be received in writing by the Provincial Office of the Association by April 1st and the Provincial Office of the Association shall forward copies of all Notices of Motions to the Membership at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting for those members registered for the Annual General Meeting.
- C. When a Notice of Motion has not been served as provided for in b) above of this section 10.01, the bylaws may be enacted, repealed, or amended at any Annual General Meeting provided all voting members present at the Annual General Meeting are in favour of having the matter discussed on the floor. If such a unanimous vote is obtained then a two-thirds (2/3) majority is required to enact, repeal, or amend the particular bylaw.
- D. This bylaw shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the act.

## Section Eleven: Effective Date

### *11.1 Effective Date*

- A. Subject to its confirmation by the members in accordance with the Act, this bylaw shall come into force on the date it is passed by the Board.

**Softball Saskatchewan is proud to be a  
part of the following Championships:**



**2022 Canadian Championships**

**U15 "A" Girl's**

**Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Saskatoon, Sask.**

**U17 "A" Boy's & U23 "A" Women's**

**Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Saskatoon, SK**

**Women's**

**Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Regina, Sask**



## **2022 Western Canadian Championships**

**U13 "A" Boys  
July 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Prince Albert, Sask**

**U23 "B" Women's  
Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Saskatoon, Sask.**

## Announcing Athlete Era App

Softball Saskatchewan is pleased to announce that we will be offering the new Athlete Era app for coaches in all our U9 age groups. This new app will allow coaches flexibility in building and sharing practice plans along with other amazing features.

The app will only be available to Member Associations and their affiliated coaches. More details will be emailed to associations and posted on our website.



# TIMBITS<sup>®</sup> SOFTBALL



## **A Development Program for Boys & Girls Ages 4-9**

### **Highlights of Timbits**

- Varied, FUN, activities in prepared lessons plans
- Three flexible ability levels
- Soft-core ball for safety and to encourage proper use of new skills
- Scheduled parent involvement to provide maximum repetitions necessary to learn
- Simple activities provide high success rates
- Pitcher development
- Modifications to match characteristics of children
- Emphasis on skill development encourages proper skill rather than the development of “coping” skills that are often the negative result of traditional “game” focused programs
- Conducive to co-ed play
- Gradual progression and introduction to competition

**For more information or to book a Coaches/Parents Orientation,  
contact our Program Coordinator,  
Jacqueline Eiwanger at (306) 780-9235  
or [jac@softball.sk.ca](mailto:jac@softball.sk.ca)**



## **Membership Assistance Program (M.A.P.) Grants**

Softball Saskatchewan receives funding from Sask. Sport Inc. to provide Programs for our members. Following is a list of M.A.P. Grants available from Softball Saskatchewan.

- A. Provincial Championships**
  - a. maximum \$250.00/team participating
- B. N.C.C.P. Coaching Clinic**
  - a. covers all expenses except registration fees and manuals.
- C. Umpire Certification Schools**
  - a. development for umpires of all ages and abilities.
- D. Athlete Skills Clinics**
  - a. provide clinics on Basic Skills, Pitching & Hitting.
- E. Learn to Play Orientations**
  - a. provide orientations for Coaches and Parents teaching athletes under 10 years of age.
- F. Softball Development**
  - a. provide Minor Leagues with resources to purchase equipment and softballs while allowing Adult Leagues to assist with umpire costs for year-end tournaments.
- G. For more information on the above M.A.P. Grants, please contact the Softball Office.**

# Softball Saskatchewan Umpire Development Program Policy Manual

## Section 1: Vision and Goals

### *Vision Statement*

That the Softball Saskatchewan Umpire Program in partnership with the Softball Canada Umpire Program, local Umpire Associations and District U.I.C.'s provide leadership in identifying, developing and promoting officials and programs necessary to effectively service our membership.

### *Goals*

- A. To ensure quality programs and services are provided in an environment that is created to address the wants, needs and development of our members.
- B. To provide quality opportunities and initiatives that will attract new members.
- C. To provide quality information and instruction to educate all members.
- D. To ensure access to quality growth opportunities by providing consistent and accountable evaluation programs in a timely manner to all members.
- E. To ensure communication is provided in a timely and consistent basis that creates an awareness of programs and services related to umpire recruitment and development.

## Section 2: Umpire Development Committee Structure

The umpire program is operated by the Umpire Development Committee consisting of a maximum of two (2) members of the Board of Directors, Umpire-In-Chief, and three (3) Deputy Umpire-In-Chiefs upon approval of the Board of Directors.

## Section 3: Budget

The budget for the umpire's program is prepared by the Umpire Development Committee, approved by the Board of Directors and administered by the Executive Director.

#### Section 4: Selection and Terms of Office

- A. Umpire-In-Chief, Deputy Umpire-In-Chief (North) and Deputy Umpire-In-Chief (South) and Deputy Umpire-In-Chief At Large.
- i. Any registered umpire in Saskatchewan may be nominated to the U.D.C. Eligible nominations must be received in the Softball Saskatchewan office by April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ii. Elections will take place in the following rotation:
    - 1. UIC will take place every three years effective 2018.
    - 2. UIC will have a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms per UIC tenure, thus limiting the UIC to six (6) consecutive years in office.
    - 3. DUIC-North (Districts 5, 6, 7, & 8) will take place in odd numbered with election every two (2) years.
    - 4. DUIC-South (Districts 1, 2, 3, & 4) will take place in even numbered years with election every two (2) years.
    - 5. DUIC At Large will take place every three years effective 2019.
  - iii. Elections will be conducted by the Board Liaison or his/her designate during the April District U.I.C. /U.D.C. meeting.
    - 1. All registered umpires from the previous season are eligible to vote.
    - 2. **All Softball Saskatchewan Board of Directors are eligible to vote.**
    - 3. **The Board Liaison or his/her designate will chair proceedings and will select (2) people to count ballots. If there is a tie for one of the elected positions the President of Softball Saskatchewan will cast a deciding vote.**
    - 4. **If anyone elected to one of the four (4) UDC positions resigns the Board of Directors will appoint a replacement. The UDC will be asked for their input prior to the Board finalizing their selection.**
- B. District U.I.C.
- i. The U.I.C. in consultation with the District Director shall appoint the respective District U.I.C.
  - ii. Term of office shall be unlimited.



## Section 5: Registration

### A. Softball Saskatchewan Registration:

- i. Attend a Provincial umpire clinic yearly and pay the registration fee set by Softball Saskatchewan. (Must be a registered Softball Saskatchewan Umpire to work Provincial Playoffs)
- ii. All umpires are registered with Softball Canada by paying the required National Fee as part of their Provincial Registration Fee.
- iii. Umpires selected for a Western or Canadian Championship must attend an Umpire Clinic.
- iv. Active Umpires: An umpire who renews their certification and passes all requirements.
- v. **The On-line Exam must be completed by July 1st.**

### B. Registration Fees

#### Clinic Registration Fees

Level 1 & Retired	\$70.00
Level 2	\$80.00
Level 3	\$95.00
Level 4 & 5	\$110.00

**Hard Copy Rule Books - \$12.00 (The Rule Book is also available on-line)**

Clinic Workbooks - \$5.00

### C. Certification Levels

- i. Individuals must be a minimum of twelve (12) years of age to register as an umpire.
- ii. **Retired:** Umpires retired from the work force, may: Maintain current level and register Provincially and with Softball Canada but shall not be eligible for Western and Canadian Championships.

#### **Level 1**

Pre-Requisites	None
Training Requirements	Attend an Umpire Clinic. Obtain 60% or more on the Level 1 Certification Exam
On-Field Application	Officiate local minor or adult softball and Provincials

Maintenance	Attend a Provincial umpire clinic once every two years Write Softball Canada exam and obtain 60% or more
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## **Level 2**

Pre-Requisites	Certified Level 1 umpire for a min. of one (1) year and be at least 16 years of age
Training Requirements	Attend an Umpire Clinic Obtain 70% or more on the Level 2 Certification Exam
Evaluation	Receive one successful local or regional evaluation
On-Field Application	Officiate local and provincial level and/or local adult softball
Maintenance	Attend a clinic once every two years. Write Softball Canada exam and obtain 70% or more.

## **Level 3**

Pre-Requisites	Certified Level 2 umpire for a min. of two (2) years
Training Requirements	Attend an Umpire clinic and obtain 80% or more on the Level 3 Certification Exam
Evaluation	Receive one successful evaluation
On-Field Application	Officiate Provincial minor or adult softball. Qualified to officiate U19 Women's FP, U20 Men's FP, U23 Women's FP, or U23 Men's FP
Maintenance	Attend a clinic annually. Write Softball Canada exam and obtain 80% or more

## **Level 4**

Pre-Requisites	Certified Level 3 umpire for a min. of two (2) years
Training Requirements	Receive two successful evaluations by Provincial representative and recommendations forwarded to UDC. Receive a successful Level 4 evaluation at a U20 Men's or U19 Women's or a Masters FP Canadian Championship

Evaluation	Attend a Softball Canada Level 4 Umpire Theory Clinic. Obtain 80% or more on the Level 4 Certification Exam
On-Field Application	Officiate Provincial minor or adult softball. Officiate a Canadian Championship and receive a successful LIV evaluation
Maintenance	Attend a clinic annually. Write Softball Canada exam and obtain 80% or more. Be active in Provincial officiating programs

**Level 5:** This program is operated by Softball Canada.

**D. Umpires Leaving the system (Level1-4)**

If an umpire does not officiate or register as an umpire for a period of two or more years, they may return to their current level upon approval from the U.I.C. This may only happen once.

### **Section 6: Player and Coach Ejections**

**Players and coaches who are ejected from a game must be reported. Umpires must complete a Game Ejection Report and submit to the Softball Saskatchewan office within three (3) days of the ejection. The Game Ejection Report is in a fillable format and available on the Softball Saskatchewan website. Game Ejections Reports must be completed for any League game, Sanctioned Tournament game, or Provincial Championship game.**

### **Section 7: Evaluations**

The Softball Saskatchewan Umpire Development Committee will establish an approved list of evaluators to do evaluations.

A. Umpires travelling to Westerns or Canadians are 1st priority

B. Supervisors will be compensated for the weekend expenses.

i. an honorarium and daily per diem

ii. .47/km return mileage

iii. accommodations will be compensated if required

C. Evaluations are to be distributed as follows:

i. The umpire being evaluated will receive a copy.

ii. Softball Saskatchewan Office

**iii. The Provincial UIC and the District Umpire-in-Chief**

- D. The Umpire Development Committee will organize two (2) Evaluations events annually one in the north and one in the south. These events may or may not be done at Provincial Championships. The UDC may assign umpires and evaluators to these events.**

#### Section 8: Provincial Playoff Assignments

- A. The District Umpire-In-Chief will assign umpires to all Provincial Championships. Umpires assigned shall be those who live near the Championship location regardless of which District they live in.
- B. Provincial Championships leading to a Canadian Championship.
  - i. Umpires selected to a Canadian **MAY** be assigned by the UDC to a Provincial Championship for an evaluation.
  - ii. The UDC will be responsible for any accommodations and transportation if necessary. Game fees are supplied by the host committee.
  - iii. The UDC **MAY** assign a qualified evaluator/supervisor to selected Provincial Final to assess and assist the umpires.
  - iv. If more umpires are required, the District Umpire In-Chief will assign.

#### Section 9: Canadian/Western Applications

- A. Umpires may submit their intent to attend a championship the following year to the Executive Director by September 30th.
- B. Selections are based on the following:
  - i. Umpires are asked to apply progressively; you shall apply for Western Canadians before Canadians.
  - ii. Umpires are eligible to apply for consecutive Westerns or Canadians

#### Section 10: Canadian and Western Selections

- A. The UDC shall select umpires for Canadians and Westerns from the applications received and recommendations from the UDC & District Umpire-In- Chief's, for submission to the Board of Directors for their approval.
- B. Umpires working Western Canadian or Canadian Championships shall be required to work Provincial Championships.
- C. Umpires may not be selected for all categories of a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship.

- D. Umpires selected to work any Western or Canadian Championship MUST attend an Umpire Clinic in the year of the Championship. **In the Year that the UDC hosts an Elite Umpire Clinic this is the clinic that will be attended by all umpires assigned to a Canada Games, Western Canadian or Canadian Championships.**
- E. **Umpires Selected for a MINOR Canadian Championship must provide a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## Umpire Development Committee

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TBD

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# Sport Accident Insurance Program

## **Insuring Agreement**

The insurer agrees subject to the terms, limitations, and expectations of this policy to indemnify each Insured as defined in this policy who sustains bodily injury or death arising out of a sport accident as defined herein the benefits listed in this policy up to a maximum per insured of the Benefit amount scheduled in this policy.

## **Insured:**

Injury Bodily injury suffered by an Insured caused directly by an accident as described below independent of any sickness or other cause.

## **Eligibility:**

- A. All players, managers, coaches, trainers, and members of officiating crews of the Governing Body/Sports Association listed in the Policy Declarations.
- B. Executive officers of member teams of the Governing Body/Sport Association listed in the policy declarations and the Executive Officers of member teams of the Governing Body/Sport Association listed in the Policy Declarations.

## **When Covered:**

Accidental body injury or death sustained by an Insured due to external violent, sudden fortuitous causes beyond the insured's control, occurring while this insurance is in force and while:

- A. Participating in a practice or competition which is organized under the supervision and direction of the Governing Body/Sport Association listed in the Policy Declarations or,
- B. Being transported with other members as a group (three or more) to or from the place of such practice or competition. In the case of travel by air, the insurance provided by this policy shall only apply to travel on a multi-engine transport type aircraft operated by a licensed airline maintaining published schedules or a licensed charter airline; within the Territorial Limits shown on the Policy Declarations.

**Notice of Proof of Claim:**

In the event of a claim the Insured shall:

- A. Give Written Notice to Softball Saskatchewan not later than 30 days from the date of such accident, and:
  - a. Furnish to Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. on forms provided such proof of claim as reasonable as possible within 90 days from such date
  - b. Furnish a certificate as to the cause and nature of the injury for which the claim is made from a legally qualified Medical or Dental Practitioner if required by the insurer.

**Commercial General liability**

General Liability \$5,000,000.00 Non- Owned Liability \$5,000,000.00  
Policy Deductible \$500.00

**What is the Role of Aon Reed Stenhouse**

Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc. is your insurance broker and risk management consultant. We are available to Sask Sport Inc., Softball Inc. Saskatchewan, affiliated groups of Softball Saskatchewan and your members. We are here to provide advice and counsel on designing and implementing the insurance policies, interpreting your insurance coverage, assisting you when you have a claim or an incident which may lead to a claim, and provide advice and ways to minimize, reduce and eliminate financial loss to your organization.

**Incidents which may Give Rise to a Claim**

We recommend Aon be advised or consulted in any circumstance where an injury occurs, or an accident happens where it is possible a claim of negligence may be made. We do ask that be notified at the earliest possible time. We will upon receipt of such notice advise whether or not insurance coverage will extend to the incident, as well as report it to the Insurer and assist in appointing an adjuster or a lawyer.



**Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc.**

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**Coverages**

For more detailed information on insurance coverage please contact Softball Saskatchewan or visit our web site at [www.softball.sk.ca](http://www.softball.sk.ca) You can also contact Aon Reed Stenhouse directly.



# Respect in Sport (RiS)

Softball Saskatchewan is committed to creating a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Coaches have a responsibility to create a sporting environment that is free from harassment, abuse, bullying and neglect. **Softball Saskatchewan requires that ALL coaches participating in the sport of softball must complete the online Respect in Sport (RiS) certification, as required by Sask Sport Inc.**

The Softball Saskatchewan Respect in Sport policy can be found on our website.

## To register:

- A. visit the website <https://saskrc.respectgroupinc.com>
- B. select REGISTER A NEW USER
- C. for username and password, please use your first and last name as entries for the username and no spaces should be included
- D. when you have completed the registration, select SUBMIT
- E. select the appropriate language
- F. read the program instructions
- G. click PROGRAM CONTENT to start the Activity Leader Program

If you have already taken an equivalent program, visit our website [www.softball.sk.ca](http://www.softball.sk.ca) for instructions on how to add softball to your profile.



**TOLL FREE: 1-888-329-4009**

**TEXT: 1-306-717-9636**

**[resourceline@respectgroupinc.com](mailto:resourceline@respectgroupinc.com)**

# Softball Saskatchewan Merchandise and Resource Centre

<b>Softball Resources</b>	<b>Price</b>
Timbits Manuals (includes Level I, II, III)	Free-Online
2022/2023 Softball Canada Rule Book (The Rule Book is also available online)	\$ 12.00
Scorebooks (25 games)	\$ 10.00
Line-Up Cards	\$ 10.00
<b>Umpire Accessories</b>	
Indicators	\$ 10.00
Bat Rings	\$ 8.00
<b>Promotional Items</b>	
Softball Sask. Hats	\$ 20.00
Softball Sask. Pins	\$ 1.00
<b>GST is included in the above prices</b>	

# Softball Saskatchewan Awards Program

Softball Saskatchewan is inviting nominations for the following awards:

## **Male Athlete of the Year & Female Athlete of the Year**

- A. include personal accomplishments for 2022 (i.e., recognition at Westerns or Canadians as all-star, M.V.P., Top Batter or Top Pitcher.
- B. include team accomplishments for 2022
- C. include other accomplishments or personal involvement in Softball

## **Coach of the Year**

- A. include accomplishments of team in 2022
- B. include philosophy of Coaching
- C. include other involvement in Softball

## **Volunteer of the Year**

- A. include all activities the nominee was involved with in 2022 did the person do something "extra" or "special" in our sport

## **Umpire of the Year**

- A. include accomplishments for 2022 and involvement with Softball Saskatchewan
- B. did the person do something "extra" or "special" in our sport

## **Service Awards (3)**

outline the individual's involvement in Softball. (i.e., coach, player, umpire, and volunteer). Highlight accomplishments and or achievements. Indicate the number of years in our sport.

## **Ed Mann Memorial Bursary (Male/Female/\$500 each)**

this award is for individuals participating at the grassroots level. Include contributions made to our sport at the provincial and or community level.

**Proposed Recipient:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (C): \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominating Individual/Organization:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (C): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit a resume with the application form. The Deadline for nominations for these awards is October 1st, 2022.**

Return To: Softball Saskatchewan | 2205 Victoria Avenue | Regina, SK  
S 4P 0S4 | Fax: (306) 780-9483 | or email: [info@softball.sk.ca](mailto:info@softball.sk.ca)



# SASK LOTTERIES

# **Notice of the Softball Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting Regina, SK**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

Please note: The Annual General Meeting may be held virtually if necessary. If not you are encouraged to pre-register for the AGM by phoning the Softball Saskatchewan Office at 306-780-9235 or by emailing [info@softball.sk.ca](mailto:info@softball.sk.ca)

Everyone who registers on or before April 1, 2022, will receive an AGM package in the mail prior to the meeting.

Registrations after April 1, 2022 will receive their AGM packages at the meeting.

Remember, you will be actively participating in setting guidelines that will promote and foster the growth of Fast Pitch, Slo-Pitch, and Orthodox Softball in Saskatchewan.

If you require accommodations, please contact the Double Tree Hotel in Regina at 306-525-6767 which is located on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Broad Street.

# Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame

## I. Purpose

The Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor those individuals and teams who have participated, served, represented and or impacted the sport of softball in Saskatchewan.

## II. Nominations

- A. Nominations may originate from any current or former member(s) in good standing with Softball Saskatchewan. Nominations must be accompanied by documents covering in as great a detail as possible, the athletic accomplishments, or the service record or both, of the person(s) and or club or team being nominated. Letters of support from local softball organizations, leagues and Associations would be beneficial.
- B. Written nominations are encouraged to provide as much support documentation as possible covering the athletic, builder and or officials' accomplishments or the service record or both, of the person(s) nominated (e.g., newspaper clippings). The claimed accomplishments or service record shall be supported by documentary evidence where there is any possibility of doubt.
- C. Nominations must be in the hands of the Committee by **September 1<sup>st</sup>** for consideration that year.
- D. Successful nominees for the Hall of Fame will be inducted at the Annual General Meeting of Softball Saskatchewan. All nominations approved by the Awards Committee shall be forwarded for final approval to the Board of Directors of Softball Saskatchewan with a recommendation for enrollment in the Hall of Fame.
- E. Nominations to the Hall of Fame will remain active for a period of five (5) years. After this time the nominee will be notified to re-submit a new updated nomination.
- F. Successful nominees and information on the Hall of Fame will be included on a new Hall of Fame page on our Softball Saskatchewan Website.

### **III. General Eligibility**

- A. To be eligible for nomination the nominee must adhere to the following:  
Have been a resident of Saskatchewan during most of the time for which outstanding performance/service is claimed.
- B. Except for exceptional circumstances, be retired from Softball Saskatchewan participation in their nominated category for at least five (5) years before being eligible for selection to the Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame.

### **IV. Specific Eligibility Criteria**

The Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame will have the following categories and eligibility for induction.

#### **Athletes**

- A. Have made a significant contribution to the winning of a Medal in a minimum of five (5) Provincial Championships; or
- B. Have made a significant contribution to the winning of a Medal in a minimum of four (4) Western Canadian or two (2) Canadian Championships; or
- C. Have compiled an outstanding record at Provincial, Western Canadian, Canadian, or international competitions for a period of at least ten (10) years.

#### **Coaches**

- A. Have coached with distinction at least six (6) teams at Provincial Championships (can be the same team or different teams); or
- B. Have coached with distinction at least four (4) teams at Western Canadian Championships or two (2) teams at Canadian Championships; or
- C. Have made notable contributions to the development of coaching in Saskatchewan or Canada.

#### **Teams**

- A. A club team that has won at least five (5) Provincial Championships within an eight (8) year period; or
- B. A club team that has represented Saskatchewan and won a medal in at least four (4) Western Canadian Championships within a nine (9) year period; or



- C. A club team that has represented Saskatchewan and won a medal in at least three (3) Canadian Championships within a nine (9) year period; or
- D. A Provincial team that has won a Gold Medal at a Canada Games.
- E. For a team to be eligible for induction most players must be over the age of 35 at the time of the nomination.

### **Umpires**

- A. Have been a registered Softball Saskatchewan umpire for a minimum of fifteen (15) years.
- B. Have umpired with distinction in at least five (5) Western Canadian Championships; or
- C. Have umpired with distinction in at least three (3) Canadian Championships; or
- D. Have made notable contributions to the development of umpires in Saskatchewan or Canada.

### **Builders**

- A. Have served with distinction as a member of Softball Saskatchewan for a minimum of fifteen (15) years; and
- B. Have made significant contributions to the sport of softball in Saskatchewan or Canada in an exemplary manner.

## **V. Recognition**

Each successful nominee will receive:

- A. One (1) acrylic trophy or plaque.
- B. A Hall of Fame pin for each recipient in attendance (additional pins may be purchased by those inductee's not in attendance at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony)

## **VI. Annual Limit**

Each year Softball Saskatchewan shall have a limit of five (5) selections to the Hall of Fame.



### 2022 Canadian Championship Dates & Locations

U15 Girls	Aug. 3 - 7	Saskatoon, SK
U17 Girls	Aug. 17 - 21	Montreal, QC
U19 Women's	Jul. 26 - 31	Fredericton, NB
U23 Women's	Aug. 10 - 14	Saskatoon, SK
Women's	Aug. 17 - 21	Regina, SK
U15 Boys	Aug. 3 - 7	Wilmot, ON
U17 Boys	Aug. 10 - 14	Saskatoon, SK
U20 Men's	Jul. 27 - 31	Carbonear, NFLD
U23 Men's	Aug. 2 - 7	Carp, ON
Men's & Master Men's	Aug. 31 - Sept. 4	St. John's, NFLD
Men's & Women's SP	Aug. 7 - 13	Surrey, BC



### **2022 Western Canadian Championships**

U13 Boys	Jul. 29 - Aug. 1	Prince Albert, SK
U15 Boys & Girls	Aug. 4 - 7	Stonewall, MB
U17 Boys & Girls	Aug. 4 - 7	Edmonton, AB
U19 Women's & U20 Men's	Aug. 4 - 7	Richmond, BC
U23 Men's & Women's	Aug. 11 - 14	Saskatoon, SK
Sr. Men's & Women's	Aug. 4 - 7	Blackfalds, AB
Master Men's & Women's	Aug. 11 - 14	Abbotsford, BC

**Saskatchewan  
Communities by  
District**

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**District 1**

Alameda  
Alida  
Antler  
Arcola  
Avonhurst  
Balgonie  
Benson  
Bienfait  
Broadview  
Candiac  
Carievale  
Carlyle  
Carnduff  
Carry the Kettle  
Ceylon  
Colgate  
Corning  
Cowessess  
Creelman  
Davin  
Edenwold  
Edgeley  
Emerald Park  
Estevan  
Estlin  
Fairlight  
Fertile  
Fillmore  
Fleming  
Forget  
Francis  
Frobisher  
Gainsborough  
Gladmar

Glen Ewen  
Glenavon  
Goodwater  
Gray  
Grenfell  
Halbrite  
Handsworth  
Heward  
Indian Head  
Kahkewistehaw  
Kendal  
Kennedy  
Kenosee Lake  
Khedive  
Kipling  
Kisbey  
Kronau  
Lajord  
Lake Alma  
Lampman  
Lang  
Langbank  
Macoun  
Manor  
Maryfield  
Mclean  
Mctaggert  
Midal  
Milestone  
Minton  
Montmartre  
Moosomin  
North Portal  
Ocean Man  
Ochapowace  
Odessa  
Osage  
Oungre  
Oxbow

Pangman  
Pilot Butte  
Qu'Appelle  
Radville  
Redvers  
Riceton  
Rocanville  
Roche Percee  
Sakimay  
Sedley  
Sintaluta  
Storthoaks  
Stoughton  
Torquay  
Tribune  
Trossachs  
Tyvan  
Vibank  
Wapella  
Wawota  
Welwyn  
Weyburn  
White City  
Whitewood  
Wilcox  
Windthorst  
Wolseley  
Yellowgrass  
Zehner

**District 2**

Regina

**District 3**

Abbey  
Admiral  
Aneroid  
Assiniboia  
Avonlea

Bushell Park  
Aylesbury  
Belle Plain  
Bengough  
Bethune  
Bracken  
Briercrest  
Brownlee  
Burstall  
Cabri  
Cadillac  
Carmichael  
Caronport  
Central Butte  
Chamberlain  
Chaplin  
Claybank  
Climax  
Coderre  
Consul  
Coronach  
Craik  
Dilke  
Disley  
Dollard  
Drinkwater  
Eastend  
Eatonia  
Ernfold  
Eyebrow  
Fife Lake  
Findlater  
Fox Valley  
Frontier  
Glentworth  
Golden Prairie  
Grandview Beach  
Gravelbourg  
Gull Lake

Hazenmore  
Hazlet  
Herbert  
Hodgeville  
Holdfast  
Kayville  
Keeler  
Kincaid  
Lafleche  
Lancer  
Leader  
Limerick  
Mankota  
Maple Creek  
Marquis  
Mazenod  
Mendham  
Meyronne  
Morse  
Mortlach  
Moose Jaw  
Mossbank  
Neville  
Ogema  
Pense  
Penzance  
Piapot  
Pontiex  
Prelate  
Richmond  
Riverhurst  
Robsart  
Rockglen  
Rouleau  
Rush Lake  
Sceptre  
Shackleton  
Shamrock  
Shaunavon

Simmie  
Spring Valley  
Stewart Valley  
Success  
Swift Current  
Tompkins  
Tugaske  
Tuxford  
Val Marie  
Vanguard  
Viceroy  
Waldeck  
Webb  
Willowbunch  
Wood Mountain

#### **District 4**

Abernathy  
Atwater  
Balcarres  
Bangor  
Bredenbury  
Buchanan  
Calder  
Canora  
Churchbridge  
Dubuc  
Duff  
Ebenezer  
Endeavour  
Esterhazy  
Fenwood  
Foam Lake  
Gerald  
Goodeve  
Grayson  
Hubbard  
Hyas  
Insinger

Invermay	Aberdeen	Girvin
Ituna	Allan	Glen Harbour
Kamsack	Annaheim	Glenside
Killaly	Ardath	Govan
Kuroki	Asquith	Grand Coulee
Langenburg	Beechy	Guernsey
Lebret	Bladworth	Hanley
Lemberg	Bounty	Hawarden
Lintlaw	Bradwell	Humboldt
Macnutt	Bremen	Imperial
Margo	Broderick	Jansen
Melville	Bruno	Kelliher
Neudorf	B-Say-Tah	Kelvington
Norquay	Buena Vista	Kenaston
Pelly	Bulyea	Lake Lenore
Preeceville	Burr	Langham
Rama	Clavet	Lanigan
Rhein	Colonsay	Leross
Saltcoats	Conquest	Leroy
Sheho	Coteau Beach	Leslie
Springside	Craven	Lestock
Spy Hill	Cupar	Liberty
Stenen	Dafoe	Lipton
Stockholm	Dalmeny	Lockwood
Stornoway	Davidson	Loreburn
Sturgis	Delisle	Lucky Lake
Tantallon	Demaine	Lumsden
Theodore	Disley	Macrorie
Togo	Drake	Manitou Beach
Tuffnell	Dundurn	Markinch
Veregin	Duval	Martensville
Waldron	Dysart	Meacham
West Bent	Earl Grey	Middle Lake
Willowbrook	Elbow	Mistusinne
Wroxton	Elfros	Mozart
Yarbo	Elstow	Muenster
Yorkton	Englefeld	Nokomis
	Fort Qu'Appelle	Osler
	Fosston	Outlook
<b>District 5</b>		

Pilger	Admanac	Loon Lake
Plunkett	Alsask	Luseland
Prud' Homme	Aquadeo	Macklin
Punnichy	Arelee	Madison
Quill Lake	Battleford	Maidstone
Quinton	Biggar	Major
Raymore	Borden	Makwa
Regina Beach	Brock	Marengo
Rose Valley	Cando	Marsden
Saskatchewan Beach	Coleville	Marshall
Semans	Cutknife	Mayfair
Shields	Denholm	Maymont
Silton	Denzil	Meadow Lake
Simpson	Dinsmore	Medstead
Southey	Dodsland	Meota
Spalding	Dorintosh	Mervin
St. Benedict	Eatonia	Metinota
St. Brieux	Edam	Milden
St. Gregor	Elrose	N. Battleford
Strasbourg	Eston	Neilburg
Strongfield	Evesham	Netherhill
Sunset Cove	Flaxcombe	Paradise Hill
Thode	Fiske	Paynton
Vanscoy	Glaslyn	Perdue
Viscount	Glidden	Pierceland
Vonda	Goodsoil	Plato
Wadena	Hafford	Plenty
Warman	Handel	Primate
Watrous	Harris	Rabbit Lake
Watson	Herschel	Radisson
Wishart	Kelfield	Rapid View
Wynyard	Kerrobert	Richard
Young	Kindersley	Rockhaven
Zelma	Kinley	Rosetown
	Krydor	Ruddell
	Kyle	Ruthilda
<b>District 6</b>	Landis	Scott
Saskatoon	Lashburn	Senlac
	Lloydminster	Smiley
<b>District 7</b>		

Sovereign  
Speers  
Springwater  
St. Walburg  
Tramping Lake  
Turtleford  
Unity  
Vawn  
Waseca  
Wilkie  
Wiseton  
Zealandia

**District 8**

Arborfield  
Archerwill  
Aylsham  
Beatty  
Bjorkdale  
Big River  
Birch Hills  
Blaine Lake  
Candle Lake  
Canwood  
Carrot River  
Chitek Lake  
Christopher Lake  
Choiceland  
Cudwoth  
Debden  
Domremy  
Duck Lake  
Hague  
Hepburn  
Holbein  
Hudson Bay  
Kinistino  
Laird  
Leask

Leoville  
Love  
Macedowall  
Marcelin  
Meath Park  
Melfort  
Mistatim  
Naicam  
Nipawin  
Paddockwood  
Parkside  
Pleasantdale  
Porcupine Plain

Prince Albert  
Ridgedale  
Rosthern  
Shellbrook  
Shell Lake  
Smeaton  
Spiritwood  
St. Louis  
Star City  
Tisdale  
Tobin Lake  
Tway  
Valparaiso  
Wakaw  
Waldheim  
Weekes  
Weirdale  
Weldon  
White Fox  
Yellow Creek  
Zenon Park

**District 9**

Beauval  
Bear Lake  
Canoe Lake

Cole Bay  
Creighton  
Cumberland House  
Garson Lake  
Hatchet Lake  
Ile-A-Lacrosse  
Jans Bay  
La Loche  
La Ronge  
Missinipe  
Patuanak  
Pelican Narrows  
Pinehouse  
Sandy Bay  
Sled Lake  
Southend  
Stanley Mission  
Stone Rapids  
Timber Bay  
Turnor Lake  
Uranium City  
Weyakwin





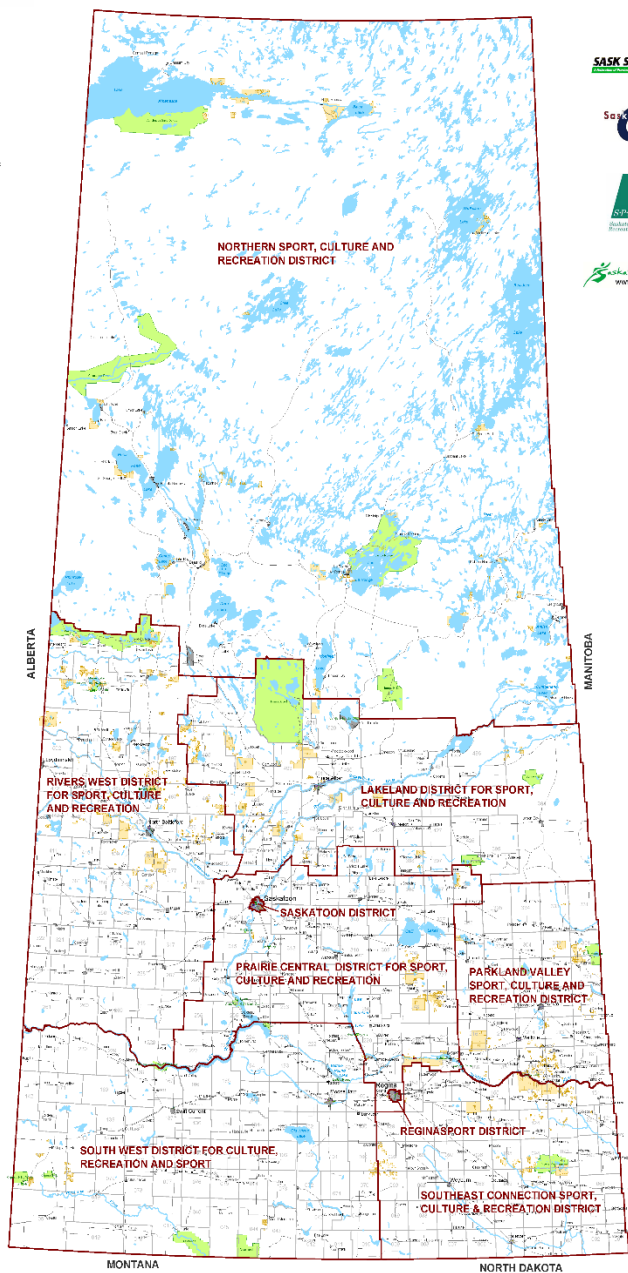
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**Dates: August 19 - 21, 2022**

**Location: TBD**

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Tryouts dates will be posted on our website at [www.softball.sk.ca](http://www.softball.sk.ca) and teams will be selected by August 1st. Contact your District Director or the Softball Saskatchewan office for more information.



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