

2024 Canadian Championships SOR Change Summary from the AGM

Key Highlights – Slo-Pitch:

1. Defending Champion (DC) can participate with seven returning players (was previously 8 in some categories)
 - a. If the DC has less than seven returning players, the P/T can designate their provincial champion or top seeded team as DC.
2. Clarification that Tie-Breaking Criteria reverts back to won/lost record every time a tie is broken.
3. Updated Slo-Pitch Tie-breaking criteria:
Ranking in the Qualifying Round
Final standings in the qualifying round shall be established using the following criteria and will revert back to i) after each criterion if the tie is broken:
 - i) Won/Lost records. If still tied, then:
 - ii) Winners of games between tied teams NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. If still tied, then:
 - iii) Difference PLUS or MINUS of total runs scored, with a limit of 15 PLUS or MINUS per game allowed. If still tied, then:
 - iv) The least (fewest) amount of runs scored against in all games will be used. If still tied, then:
 - v) The total runs scored in all games will be used. If still tied, then:
 - vi) Positions will be settled by a coin toss.
4. Addition of a 6-team playoff bracket
5. Women's Canadian Slo-Pitch Championships will transition to Rawlings 11" Hot Dot in 2024 or 2025.

Key Highlights – Fast Pitch:

1. U23 Men's and U23 Women's teams are now allowed up to two provincial non-resident "imports" (was previously one). Only one can be a pitcher.
2. Defending Champion (DC) can participate with seven returning players (was previously 8 in some categories)
 - a. If the DC has less than seven returning players, the P/T can designate their provincial champion or top seeded team as DC.
3. Clarification that Tie-Breaking Criteria reverts back to won/lost record every time a tie is broken.
4. Addition of a 12-team playoff bracket
5. Minimum to qualify for individual awards has been lowered to two plate appearances per team game played for batters (was 2.5) and 10 innings pitched for pitchers (was 15 1/3).
6. U23 Men's and Men's Fast Pitch Categories only: Coaches are not allowed to wear shorts.
7. U20 Men's, U23 Men's and Men's Fast Pitch only: Bat compression testing will be held at these events and all bats that pass the visual inspection and compression test will be approved for use (with sticker) regardless of certification stamps.