



2025 AGM

Reports - Supplemental

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Board Liaison - Umpire Advisory Council

As the Board liaison to the Umpire Advisory Council, I am honoured to present this report on their 2025 season. Each year, I am reminded of the strength and spirit within this umpire community — a group that continues to inspire through their professionalism, resilience and willingness to grow together.

The past year brought both measurable progress and important lessons. Recruitment reached 395 new umpires — a 48% increase over 2024 — thanks to innovative outreach, the use of technology and the commitment of local associations. While retention remains a challenge, with 53% of first-year umpires returning, the voices of new officials have provided invaluable insight into how we can better support them. Their honesty about the pressures from parents and coaches gives us clear direction for how to improve the environment around our officials, particularly those just starting out.

Training and development also grew stronger in 2025. With 27 clinics delivered across the province and 800 participants engaged, including all new umpires, the program continues to invest in building both foundational skills and high-level readiness. It was also encouraging to see 58 umpires advance in certification, marking a 28% increase from the previous year.

BC umpires once again earned recognition on the national stage. 17 officials were appointed to Canadian Championships, with 9 selected for medal games, including 5 Gold Medal plate assignments. BC was also represented at the 2025 Canada Summer Games, the Western Canadian Championships, and at the Canada Cup and Provincials, where over 450 games were officiated and 20 umpires evaluated for advancement. These accomplishments underscore the national respect BC officials have rightfully earned.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Umpire Advisory Council has set ambitious and achievable goals: to expand recruitment further, raise retention levels and maintain BC's strong presence nationally.

I am proud to support and champion the work of this community. Their dedication and forward-thinking approach not only elevate softball in British Columbia today but also ensure a sustainable and respected future for umpiring in our province.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Boizard

District Representative Reports

District: 2

Position: Men's & Women's Coordinator

Name: Lindsay Dealy

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- We had 8 Women's teams in District 2 (Nanaimo) this year and only 1 team registered with Softball BC (my team, Nanaimo Nighthawks), and we only registered so that we could play in a tournament in Fleetwood.
- None of the 3-4 Men's teams in District 2 registered with Softball BC. No men's or women's teams from District 2 went to Provincials this year.

Goals within your District for 2026

- n/a

Events Attended on Behalf of Softball BC with General Comments and Observations

- n/a

Position: Umpire-in-Chief

Name: Shawn Brant

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- Hosted U15B Provincials. Hosted numerous tournaments in Ladysmith, Nanaimo, and Port Alberni. Umpire numbers were approximately double the count from 2024.

Goals within your District for 2026

- Improve engagement with umpires: I am somewhat remote from the district. Improve informal umpire assessments and feedback.

Events Attended on Behalf of Softball BC with General Comments and Observations

- U15B Provincials - Event was *very* well run, especially well given the essentially inexperienced host committee. It really was well done.

District: 7

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Shannon Maion

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- Provincial Championships:
 - U13A 3rd White Rock Renegades 2012A
 - U15A 1st Cloverdale Fury 2010A
 - U17A 2nd White Rock Renegades 2008A, 3rd Cloverdale Fury 2008A
 - U19A 1st White Rock Renegades 2007A, 2nd Cloverdale Fury 2007A
 - U20C 1st Fleetwood Lightning
- U13C Regional Championship:
 - Blue pool: 3rd South Surrey White Rock Riptide Royal
 - Red pool: 1st Cloverdale Mavericks

Goals within your District for 2026

- Our goals for 2025 were to have a standardized umpire rate across district 7 as well as use a centralized umpire allocator. We were able to do both and both worked well for our umpires and teams.

Events Attended on Behalf of Softball BC with General Comments and Observations

- Due to my own coaching commitments, I was not able to attend a Softball BC championship this year.

District: 9

Position: Umpire-in-Chief

Name: Lucas Crosby

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- Almost 40% increase in minor umpire registrations in 2025 (43 up to 60).
- We ran a full in-person Level 2 clinic this year (first offering of this clinic in last 5 years)
- - 8 eligible level 1 umpires took the clinic and have advanced to Level 2.
- We also ran 3 level 1 clinics spread across Vernon and Kelowna.
- During D9 league and association tournament play, only one incident involving coach/fan and umpire interaction was reported this year. The associations have done a wonderful job in supporting our young umpires and getting the fans and coaches on board with respecting the game and its participants.
- It was a very busy year for our umpires as we ran two successful Provincials (20C Vernon and 17B Kelowna), hosted a U11 Celebration in Kelowna, and the U13C Regionals in Sicamous.

Goals within your District for 2026

- Recruit more umpires in the 19-50 age group (currently we only have 3 umpires in this age range - 70% of our umpires are 18 years of age or younger, and 25% are over the age of 55).
- Retain 75% of our youth umpires.
- Run a fall clinic
- Hire an game allocator/assignor

Events Attended on Behalf of Softball BC with General Comments and Observations

- U17B Provincials in Kelowna - UIC by myself -- Generally it was a great event, the SBBC rep and host were wonderful to work with. Only minor suggestions for improvement -- see UIC report for full details.
- U13C Regionals in Sicamous - UIC by Brad Snyder
- U20C Provincials in Vernon - UIC Mike Moorlag
- Personally, I represented SBBC at the Senior Mens Canadian Championships in Kitchener, ON
- D9 umpire Arjay Plain represented SBBC at the U19 Womens Western Canadians in Brandon, MB