



2025 AGM Reports

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2026 Tentative Championship Dates

Minor Fastpitch Celebration, District and Provincial Championships

Category	Tentative Dates
U13 B Girls	July 10 - 12
U13 A Girls	July 17 - 19
U15 C Girls	July 3 - 5
U15 B Girls	July 17 - 19
U15 A Girls	July 10 - 12
U17 C Girls	July 3 - 5
U17 B Girls	July 17 - 19
U17 A Girls	June 26 - 28
U20 C Girls	July 3 - 5
U19 B Girls	July 24 - 26
U19 A Girls	July 17 - 19
U13/U15/U17/U20 Boys	July 24 - 26

U11C Celebration of Softball	TBD
U11Rep Showcase	TBD
U13 C Regionals	June 26-28

Note: The BC Summer Games are scheduled for July 22-26, 2025

Men's and Women's Fastpitch & Slo-Pitch Provincial Championships

Category	Tentative Dates
Women's A	July 17 - 19
Women's Intermediate A	July 24 - 26
Women's B	July 17 - 19
Women's C	July 24 - 26
Women's D	July 24 - 26
Women's Slo-Pitch	September 25 - 27

Men's Intermediate A &	August 21 - 23
Men's Slo-Pitch	September 25 - 27
Masters Men's	July 3 - 5

2025 Western Canadian Championships

Category	Province
U13 Boys & Girls	Saskatchewan
U15 Boys & Girls	Manitoba
U17 Boys & Girls	Alberta
U20 Men's & U19 Women's	British Columbia
U23 Men's & Women's	British Columbia
Men's & Women's Fastpitch	Alberta
Master's Men's & Women's Fastpitch	Saskatchewan

2025 Canadian Championships

Event	Location	Dates
U15 Girls	Fredericton, NB	July 29 - August 2
U15 Boys	Open	tbd
U17 Girls	Calgary, AB	July 29 - August 2
U17 Boys	Open	tb
U19 Women's	Calgary, AB	August 5 - 9
U20 Men's	Carp, ON	August 11 - 16
U23 Men's	Saskatoon, SK	August 22 - 26
Women's	Blackfalds, AB	August 5 - 9
Men's & Masters Men's	Saskatoon, SK	August 26 - 30
Men's & Women's Slo-Pitch	Open	tbd

President's Report

I feel like the past year has flown by! Hard to believe it's been a year since we met in Kelowna and put our long-contemplated governance changes in place. I want to thank the voting delegates again for getting this across the finish line. I think our organization is the better for the changes from top to bottom, with our staff, board and advisory councils all having adjusted and achieving some great things!

A big focus of our last year has been our strategic plan. Our previous plan had expired and Diane and her staff, together with the consultant selected through a bid process, have been consulting with members and other stakeholders and working with the board to identify our priorities for the next four years and to put in place achievable goals that align with those priorities. The strategic plan will be presented to the voting delegates and the AGM, and we look forward to having it in place.

This year we also made changes to some of our meetings, celebrations and honors. While getting together at the AGM is always fun and rewarding, it is also incredibly expensive relative to our organization's overall budget. The decision was made by the board to hold this year's AGM virtually, saving tens of thousands of dollars that can go to staffing and programming. Annual awards will be presented at the recipients' home associations, where they can be celebrated by those that know and love them, as well as being recognized by Softball BC. And for the first time this past summer, the Hall of Fame inductions were conducted at Softball City during Canada Cup. This allowed us to unveil the awards at the Wall of Fame with so many of the recipients friends and family present, and also to host a cocktail reception with both new and existing Hall of Fame members, an event that was incredibly well-received.

Personally, I enjoyed being the Softball BC rep for the U11 Rep Showcase at Lakehill here on the Island, helping to host the U19B Provincial at Langford, and acting as Assistant Supervisor at the U19 Women's Nationals at Softball City. I also attended the Women's A/B Provincials in Richmond as a parent. As always, I enjoyed seeing familiar faces and getting to know new ones, and was struck again by the amazing volunteer community we have and the quality of softball in BC.

In terms of challenges, I see culture as our primary one. Our sport is far from alone in this, but we need to remember to respect each other and treat each other with kindness and in the spirit of cooperation. Most of the complaints we are receiving at the Softball BC office these days involve poor treatment of each other (be it coach or parent to umpire or coach to player), or disputes between associations within a district. Our sport is better and more enjoyable for everyone participating when we can remember to treat each other well and to not let our own egos get in the way of what's best for the game and the participants.

As my term as President comes to an end, I just want to sincerely thank everyone that loves and supports softball for all that you do.

Lisa Parkes

Provincial Umpire-in-Chief Report

Introduction

The 2025 season was one of measurable progress for the Softball BC Umpire Program. Recruitment initiatives, retention strategies, and training investments all contributed to a stronger, more sustainable officiating community. Our umpires also achieved significant success at Canadian and Western Championships, continuing to raise the profile of British Columbia on the national stage as one of, if not the strongest Umpire program in Canada.

Recruitment and Retention

Recruitment in 2025 saw 395 new umpires register, a 48% increase over 2024. Targeted efforts included:

- Utilizing Technology, further expand e-learning for clinics and strengthen in-person clinics by using Virtual Reality and other video tools.
- “Try Umpiring” Fall Ball initiatives, which provided prospective officials with low-pressure, low-cost entry points.
- Local Association recruitment, many associations took an active role in recruiting Umpires for the 2025 season. Outreach programs that introduced officiating to youth athletes showing them the opportunities to make money and learn more about the game.

Retention still struggles most notably, with only 53% of first-year umpires returning for a second season. Key factors identified in the year-end survey of 1st year Umpires included:

“Some parents can be very hurtful to new umpires and it can make them not want to ump.”

“If I get a different job at a restaurant or something then I will probably not return.”

“Push back from coaches and parents on decisions I made. It sometimes felt really disrespectful and intimidating.”

81% of comments regarding “your Biggest Challenge in Year 1” specifically involved Coaches and/or Parents being difficult.

Ultimately.... “It would be nice if the coaches and parents were told we were just learning too because some were **very hard on us** and we could hear the **insults** and **making fun of us** from the stands.”

Training and Development

Training participation remained strong, with:

- 27 clinics delivered across BC (19 in-person, 8 online).
- 800 total participants, including 395 first-year umpires.
- 58 umpires advancing certification levels, a 28% increase from 2024.

Development programs emphasized rule knowledge, mechanics, and game management, while higher-level umpires received advanced preparation for championship assignments.

2024 vs 2025 Stats

2024			2025		
		AVG Age			AVG Age
267	Level 1 Umpire - New Umpire	18.9	395	Level 1 Umpire - New Umpire	17.3
178	Level 1 Refresher - Returning	20.6	252	Level 1 Refresher - Returning	19.7
45	Level 2 Certification	36.8	38	Level 2 Certification	26.1
79	Level 2 Refresher	41.1	103	Level 2 Refresher	37.5
0	Level 3 Certification		12	Level 3 Certification	35.3
47	Level 3 -Refresher, No Clinic Required	54.6	28	Level 3 -Refresher, No Clinic Required	59.9
0	Level 3T - Refresher, No Clinic Required		9	Level 3T - Refresher, No Clinic Required	54.2
22	Level 4 - No Clinic Required	48.7	17	Level 4 - No Clinic Required	48.8
8	Level 5 - No Clinic Required	54.6	15	Level 4T - No Clinic Required	49.6
			9	Level 5 - No Clinic Required	53.8
0	Level 1 - New Fall 2025		5	Level 1 - New Fall 2025	19.0
2	Emeritus/Injured		2	Emeritus/Injured	
648			885		

Success at Canadian and Western Championships

Softball BC umpires were highly visible at national and regional events in 2025: • Canadian Championships:

- 17 BC umpires appointed (up from 14 in 2024)
- 9 officials selected for medal games, including 5 Gold Medal plate assignments and 2 Bronze Medal plate assignments.
- Plate assignments: Megan Parsons (Gold Plate U17 Girls), Bronwen Marchant (Gold Plate, U20 Women's), Kaleb Hutchinson (Bronze Plate, U20 Men's), Norma Mino (Gold Plate, Women's), and Jason Ranchoux (Bronze Plate, Women's), Lucas Crosby (Gold Plate, Men's)
- 2025 Canada Summer Games:
 - 2 BC umpires appointed, 1 BC umpire as UIC
 - Kiera Hamm, Plate - Bronze Medal game and Mark Webster, 1st Base - Gold Medal game.
 - Tonya Ribalkin-Zanon, UIC Women's Championship
- Western Canadian Championships:
 - 10 BC umpires appointed across U13, U15, and U19 divisions. o 2 appointed UIC and/or Deputy UIC.
 - 5 officials selected for medal games, including 2 Gold Medal plate assignments and 1 Bronze Medal plate assignment.
 - Plate assignments: Mischa Tung (Bronze Plate, U13), Megan Halfnights (Gold Plate, U13), Dana Edamura (Gold Plate, U15)
- Canada Cup & Provincial Championships:
 - Over 450 games officiated by BC umpires.
 - 20 umpires evaluated for advancement at major events.

These appointments and recognitions confirm that BC officials are among the most respected in the country, consistently trusted with high-profile assignments.

Looking Ahead to 2026

- Increase recruitment by an additional 10%, targeting rural and underrepresented communities with asynchronous Online clinic and reality-based training.
- Raise the retention rate of first- and second-year umpires to 65% or higher.
- Continue national-level appointments, aiming for 15+ BC umpires at Canadian Championships.

Minor Development Fund Committee Report

Funding provided in 2025

The MDF provided the following funding

- 16 Coaches clinics - \$16,000.00
- 2 Player clinics - \$1,500.00
- 3 New associations - \$3,000.00
- 1 Promoting softball - \$250.00

Total funding provided \$20,750.00

In 2025, we changed the reporting structure for after clinics that Associations had to report on the number of members trained, therefore we can see the use of the fund.

- 171 coaches received NCCP training
- 34 players received training
- 17 associations received funding

Ending balance April 30th, 2025 - \$29,732.68

The funds available for 2026

Current balance \$37,524.68

- Included in current balance
 - o GIC - \$15,553.00
 - o Membership contributions for 2026 - \$13,792.00

		2026 budget	2026 to date	2025 budget	2025 actual	
1	NCCP Coach Development Clinic*	In working with Bob Hitchcock of clinics being run throughout the province. Grants up to \$1,000 are available for NCCP coaching clinics.	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$15,000.00	\$16,000.00
2	Player Clinics*	Grants up to \$1,000 are available for player clinics which include hitting, pitching and catching. Ongoing clinics are not eligible for funding.	\$12,000	\$4,000	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00
3	Learn to Play	The office is going to take on more of the Learn to Play with grants that they have available.	-		\$10,000.00	\$0.00
4	Community/School Initiative*	Grants up to \$500 are available. Be creative how would you like to promote softball within your community/school?	\$2,500		\$5,000.00	\$250.00
5	New Association	Grants up to \$1,000 are available as a new association to offset the cost of starting up.	\$3,000		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
6	Disaster Recovery*	Grants are available for associations due to fire, theft or infrastructural damage to help off set the cost of uniforms or equipment not covered by insurance.	\$2,000		\$3,000.00	\$0.00
7	BC Summer Games	To help off set the rural teams - for coach travel for tryouts	\$3,500		-	\$0.00
	* note that the committee has the option of providing more if it's deemed needed.	\$38,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$20,750.00	

Changes for 2026

- The office will take on more of the Learn to Play, we have removed from our budget
- Added BC Summer Games funding for every other year.
- We slightly changed the intake times, now

Annual Deadlines	Window for Activities	Decision to Applicants
March 1st @ 11:59 pm	May 1st to August 31st	April 1st
July 1st @ 11:59 pm	September 1st to December 31st	August 1st
November 1st @ 11:59 pm	January 1st to April 30th	December 1st

Voting of the Committee for 2026

- Area B (Districts 4, 5, 6 and 15) – Liz to remain
- Area D (District 9, 10 and 11) – Michelle to remain

District Representative Reports

District: 1

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Bill Hawkins

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- U11R Showcase hosted by Lakehill - 2nd: Lakehill and 3rd: Langford
- Provincial U13B Girls - 2nd: Langford Lightning
- Provincial U17B Girls - 1st: Central Saanich Extreme
- Provincial U15A Girls - 3rd: Langford Lightning
- Western Canadian U17 Girls - 1st: - Central Saanich Extreme

Goals within your District for 2026

- Continue to increase the number of players participating. 2025 saw a 4% increase.

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

- I attended the SBBC AGM held in Kelowna. I was the SBBC Representative for U13B Provincial Championships hosted by Langford and the U19B Provincial Championships also hosted by Langford.
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Position: Men's & Women's Coordinator

Name: Ashley Vukovic

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- It was a fun season in our district. We had a number of teams participate in tournaments and represent our district well in provincials.

Goals within your District for 2026

- Continue to grow the women's and men's leagues in our district

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

- Women's provincials was very well organized. RGSA does a great job hosting

District: 2

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Al Charlesworth

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- WE HAD U19B FROM LADYSMITH WIN A BRONZE MEDAL AT WESTERN, also we had U20C and U15C FROM PORT ALBERNI WIN BRONZE AT PROVINCIAL

Goals within your District for 2026

- OUR GOALS WAS TO ATTRACK MORE UMPIERS, AND PLAYERS, I BELIEVE WE ACCOMPLISHED THAT.

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

- I ATTENDED THE U15B PROVINCIAL IN NANAIMO, AS THE SBBC REP, IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, WAS A GREAT EVENT ,WELL ORGANIZED

District: 3

Position: Men's & Women's Coordinator

Name: Lisa Hayton

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- No teams in my District this season

Goals within your District for 2026

- N/a

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

- None

District 4

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Houtan Maleki

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- To see how well the new generation of players are developing in both rep and community divisions. Finishing 3rd in u15b division and hearing of good experience for the athletes at the Westerns.

Goals within your District for 2026

- To continue developing good softball players, in a positive fun atmosphere.

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

- None
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Position: Slo-Pitch Coordinator

Name: Eric Fauth

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- A successful Canadians in BC.

Goals within your District for 2026

- Expand the game

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

- Not sure.

Position: Umpire-in-Chief

Name: Samantha Niemi

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- During the 2025 season, we had 273 games including 3 tournaments we hosted. We had 16 returning umpires and 3 new umpires that officiated games. We were able to work with other associations in the district to help supply umpires for weekly games. We were able to work with other associations/districts to help fill the demand for umpires. Five of our umpires in the district attended Canada Cup, and 8 of our umpires went to Provincials.

Goals within your District for 2026

- As always our goal is to add more umpires to our crew every year to fit the demand. A big goal was to get umpires to more tournaments to gain experience and knowledge. We also wanted to be at the games more to give better feedback throughout the season, which was great! Our biggest goal is to get all umpires in the district certified next year, as currently only one association has certified umpires.

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

- The only thing attended on behalf of Softball BC was district playdowns.
- We had very few playdown games. The Umpires did a great job calling the games.

District: 5

Position: Men's & Women's Coordinator

Name: Tracy Sherlock

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- We hosted provincials for women's A, Intermediate A, B, C and D. District 5 teams medalled in Intermediate A and D. All had good turnouts, except D, which only had four teams. Many D teams had playoffs the weekend before provincials, so tough to get players out two weekends in a row. A lot of teams used Designated Runner in women's. And there were no forfeits in any of the women's provincials.

Goals within your District for 2026

- Support adult teams to stay together as they grow from minor to adult. Ensure provincials happen for all levels during July.

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

- I attended the Women's B and Women's D provincials as a SBBC rep helper at a second site. Everything went well.

District: 6

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Elizabeth Lee

Highlights from within your District in 2025

We had a great year, lots of great moments for all associations. Districts in Poco was a big event this year. It was nice to see all associations in the District working and volunteering together to pull off 3 days of games.. As a District we pooled resources and put on an Umpire certification clinic as well as weekly training by our DUIC in the winter. We had our first Umpire awards lunch and it was a great turnout. U13C Regionals was hosted by Coquitlam and it was nice to see that tournament back in D6. Poco hosted all the younger teams in a year end event. Bob Buchan was honoured by the City of Port Coquitlam with Mclean Park Field #1 named after him. Burnaby U15C won Provincials and they also won Bronze in the U13B Division. U19B Tri City Titans won a Provincial Bronze. Poco Purple Reign won Bronze at the U13C Regionals. Many more great results in the tournament season by all teams.

Goals within your District for 2026

D6 is growing, we have more rep teams than ever before, all associations work hard to promote the sport, especially at the grass roots level. It has been more of a challenge the last few years with the C division. Associations are already planning events for 2026 in their communities to help get the C numbers up and introduce kids to the sport. We will continue prioritizing umpires recruitment and retainment. We all would like to see more Tournaments, Provincials and special events hosted in D6. Tyler and I have a great group of Presidents and executives to deal with and looking forward to 2026.

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

I had a busy Championship Season, I was the Rep for Districts 2025 in Poco, it was a great event with 28 teams. U13C Regionals in Coquitlam, U17B Provincials in Kelowna, worked with a great crew. U13B Westerns in Abbotsford, it was such a well run event, besides some crazy rules it was one of the best run tournaments I have been to. I attended many events, awards and meetings within my District and had a chance to get around to all associations when they hosted a tournament. 2024 AGM in Kelowna was attended by myself, Darcy and Jen. I had a busy summer of Championships and enjoyed them all.

Position: Men's & Women's Coordinator

Name: Suzy Parker

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- 2nd: North Shore Avalanche Intermediate A

Goals within your District for 2026

- To have all teams and associations enroll through Ramp

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

- Board Rep for Women's A, and observer at Intermediate A,D provincials
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Position: Umpire-in-Chief

Name: Tyler Warren

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- Regionals

Goals within your District for 2026

- Continue to grow the umpire development and to continue with positive retention.

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

- 2024 U13 Western Canadian UIC- Great atmosphere and job well done by Abbotsford Minor

District 7

Position: Men's & Women's Coordinator

Name: Tracey Oye

Highlights from within your District in 2025

District 7 Men's and Women's teams had a great season:

- Storm - Riske won Gold in Women's A Provincials, Silver in Sicamous & Silver in Kassandra Kaulius tourney
- SSWR Thunder - Werk won Gold in Women's B Provincials
- Storm - Staley won Bronze in Women's B Provincials
- Fleetwood Reign - Oye won Silver in Women's C Provincials
- Surrey Saints - Terrell won Bronze in women's D Provincials
- We had two new teams come up from Minor ladies (Storm - Kayle, Cloverdale Sapphires), giving us a total of 14 teams.

Goals within your District for 2026

- Continue to support teams and players who have aged out of minor.
- Continue working with Presidents in the District to give more awareness of adult fastpitch

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

- Women's D Provincials

District 8

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Kathy Weston

Highlights from within your District in 2025

Langley Fastball Association Highlights for 2025

The start of Spring 2025 was a very busy one for LFA. With the recent upgrade package we received from the Township of Langley a lot of our energy was spent adjusting and settling into a renovated Noel Booth Park. Double headers on four diamonds, including field turnover and adjustments, umpire assignments, and post late game cleanup. On top of that, the lights were delayed by Hydro so we had a temporary generator - we needed to start each night and then turn off! Our goal was to have every kid in every classification play at Noel Booth, on the new diamonds and possibly under the lights. We also make use of other municipal and school district diamonds within South Langley.

On our umpire recruitment, training and advancement, we welcomed 29 new umpires to Langley for a total of 85 registered. Our umpire program is shared amongst Langley Fastball and North Langley Softball and led by Paul Muirhead. We had 587 regular season games scheduled, and all were covered by a certified umpire and none were cancelled.

We ran several large tournaments and events :

- LFA Opening Day Celebration
- U13A (8 Teams) & U15A (12 Teams, incl. NW Bullets & WA Ladyhawks) in April
- U11Rep (10 Teams) & U13C (14 Teams) in May
- U11 Celebration of Softball (23 Teams)
- Langley Fastpitch Championships (25 Teams) in June
- We also hosted the U17C Provincials with probably the best parent organizing committee EVER!

We would wish to extend our thanks to all the teams that attended all our events and congratulations to all the teams that claimed a medal.

Our teams also had success on the field

- U11Rep Langley Wild (Pirro) taking Bronze in Softball City in the U11Rep Showcase
- Xtreme 10 taking Gold in District 8 for U15B
- Fusion 10 claimed Silver in U15A Provincials
- Fusion 10 winning Gold in U15A Nationals in Winkler, MB
- Xtreme 06 claimed Silver in U19B in Langford
- Fusion 08 won Provincials
- Fusion 08 claimed Silver at U17A Nationals

Overall, a successful season we can be proud of!

Abbotsford Minor Fastball

A Decade of Growth

Our primary goal was to increase our player base to 640 participants. We fell short of this objective, but we did manage year-over-year growth, which keeps that 10-year trend intact. In 2026, we will shoot again for 640, with the following expected composition:

- Four A teams '09, '11, '13, '14
- Seven B teams, one for each birth year 08-'14
- Two U11Rep teams
- 225 players in the Learn to Play program
- 250 players in the Recreational program

We are excited about our performance in U11Rep from last season, having a team finish 2nd in the gold bracket and 1st in the silver bracket sets us up well to field two (one A and one B) competitive teams this coming season in the 2014 birth year. This will be our objective moving ahead, aiming to ensure we have birth-year-specific A and B teams covering all age groups by 2028. We are particularly excited to launch a new U5-LTP program, which promises to be a fantastic addition to our programming.

Hosted U13B Westerns - with our event team who is the most dynamic, creative and engaged group! This was an amazing success!

We got the Players Council off the ground in 2025, an inspirational group of players who will represent the voice of the association. This council will provide leadership and learning opportunities, allowing our players to develop their skills and contribute to our growth in meaningful ways.

Hope Minor Softball

- Increasing our numbers of players by 43% from last year.
- Successfully fielded on top of our LTP - 1 U11C and 1 U13C team interlocking with Abbotsford and Chilliwack.

North Langley Fastball

- Fusion 06 won U19 Nationals
- Fusion 12 claimed Silver at Provincials

Goals within your District for 2026

Langley Fastball Association Goals

To work closely with the Township on further improvements to Noel Booth - focused on solving parking, warmup space and washroom challenges.

To ensure we increase umpire numbers for our growing player base.

Abbotsford Minor Fastball

Enhancing our facilities was and continues to be another top priority. We are committed to re-establishing Ex Park as our main home from April to July. This will involve negotiating facilities and field upgrades to create the best possible environment for our players to train and compete.

To initiate an annual banquet at the end of the 2026 season. This event will serve as a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our players, coaches, teams, and volunteers. It will be a time to come together, recognize everyone's hard work, and enjoy the camaraderie that defines our association.

Advancing our umpire program was another crucial goal in 2025, and James delivered on every level. We were aiming to ensure we have well-trained umpires who are supported as our association grows. Their role is vital to our success, and we are committed to providing them with the necessary resources and support.

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

I attended on behalf of Softball BC

- U13A and U15A Provincials in Cloverdale - Wonderful hosts! Cloverdale always does an amazing job!
- U11Rep Showcase at Softball City - everyone had a great time and loved playing where Team Canada plays!
- U11C Celebration of Softball at Noel Booth - the girls loved all the additional activities!
- Districts - the B's were hosted by Chilliwack and C's by Abbotsford - always a great weekend with these two associations!
- U13B Westerns, attended with Liz Lee - Abbotsford I have no words on how much of an amazing, awesome job was done by everyone!

Position: Umpire-in-Chief

Name: Paul Muirhead

Highlights from within your District in 2025

With the late entry of Hope Minor Softball to the District U11C and U13C interlock, we were still successful in supplying umpires from Chilliwack and Abbotsford to cover their home games. Again, District 8 provided umpires to numerous Provincials throughout the province, as well as umpires for the U13 Westerns held in Abbotsford. Notables were Shaun Brozer achieving his Level 3 certification at the U19A Provincials. At the time of this report, Brittany Lorteau was still waiting to hear from Softball Canada on her achieving her Level 4 designation.

Goals within your District for 2026

The goal at the beginning of the season, was to ensure that District 8 had enough umpires to fill all of their regular season games. This was achieved, due to the off-season recruiting done by Langley Softball, Langley Fastball, Abbotsford Minor Softball, and Chilliwack Minor Softball.

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

Jeff Rae was successful as the UIC for the U17C Provincials held at Noel Booth at the beginning of July. Paul Muirhead was successful as the UIC for the U13A Provincials held in Cloverdale.

District: 9

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Michelle Kirkbright

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- We increased the membership in the district by 156 athletes or 11.3%
- We hosted U13C Regionals, U17B Provincials, & U20C Provincials
- Added one U13B rep team and one U15B rep team
- Continued to have 3 U11 Combined teams who competed at U11R year-end events

Goals within your District for 2026

The goal for the 2026 season is to continue to increase the number of rep teams we have in the district. As well as form 2-3 U11R teams rather than combined teams. We currently have 14% of the registered teams in D9 are Rep. The goal is to have 3 rep teams in U11, U13, & U15

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

- I was able to attend the Rep districts. The fields were maintained well despite some rain. The event ran without issue.
- 17B Provincials- lack of events for the athletes, the schedule was too compact for no time limit games. Needed more food options

District: 10

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Margaret MacDonald

Highlights from within your District in 2025

District 10 Softball 2025 registration increase 14 percent. Regionals and Provincials were well represented by teams from District 10. U17B, U15B, U20C and U15C teams attended Provincials and four teams participated at the U13 C Region 4 regionals. A coaching clinic was hosted in Cranbrook. The umpire clinic was held in Castlegar with 13 participants, ranging in age from 13 to 60.

Goals within your District for 2026

To continue to prompt and support the sport of softball with skill development for players, coaches, parents and umpires.

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

N/A.

Position: Men's & Women's Coordinator

Name: Derek Hipwell

Highlights from within your District in 2025

The women's league in Cranbrook continues to grow.

Goals within your District for 2026

To promote and make aware that there is fastball for players who graduate from minor ball.

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

None

Position: Slo-Pitch Coordinator

Name: Derek Hipwell

Highlights from within your District in 2025

We have our first slo-pitch team in our district now registered with Softball BC

Goals within your District for 2026

Have our slo-pitch team attend provincials

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

none

District: 11

Position: Umpire-in-Chief

Name: Kaleb Hutchinson

Highlights from within your District in 2025

Increased recruitment efforts made by all associations in district. Continued efforts needed for next season

Goals within your District for 2026

New officials on the field with retention into next season for those that umpired games. A lot of attendance at clinic did not take the field.

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

2024 AGM, Blue Convention Calgary, District Playdowns D11, Boys Provincials PG, U20 Men's CC.

District: 12

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Andy Ferguson

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- Boy's Provincials were hosted in Prince George by Spruce City Minor Boys. We had 17 teams across three age groups, U13, U15 and U17.
- District 12 welcomed a new Association to the District in 2025; Muskwa-Fort Nelson in the Northeast corner of the province.

Goals within your District for 2026

- The main focus moving forward is to continue expanding in the Northeast. There is great potential up there.
- Other goals are to work with the existing Associations to help them continue their growth.

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

Boy's Provincials. There were a few bumps along the way, mostly due to accommodating 3 different age groups. The weather forced a few major scheduling changes but in the end much fun was had.

Position: Umpire-in-Chief

Name: Ken Edwards

Highlights from within your District in 2025

Super umpire clinic in April in Prince George in April. Memorial Girls Tournament in Quesnel in June - 18 teams. A Girls Tournament in June in Prince George also in June. John Cho Cup in Prince George - 32 teams, 16 umpires, up to 5 diamonds at end of June. Minor Boys Provincial Championship in PG in July.

Goals within your District for 2026

Recruit more umpires at any age.

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

At all the tournaments and regular games the comments received indicated a strong feeling that volunteers are hard to obtain whether it be for umpires, coaches or executive. There are also a few locations still looking into organizing associations post pandemic and otherwise within District 12 and 13. I contact names but require a SBC contact.

District: 13

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Patrick Beckerton

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- Growth and expansion within associations, new tournaments, travel, and competitive play for the players. Seeing the game gain far more popularity, and in some areas pulling players from other sports, rather than the other way around. New district coordinator, new rep for BC Summer Games, and improved coaching development.

Goals within your District for 2026

- More communication with associations, continued growth of current associations, and potentially starting new associations in some underrepresented areas.

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

New to the role - no events yet, other than tournaments throughout the district as part of my association.

District: 14

Position: Minor Coordinator

Name: Chris Young

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- RMMSA hosted numerous tournaments including the U11

Goals within your District for 2026

- Increase membership and revitalize the mission minor softball association

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

- U11 tournament. it was a well run tournament and fun was had by all participants
 - this was the only SBBC event awarded to RMMSA
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Position: Men's & Women's Coordinator

Name: Diane MacPherson

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- Registering a new team to Women's ball coming up from minor. Teams participating and doing well in Provincials. Three Women's teams now interlocking with the Fraser Delta League

Goals within your District for 2026

- To increase the number of Minor teams moving up into the Women's league.
- Presently working with Mission to get the Softball (fastpitch) Association up and running again. To get the number of Women's teams up to start our own league

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

- This year I was the SBBC Representative for the Women's A, Int A, B, C, and D Provincials as well as The Men's and Women's A Slo-Pitch Provincials.

- My positive take away from the fastpitch side was that all the teams were extremely happy that the medal awards were brought back and that everyone was very happy with how the Provincials were run in all classifications. Lots of questions being asked and answered by all with Professionalism.
- My one negative observation was that we as Softball Coordinators must do a better job of getting our teams into the right classification for these Provincials. There are still too many teams that are competing in a lower classification that their team should not be competing in making it impossible for the teams that are in the right classification to do well at a Provincial level. We need to do better if we want to keep new teams and return teams competing in our Provincials every year.

District 15

Position: Umpire-in-Chief

Name: Calvin Holman

Highlights from within your District in 2025

- In person level 1 clinic. Also Canada Cup this year

Goals within your District for 2026

- To increase the amount of returning umpires as well as increase overall number of umpires.

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

- District playdowns, nothing to report
- U15A provincial at CAPP. Overall great tournament. Long days due to U13A Provincial at the same park. Needs to be separated when reach so many teams. Sunday should not be later 3pm. Start time.

2025 Registration Reports

Minor Associations - Total Player Registrations

Association	Total 2025	Total 2024	Variance
Abbotsford Minor Fastball Association	572	547	25
Alberni Valley Minor Softball Association	225	268	-43
Barriere Minor Ball	103	88	15
Beacon Hill Baseball and Softball Association	147	123	24
Bulkley Valley Softball	157	138	19
Burnaby Minor Softball Association	161	156	5
Cache Creek Softball	132	155	-23
Campbell River Minor Softball Association	79	83	-4
Carnarvon Ball Club	119	107	12
Castlegar Girls Softball Association	121	89	32
Central Saanich & Peninsula Fastpitch	190	212	-22
Chilliwack Minor Fastpitch Association	246	240	6
Clearwater Minor Softball	96	94	2
Cloverdale Minor Softball	404	430	-26
Comox Valley Minor Baseball Association		74	-74
Coquitlam-Moody Softball Association	471	265	206
Cordova Bay Fastball	196	152	44
Cranbrook Minor Ball Association	42	29	13
Delta Fastpitch Association	601	679	-78
Duncan Junior Baseball Association	124	202	-78
Enderby Minor Fastball	107	113	-6
Fleetwood Fastpitch Association	189	207	-18
Gordon Head Fastball Club	63	13	50
Hope Minor Softball	109	76	33
Houston Minor Softball	104	104	0
Howe Sound Minor Ball Association	203	161	42
Kamloops Minor Fastball	135	133	2
Kelowna Minor Fastball Society	464	370	94

Kitimat Minor Softball	108	111	-3
Ladysmith Minor Softball Association	165	174	-9
Lakehill Baseball & Softball Association	161	199	-38
Langford Lightning	371	347	24
Langley Fastball Association	510	918	-408
Logan Lake Minor Softball	61		61
Lower Columbia Softball Association	113	101	12
Merritt Minor Softball	24	181	-157
Muskwa Fort Nelson Softball Association	25		25
Nanaimo Minor Softball Association	327	347	-20
New Westminster Minor Softball Association	107	119	-12
North Langley Softball	479	509	-30
North Shore Girls Fastball Association	359	424	-65
Oceanside Minor Softball	109	68	41
Peninsula Baseball & Softball Association	33	74	-41
Penticton Minor Fastpitch Softball Association	162	140	22
Port Coquitlam Minor Softball Association	158	135	23
Prince George Minor Girls Fastball	233	209	24
Prince Rupert Minor	79	94	-15
Quesnel Girls Softball	128	132	-4
Renegades Sports Association	109	102	7
Richmond Softball Association	392	326	66
Ridge Meadows Minor Softball Association	679	677	2
Salmo Girls Softball	60	54	6
Salmon Arm Minor Fastball District	72	93	-21
Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball	25	51	-26
Sicamous Minor Softball Association	67	78	-11
Sooke Minor Fastball	178	223	-45
South Cariboo Minor Softball Assoc.	146	159	-13
South Surrey White Rock Minor Softball	408	416	-8
Spruce City Minor Boys Softball Association	80	82	-2
Strawberry Vale Minor Softball	29	16	13
Surrey Storm	46	61	-15

Terrace Minor Softball Association	299	286	13
Tri City Minor Softball Association	197	164	33
Vancouver Minor Softball Association	392	372	20
Vernon Minor Softball	118	110	8
View Royal Fastball Association	99	80	19
West Kootenay Minor Softball	144	50	94
Westside Minor Fastball Association	553	482	71
Williams Lake Minor Fastball	100	173	-73
Grand Total	13465	13645	-180
			-1.32%

Minor Associations - Total Teams by District

	GIRLS															
District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Learn to Play	1				1											2
U7 (C Ball)	2			5	6		2	12	1	1		3		12		44
U9 (C Ball)	12	2	1	9	16	7	12	12	4	3	1	4		12		95
U11 (Community)	8	5	1	9	13	3	13	4	13	5	1	5		8		88
U11 (Rep)	5			1	1	4	3	4	3					3	2	26
U13 (A Ball)						2	4	3						2	1	12
U13 (B Ball)	8	1		2	4	5	3	7	2			1		2	2	37
U13 (C Ball)	12	9		8	6	3	5	3	13	4	4	8		4	3	82
U15 (A Ball)		1				1	4	1						2	1	10
U15 (B Ball)	4	5		2	3	4	6	4	3	1	1	1		3	1	38
U15 (C Ball)	7	6		4	3	2	3	7	12	5	1	7		3	5	65
U17 (A Ball)	1				1	1	4	2						1	1	11
U17 (B Ball)	5	2		1	2	5	4	2	2	1		1		2	1	28
U17 (C Ball)	5			4	3	3	1	4	4	2	3	4		2	2	37
U19 (A Ball)						1	3	3								7
U19 (B Ball)	1	1		1	3	2	2		1					1	1	13
U20 (C Ball)	1	3		1		2	2	3	4	1	1	2		3		23

	BOYS															
District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Learn to Play	4	1				8	9	2			4	2	1			31
U7 (C Ball)	17	11				2	5	20	7	1	4	5	7		8	87
U9 (C Ball)	18	12				8	11	27	15	1	5	5	10	1	15	128
U11 (Community)	16	7	2			2	1	17	15	3	6	5	11	1	9	95
U11 (Rep)	1					1		3								5
U13 (A Ball)		1					1									2
U13 (B Ball)	1					5	1									7
U13 (C Ball)	4	1	1			1		14	6	4	6	5	21		1	64
U15 (A Ball)	1							2								3
U15 (B Ball)	2					1		1								4
U15 (C Ball)	3		3			1		3	5	4	8	5	9			41
U17 (A Ball)								1								1
U17 (B Ball)	2							1								3
U17 (C Ball)	2					1		3	2	2	6	3	6			25
U19 (A Ball)																0
U19 (B Ball)	2						1	2								5
U20 (C Ball)	1							1								2

Minor Associations - Total Coach Registrations

Association	Total 2025	Total 2024	Variance
Abbotsford Minor Fastball Association	148	128	20
Alberni Valley Minor Softball Association	36	38	-2
Barriere Minor Ball	17	10	7
Beacon Hill Baseball and Softball Association	23	26	-3
Bulkley Valley Softball	11	7	4
Burnaby Minor Softball Association	40	32	8
Cache Creek Softball	36	24	12
Campbell River Minor Softball Association	7	15	-8
Carnarvon Ball Club	24	36	-12
Castlegar Girls Softball Association	15	15	0
Central Saanich & Peninsula Fastpitch	46	45	1
Chilliwack Minor Fastpitch Association	54	39	15
Clearwater Minor Softball	9	8	1
Cloverdale Minor Softball	124	123	1
Coquitlam-Moody Softball Association	86	55	31
Cordova Bay Fastball	44	43	1
Cranbrook Minor Ball Association	6	5	1
Delta Fastpitch Association	182	174	8
Duncan Junior Baseball Association	24	28	-4
Enderby Minor Fastball	22	25	-3
Fleetwood Fastpitch Association	51	54	-3
Gordon Head Fastball Club	9	4	5
Hope Minor Softball	20	6	14
Houston Minor Softball	16	12	4
Howe Sound Minor Ball Association	37	28	9
Kamloops Minor Fastball	23	35	-12
Kelowna Minor Fastball Society	92	85	7
Kitimat Minor Softball	11	14	-3
Ladysmith Minor Softball Association	26	26	0
Lakehill Baseball & Softball Association	49	42	7
Langford Lightning	76	69	7
Langley Fastball Association	129	244	-115
Logan Lake Minor Softball	16		16
Lower Columbia Softball Association	21	15	6

Merritt Minor Softball	7	17	-10
Nanaimo Minor Softball Association	82	68	14
New Westminster Minor Softball Association	33	41	-8
North Langley Softball	147	117	30
North Shore Girls Fastball Association	101	127	-26
Oceanside Minor Softball	26	20	6
Peninsula Baseball & Softball Association	10	16	-6
Penticton Minor Fastpitch Softball Association	20	22	-2
Port Coquitlam Minor Softball Association	34	27	7
Prince George Minor Girls Fastball	43	41	2
Prince Rupert Minor	4	15	-11
Quesnel Girls Softball	19	24	-5
Renegades Sports Association	42	34	8
Richmond Softball Association	96	93	3
Ridge Meadows Minor Softball Association	182	179	3
Salmo Girls Softball	15	10	5
Salmon Arm Minor Fastball District	16	15	1
Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball	8	11	-3
Sicamous Minor Softball Association	15	15	0
Sooke Minor Fastball	36	44	-8
South Cariboo Minor Softball Assoc.	26	29	-3
South Surrey White Rock Minor Softball	89	81	8
Spruce City Minor Boys Softball Association	7	8	-1
Strawberry Vale Minor Softball	7	3	4
Surrey Storm	16	14	2
Terrace Minor Softball Association	37	38	-1
Tri City Minor Softball Association	54	48	6
Vancouver Minor Softball Association	116	142	-26
Vernon Minor Softball	24	24	0
View Royal Fastball Association	30	26	4
West Kootenay Minor Softball	33	13	20
Westside Minor Fastball Association	51	57	-6
Williams Lake Minor Fastball	1	19	-18
Grand Total	2957	2948	9
			0.31%

Men's & Women's Fastpitch - Total Player Registrations

	Women			Men			Other	
	2025	2024		2025	2024		2025	2024
Men's & Women's (A Ball)	104	109						
Men's & Women's (A Ball)							30	1
Men's & Women's (A Ball)				6	140			
Men's & Women's (B Ball)	308	240						
Men's & Women's (B Ball)							39	6
Men's & Women's (B Ball)				0	15			
Men's & Women's (C Ball)	482	587						
Men's & Women's (C Ball)							2	0
Men's & Women's (C Ball)				341	200			
Men's & Women's (D Ball)	282	283						
Men's & Women's Intermediate (A Ball)	196	199						
Men's & Women's Intermediate (A Ball)							0	3
Men's & Women's (Masters)	19	16						

Men's & Women's Fastpitch - Total Number of Teams Per District

	WOMEN															
District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Women's (A Ball)	2					1	1								2	6
Women's (B Ball)	1				4	3	3	1	1					1	1	15
Women's (C Ball)	3	1			1		2					4		2	1	14
Women's (D Ball)					2			2		3	5					12
Women's (Intermediate A Ball)	2				1	2	2							1		8
Women's (Masters)																0
	MEN															
District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Men's (A Ball)	1															1
Men's (B Ball)						2										2
Men's (C Ball)	8				19	1	2									30
Men's (D Ball)	1					1	2									4
Men's (Intermediate A Ball)						1	2									3
Men's (Masters)																0

Slo-Pitch - Total Player Registration

	Women			Men			Other	
	2025	2024		2025	2024		2025	2024
Slo-Pitch	137	162		198	286			14
Mens Orthodox					322			
Mixed Orthodox	204	215		514	363		2	4
Womens Orthodox	107	119						
	448	496		712	971		2	18

Slo-Pitch - Total of Teams Per District

	District															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Men's	1						1	4	1						5	12
Women's	1			1				4				1		1		8

Umpires Registrations by District and Levels

	Level								
District	1	2	3	3T	4	4T	5	Emeritus	Total
1	123	22	2	1	3	3	2	1	157
2	53	5	1	1	1				61
3	8					1			9
4	14	7	1	1					23
5	52	13	1	1		1			68
6	55	6		3			1		65
7	52	10	5	3	6	2	1		79
8	117	23	4	5	2	3	1		155
9	52	7	3	2	4	2	4		74
10	24	1							25
11	18	3	1						22
12	25	7	1	1	1				35
13	27								27
14	41	14	7	1		1		1	65
15	20	2	2			2			26
Not Incl.	3								3
Total	684	120	28	19	17	15	9	2	
	76.5%	13.4%	3.1%	2.1%	1.9%	1.7%	1.0%	0.2%	

Umpires Registrations by Gender and Level

Levels	Women	Men	Other
1	519	164	1
2	49	70	1
3	1	27	
3T	7	12	
4	4	13	
4T	4	11	
5	4	5	
Emeritus	2		
	590	302	2

Umpires Registrations by Age, Gender and Level

		Levels								
		1	2	3	3T	4	4T	5	Emeritus	Total
16 and Under	Women	474	26		1					501
	Men	79	3							82
	Other		1							1
25 and under	Women	34	23		5		1			63
	Men	13	9	1			1			24
	Other	1								1
40 and under	Women	2			1	2	2	1	2	10
	Men	15	3	2		2	2			24
50 and Under	Women	5					1	2		8
	Men	27	6	1	3	3		1		41
Over 50	Women	8								8
	Men	30	49	23	9	8	8	4		131
		688	120	27	19	15	15	8	2	894

2025 Championship Reports

Participation

Event	Type	Gender	Number of Teams	Number of Participants
U11C Celebration of Softball (x3)	Regional	Mixed	55	1,100
U11R Showcase (x3)	Regional	Mixed	34	680
U13C Regionals (x3)	Regional	Mixed	55	1,105
U13B	Provincial	Girls	24	480
U13A	Provincial	Girls	13	260
U13	Provincial	Boys	8	160
U15C	Provincial	Girls	16	320
U15B	Provincial	Girls	17	340
U15A	Provincial	Girls	13	260
U15	Provincial	Boys	5	100
U17C	Provincial	Girls	16	320
U17B	Provincial	Girls	16	320
U17A	Provincial	Girls	11	220
U17	Provincial	Boys	6	120
U20C	Provincial	Women	15	305
U19B	Provincial	Women	18	360
U19A	Provincial	Women	6	120
Women's A	Provincial	Women	6	150
Women's Intermediate A	Provincial	Women	10	250
Women's B	Provincial	Women	13	325
Women's C	Provincial	Women	9	225
Women's D	Provincial	Women	4	100
Women's A Slo-Pitch	Provincial	Women	8	200
Men's A Slo-Pitch	Provincial	Men	6	132
		TOTAL PARTICIPANTS		7,952

Coach and Umpire Development Activities

Coaching Clinics and Participation

	2025			2024	
Clinic Type	Clinics	Participants		Clinics	Participants
Community Initiation Clinic	2	21		0	0
Community Ongoing Participation	15	176		10	103
Hybrid Online Modules (Comp Intro Pathway)	4	33		8	84
Hybrid In-Person Weekend	4	33		8	84
Competition Introduction Clinic WE 1	6	79		4	61
Competition Introduction Clinic WE 2	6	74		5	69
	35	395		35	401

Umpire Clinics and Participation

Clinic Level	Number of In-Person Clinics	Number of Online Theory Clinics
Level 1 NEW	18	3
Level 1 Refresher	15	-
Level 2 NEW	12	2
Level 2 Refresher	9	-
Level 3 NEW	1	-
	55	5

Team BC

Women's Program

The women went undefeated to capture BC's sixth consecutive gold medal in softball. Team BC produced a [great article](#) about BC's achievement.

Our women's team was one of two women's softball teams at the [2025 Jeux du Canada Games](#), alongside the Yukon, to be led by an all-female coaching staff. Here is an excellent [media clip](#) produced by Team BC on the topic.

Head Coach	Allison McMillan
Team Manager	Jennifer McKellar
Assistant Coach	Michelle Webster
Apprentice Coach	Kaitlyn Cameron
Cassidy Bank	
Raelynn Bates	
Chloe Bethune	
Celia Brown	
Skylar Flanagan	
Isabella Gill	
Tegan Harnett	
Camryn Innes	
Lauran Legtigheid	
Haydn Miller	
Taitumn Reynen	
Jordyn Ruppel	
Elli Thompson	
Kailey Ross	
Rylee Ruppel	
Zoe Willington (alternate)	
Brynn Gallamore (alternate)	

Team BC Highlights

- <https://www.teambc.org/latest-news/softball-coach-allison-mcmillan-adds-to-golden-legacy/>

Men's Program

Our young team finished the preliminary round with a 2-6 record. They finished 8th, losing the seventh and eighth place game to Alberta 13 -12.

Head Coach	Shaun Myall
Team Manager	Jeremy Fowler
Assistant Coach	Bruce Neid
Apprentice Coach	Chris Wilson
Braeden Fowler (New Westminster)	
Tucker Gust (Williams Lake)	
Ryler Haugland-Kutenics (Terrace)	
Aidan Heggelund (Prince George)	
Joel Henry (Prince George)	
Cameron Jefferies (Prince George)	
Colby Jefferies (Prince George)	
Issiah Mahil (Terrace)	
Kacey Miller (Vernon)	
Logan Ned (Lillooet)	
Nic Neid (Terrace)	
Caleb Poitras (Prince George)	
Gabe Ridler (Terrace)	
Talon Van Poele (Surrey)	
Nolan Wilson (Vernon)	

Programming Initiatives

Learn to Play & New Member Association

Association	Total Participants	Initiatives
Campbell River Minor Softball Association	35	There were zero umpires registered in Campbell River, meaning they would not be able to play games. This could have resulted in players deciding softball was not "fun" because they would only be able to practice. We helped by hosting an umpire clinic and were able to recruit and train six umpires for Campbell River. This is important as these players grow, the umpires need to grow with them to ensure sustainability within the association. Campbell River decided to host an Ongoing Participation Coaching Clinic instead of the Learn to Coach clinic as there was a greater interest for coaches being able to grow with teams.
Hope Minor Softball (New Members)	91	Softball BC helped Hope Minor covering the cost of an Ongoing Participation Coaching Clinic which resulted in 17 coaches from Hope becoming qualified to coach in the association. Softball BC also donated Learn to Play equipment, such as bats, inflatable Pete (game), throwdown bases, hitting T, used and new 11" softballs, foam balls, U5 and U7 gloves, and the B5 official ball/game.
Logan Lake Minor Softball (New Members)	50	Softball BC covered the cost of delivering the Learn to Coach Clinic to 10 new coaches. We also paid for six of these coaches to receive the Foundations of Coaching online module training through Softball Canada, which helps with their qualifications to coach in the association. We donated gently used and new equipment, such as Learn to Play bats, foam bats, inflatable Pete (game), throwdown bases, hitting T, used and new 11" softballs, foam balls, U5 and U7 gloves, and the B5 official ball/game. Softball BC also purchased new equipment from Rawlings to support the association's needs. This included, Bownets, Youth helmets with masks and hitting T's, as these items were identified as being a challenge to purchase within the region. New Westminster Minor also donated gently used equipment, such as sets catcher's gear.
Muskwa Fort Nelson Softball Association (New Members)	10	We donated gently used and new equipment, such as Learn to Play bats, foam bats, inflatable Pete (game), throwdown bases, hitting T, used and new 11" softballs, foam balls, U5 and U7 gloves, and the B5 official ball/game. Softball BC also purchased new equipment from Rawlings to support the association's needs. This included, Bownets, catcher's gear, youth helmets with masks and hitting T's, as these items were identified as being difficult to purchase within the region. Softball BC also waived the player and team registration fees as the association identified this as a barrier within the region. We also provided a virtual umpire clinic and coaches clinic to help train and qualify coaches and umpires in the region.
Prince George Minor Girls Fastball	97	Softball BC purchased new equipment from Rawlings to support the association's needs. This included, Learn to Play bats, Bownets, catcher's equipment, training balls, and softballs.
Quesnel Youth SloPitch	44	Softball BC waived the player and team registration fees as the association.

South Cariboo Minor Softball Assoc.	95	South Cariboo received equipment for the Learn to Play programs including bats, helmets, and shirts. Instead of hosting the Learn to Coach Clinic, they decided to run the Ongoing Participation as there was a greater interest.
Spruce City Minor Boys Softball Association	31	Softball BC purchased new equipment from Rawlings to assist with the association's needs. This included, youth helmets with masks, gloves, and fielders masks (enough for two Learn to Play teams) as these items were identified to help families introduce their children to softball.
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Operational Initiatives

Permanent Closure of the Langley Office

In December 2024, the Board approved the permanent closure of the Softball BC office located in Langley, BC. This decision created an opportunity to:

- Redirect funds towards enhancing staff capacity in order to improve service levels for our members.
- Eliminate the need to centralize staff to the Lower Mainland out of need to maximize the use of the space.

Staffing Restructure

In December, the Board approved a staffing restructuring plan aimed at reallocating funds to enhance staff capacity in specific areas without necessitating a significant increase in membership fees. A summary of the portfolios assigned to each staff member is available on the Softball BC website.

System Changes

Softball BC's accounting system was heavily paper-based and in need of an upgrade to incorporate more advanced accounting tools. With the assistance of our new service provider, we transitioned from Sage to QuickBooks for our accounting system, supplemented by additional accounting tools at little to no cost to Softball BC. This new system has significantly increased our reporting efficiency, particularly in tracking cash flow and year-end projections. The updated staff procedures that accompany the new system also ensure more thorough documentation, which will notably reduce audit time in future years.

Additionally, the Association has migrated to the Google Workspace platform to eliminate the costs associated with Microsoft licenses, as Softball BC qualified for the free non-profit rate offered by Google. We anticipate the elimination of other redundant fee-based tools, such as JotForms.

Website and publication

The Board has decided to eliminate the production of an annual Softball BC Handbook in favor of listing the SORs individually on the website in PDF format. This new approach extends the timeframe available to the Board, Governance Committee, and Councils to complete their work, as the production process is no longer limited by the costs associated with design and printing.

AGM / Congress / Annual Awards

In December, the Board decided to eliminate the October Congress.

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM), which serves as a strictly business meeting, will be conducted in a virtual format. This change allows for greater participation by removing the need for attendees to travel just to cast a vote.
- The Congress will now be held in the spring with a different theme that supports coaching development, umpire development, LSO (Local Sport Organization) support and development, or PSO (Provincial Sports Organization) initiatives. The Board, with input from the Finance

Committee, will design a financial support program to ensure the Congress is financially accessible for all members.

- A new Awards Policy, which includes the Hall of Fame, was developed over the summer to provide increased clarity on nomination criteria, selection procedures, and the presentation of awards. Starting this season, recipients of the Annual Awards will receive their physical awards at an event hosted by their association or club, creating an opportunity for family, friends, and the community to celebrate their accomplishments. These moments will be captured and promoted on the Softball BC website and social media platforms.
- The Hall of Fame recognition has also been revamped to coincide with the Canada Cup. The revised format provides an opportunity to honor inductees in front of a larger audience of family members, friends, and current Hall of Fame members.

Strategic Plan

In August 2025, the Board finalized a new Strategic Plan for 2026-2030. While developing a strategic plan is a requirement for funding, the Board believes that this new plan clearly outlines the priorities for Softball BC. The plan will be officially unveiled at the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Operational Effectiveness Initiatives (OEI)

The [OEI](#) is a multi-year project funded by viaSport, aimed at strengthening the capacity and sustainability of Designated Sport Organizations in British Columbia (BC). viaSport has partnered with [Sport Law](#) to assist all 75 Designated Sport Organizations in modernizing and enhancing their governance structures and operations.

The review conducted by viaSport identified several key components that align with best practices and standards. These components include:

1. Legal Incorporation
2. Foundational Statements and Intentional Planning
3. Informed Governance (Good Governance)
4. Committee Structures
5. Human Resource Planning and Management
6. Financial Planning and Management
7. Risk Management
8. Safe and Inclusive Environments
9. Delivery of Programs and Services

Sport Law provided 42 recommendations to Softball BC that address the above areas. Efforts have begun to implement these recommendations, with a goal of completing all implementations by the end of the 2026 calendar year.