



**Softball BC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023
Video Conference**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisa Parkes, President
Kevin Langley, Vice President
Rachel Charles, Vice President, Finance
Scott Wheatley, Director at Large
Chad Bryden, Director - Coaching
Lavaughn Larson, Director - Minor
Susan Strafford, Director - Provincial Umpire in Chief
Al Groff, Director - Men's and Women's

Joni Frei, Chief Program Officer
Terri Boizard, Chief Operations Officer
Barry Petrachenko, Executive Director

Lisa Parkes called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Motion to accept the agenda as circulated (Strafford/Langley)
Carried

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 30, 2023 (Langley/Larson)
Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes
None.

Board Business

- The results of a poll vote conducted via electronic mail was confirmed:
 - **Motion** that the proposed adjustments SoR Articles 8.1, 8.2 and 8.5 be approved as attached for inclusion in the Softball BC Handbook, effective for the 2023 season (Larson/Langley) **Carried**
- Lavaughn Larson reviewed the proposed dates for the 2024 Championships and received general support of the Directors.
- Al Groff reported on the finalization of the list of Softball BC Reps to Provincials and noted that UICs are mostly in place for the events. Al also noted that the proposed intermediate Slo Pitch Provincials many not move ahead as planned due to low registration.
- Susan Strafford updated on the ongoing investigations resulting from incident reports and noted that registration numbers seem to be up this season over last.
- Rachel Charles reviewed the financial report as circulated and responded to questions.
 - **Motion** That the Financial Report as at March 31, 2023 be received (Strafford/Langley) **Carried**



- Rachel Charles circulated and reviewed a report on financial considerations relating to Provincial Championships. Feedback was provided on cost cutting options and an acceptable range for team fees and the setting of a minimum number of teams at a Provincial.
 - **Action:** The Directors requested that Rachel develop a final proposal for consideration by the Board and then the membership at the 2023 AGM
- The next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for Monday, June 26, 2023 via Video Conference

Operations Report

- Barry Petrachenko reviewed the Operational Plan Report and the ViaSport Organizational Evaluation Report as circulated.
- Barry Petrachenko reviewed a proposal to adopt a process for accepting Association Member Applications from associations that do not register players but operate tournaments/events.
 - **Motion:** That the Association Member category be made available to Associations that do not operate teams (Larson/Strafford) **Carried**
 - **Motion:** That the annual fee for an Association Member that does not operate teams be set at \$100 (Larson/Strafford) **Carried**
 - **Motion:** That the Softball BC Minor Director, MaW Director, UIC and Executive Director be directed to develop and institute a process for the sanctioning of tournaments involving teams from outside the Softball BC membership for the 2023 season (Larson/Strafford) **Carried**
 - **Motion:** That Article 17 of the Softball BC Special Operating Rules be reviewed by Advisory Councils to refine the sanctioning procedure and to include the guidelines implemented in the 2023 season to address the participation of non-member teams (Larson/Strafford) **Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm (Strafford/Charles)



Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Date 02-21-2023

Submitted by Lavaughn Larson

District Member of the Board of Directors

Seconded by Kevin Langley

District 6

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection) Article 8.1 p.

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written) p. MINOR STRUCTURE – ‘A’ Teams will be made up of the most talented players in a category; and ‘B’ Teams will be made up of the next most talented players in that same category; and a ‘C’ Team will be made up of novice or recreational players in a given category. The ‘C’ Provincial Championship will emphasize participation and fun, and will de-emphasize the competitive aspect of the event. No tryouts are allowed in ‘C’ classification.

Revision, Addition, Deletion, Amendment (choose one) Revision

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 8.1 p. Classifications: Minor Teams are classified as Rep (further classified at A or B) or Community (classified as C).

RATIONALE: MINOR STRUCTURE will be moved to it's own article.

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED (including definitions page): new article 8.2

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: none

Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Date	02-21-2023 amended March 16, 2023
Submitted by	Lavaughn Larson
District	1
Seconded by	Kevin Langley
District	6
REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)	new article 8.2 - previously under DEFINITIONS 8.1 p. Also move location of current 8.2 f. -no changes to this article
WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)	p. MINOR STRUCTURE – ‘A’ Teams will be made up of the most talented players in a category; and ‘B’ Teams will be made up of the next most talented players in that same category; and a ‘C’ Team will be made up of novice or recreational players in a given category. The ‘C’ Provincial Championship will emphasize participation and fun, and will de-emphasize the competitive aspect of the event. No tryouts are allowed in ‘C’ classification.
Revision, Addition, Deletion, Amendment (choose one)	Addition
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:	8.2. MINOR STRUCTURE (New Rule, removing this from Definitions as it is more than a definition.) a) U11 Category Teams classified as Rep will not be further subdivided into A or B Classifications. U11 Community teams will be classified as C. b) For all other Minor Categories, teams will be classified as follows: i) A Classification: Rep Classification open to all teams, with the intent that this classification includes the most competitive teams in the Category ii) B Classification: Rep Classification for teams not competing in the A Classification, subject to a Classification Review by the Minor Coordinator

iii) C Classification: Community Classification open to teams of novice or recreational players.

1. Tryouts are not allowed for teams in the C Classification.

2. The 'C' Provincial Championships, U13C Regional Championships and U11 Celebrations of Softball will emphasize participation and fun.

iv) (Moved from 8.2 f) vii) The District Minor Coordinator has the obligation and responsibility to ensure that teams are properly classified within his or her their District. For any team in question, the District Minor Coordinator shall provide the Minor Director with the results of a thorough investigation and a recommendation to reclassify or not. The Minor Director shall decide and inform the team and the District Minor Coordinator. Reclassification can be done up to but not including the date of the team's participation in a Provincial Championship.

RATIONALE:

For 2023 there are 16 teams from 13 associations in the lower mainland playing in a U11 Select league (formerly SuperMites). There are also Tier 1 teams in District 1 that are similar to the U11 Select teams and play in their own league. Super Mite teams (were U10 before the age change) have been established for over 20 years. These players have now played for 4 or more years and are ready to participate at a higher level. Recognition of these teams as Rep as opposed to Community or C is good for our sport and what the membership is asking for.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE: none

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED (including definitions page): current article 8.2 and those following will need to be renumbered.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: none

MINOR ADVISORY COUNCIL MOTION FORM

Submitted by: Kevin Langley _____ District 6 _____

Seconded by: Lavaughn Larson _____ District BOD Amended

Feb.23 passed first vote, second vote March 16

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)
8.5. DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEREAS; (Article as currently written)

I. COACHES MEETING At the pre-Provincial Championships coaches meeting, coaches must be able to provide: i. a copy of their team Roster form, and Roster Form and signed Softball BC Provincial Player Pick-up Approval Form for each pick-up. EFFECT: Pick-ups without documents are ineligible

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion – State whether Revision, Addition, Deletion)

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RATIONALE (Intent)

To keep personal information of players and coaches confidential we should not be sharing the roster form of the pick-up players team. The minor coordinator when signing the pickup form can verify the player is on a valid roster.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

none

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED (including definitions page)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

none

PASSED _____

DEFEATED _____

WITHDRAWN _____

AMENDED _____

DATE _____