



Board of Directors Meeting February 10, 2025 Minutes



ATTENDANCE:

- Lisa Parkes, President
- Baukje Edamura, Vice-President
- Rachel Allan, Treasurer
- Terri Boizard, Director
- Kevin Langley, Director
- Lavaughn Larson, Director
- Scott Wheatley, Director
- Diane St-Denis, Executive Director
- Laura MacMillan, Programs & Championship Director

1. Call to Order

1.01 Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remark

L. Parkes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and provided a brief land acknowledgment

1.02 Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by K. Langley / R. Allen to approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.03 Motion to approve minutes of February 3, 2025

One correction - Minutes indicated L. Parkes arrived at 4:00 pm which was a carryover from a previous meeting.

Moved by B. Edamura / L. Larson to approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.04 Business Arising from the last meeting

a. TriCity Titans

The TriCity Titans were invited to join the Board to speak to the Board's resolution of September 17, 2024. In attendance: Brandi Dickie - president, Phil Nguyen - vice president, Curtis Ureta - administrative vice president, Dawn Smith - secretary, and Jami Wurster - treasurer.

Moved by K. Langley and S. Wheatley to move in camera

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by K. Langley, seconded by T. Boizard to move out of camera

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Board Business

2.01 Committee Updates

a. Finance Committee

i. Motion on Umpire Fees

Discussion led to two corrections.

- single and double asterisk are reversed
- A note was added to clarify contributions to the umpire development fund and the Gordon McDonald/Margo & Dorene Thoms Bursary Fund.

Moved by B. Edamura / K. Langley to approve the motion to alter Article 21.5 as circulated (Appendix A). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ii. viaSport Funding Requirements – *pushed to April*

iii. Restricted Funds – *pushed to April*

b. Governance Committee

i. Membership Policy Update – *pushed to April*

ii. Review of Committee TORs – *pushed to April*

iii. District Review Working Group – *pushed to April*

c. Minor Advisory Council

i. Article 9

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by R. Allen to approve the Executive Director's proposed edits to Article 9 as amended (Appendix B).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ii. Article 15.8

Moved by B. Edamura, seconded by K. Langley to the edits to Article 15.8 and the recommendation from Executive Director as it pertains to the Boys regulations (Appendix C).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i. Article 8.1.24 & 9.1.25 Field Of Play – *circulate for email vote*

ii. Article 8.3.2.1 – *circulate for email vote*

iii. Article 8.3.4 – *circulate for email vote*

iv. Article 9.2.1.6 b. – *circulate for email vote*

v. Article 13.5.2 – *circulate for email vote*

vi. Article 13.5.3 – *circulate for email vote*

vii. Article 8.3.6.7 – *circulate for email vote*

b. Men's & Women's Advisory Council

i. Article 11.3.7 – *circulate for email vote*

ii. Article 11.3.9 – *circulate for email vote*

iii. Article 11.3.8 – *circulate for email vote*

iv. Article 12.1.6.4 – *circulate for email vote*

v. Article 13.2.7 – *circulate for email vote*

vi. Article 13.3 – *circulate for email vote*

c. Umpire Advisory Council

n/a

d. Ad Hoc Committees
n/a

2.01 Email Votes Reporting
n/a

3 Operational Business

3.01 Management Report

a. Bulletin issued on Feb 7 re: Guidance for sport participants travelling to the USA
Circulated as information.

3.02 Host Selection – *pushed to February 19th meeting*

3.03 Handbook

3.04 Discussions with SPN
Circulated as information.

4 New Business

4.01 Membership Applications

4.01.1 Layritz Little League – *pushed to February 19th meeting*

5 Next Meeting & Adjournment
Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00PM

**Move by R. Allen, seconded by K. Langley to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Appendix A

MOTION FORM

Submitted by: Rachel Allan

District: BOD

Date: January 23, 2025

Seconded by: Jason Ranchoux

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

Article 21.5

WHEREAS; (Article as currently written)

21.5. UMPIRE REGISTRATION FEES

Level 1 & 2	Certification	\$110.00*
	Certification	\$120.00**
	Refresher	\$105.00
Level 3	No Clinic	\$95.00
Level 4	No Clinic	\$110.00
Level 5	No Clinic	\$120.00
Emeritus		\$30.00

*price includes clinic and rulebook

**price includes clinic, but no rulebook

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

21.5. UMPIRE REGISTRATION FEES

Level 1 & 2	Certification	\$110.00*
	Certification	\$120.00**
Level 3	Certification	\$145.00*
	No Clinic	\$95.00
Level 4	No Clinic	\$110.00
Level 5	No Clinic	\$120.00
Emeritus		\$30.00

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NOTE: \$3 from each umpire registration is directed to the Gordon McDonald/Margo & Dorene Thoms Bursary Fund. An additional portion of the registration fee is directed to the Umpire Development Fund - \$5 for Level 1 and Level 2, \$10 for Level 3, \$15 for Level 4 and \$20 for Level 5.

RATIONALE (Intent)

Jason requested the removal of the “Refresher” option for Level 1&2. Level 3 certification has not been included in the past because it was only done every two years. Adding it in now.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

n/a

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED (including definitions page)

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

n/a

BOYS RULES REWRITE

Executive Director's notes from the February 5 Minor Advisory Council Meeting

The group tasked with reviewing Article 9 - Minor Boys Fastpitch Rules has not completed their work.

Their recommendation, as presented at the last Board meeting, was add this new clause to the rules:

9.1.15 CLASSIFICATION – all minor boys teams will be classified as C (Community). As such tryouts and all star teams are not permitted. All references to Rep B and A classifications in Article 9 are null and void.

The Board did not approve the addition and supported the recommendation to have staff include the following statement at the beginning of Article 9.

Softball BC is currently re-writing Article 9 to eliminate references to B and A, thereby categorizing all teams as C (community ball) effective this 2025 season. As a result, tryouts are not allowed.

Note - that categorization shall only be used to form teams to send to Western or Canadian Championships.

The Executive Director will collaborate with the Chair of the MAC to complete the review of the Boys' rules and issue a bulletin when it is ready to share the new version of Article 9 with the members. Appropriate notices will be placed on the website and other platforms.

15.8 Classification of Minor Players

The Minor Advisory Council approved this motion during their meetings on January 8, 2025, and February 5, 2025 (see page 2). However, it was not posted on Softball BC's website for member feedback between the votes due to the short turnaround time required to produce the handbook.

Implications for Boys' Teams:

The committee responsible for drafting a new version of Article 9 for Boys, which no longer refers to B and A categories, has not yet completed their work.

As directed by the Board, the Executive Director will collaborate with the Chair of the Minor Advisory Council to finalize the review of the Boys' rules. A bulletin will be issued once the review is complete to inform and share with members the new version of Article 9. Notices will be appropriately placed on the website and other platforms.

In the meantime, we recommend that the Board approve the following addition to the handbook, which will immediately follow rule 15.8:

Softball BC is currently rewriting Article 9 to eliminate references to B and A, categorizing all teams as C (community ball), effective for the 2025 season. The rule rewrite will also outline how teams will be identified for Western or Canadian Championships.

15.8 Classification of Minor Players



Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Minor Advisory Council Only

Date Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Submitted by Kathy Weston

District 8

Seconded by Liz Lee

District 6

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

Article 15.8

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)

CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR PLAYERS To be eligible for Western Canadian Championships, all minor 'B' teams must be made up of no fewer than 11 players who have not participated on any 'A' classification team in the preceding year. For the purposes of this, players from teams reclassified from 'A' to 'B' by the Minor Director pursuant to Articles 8.2.2 d) and 8.6.13 shall be considered a 'B' player.

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

Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR PLAYERS To be eligible for Western Canadian Championships, all minor 'B' teams must be made up of no fewer than 11 players who have not REGISTERED on any 'A' classification team in the preceding year. For the purposes of this, players from teams reclassified from 'A' to 'B' by the Minor Director pursuant to Articles 8.2.2 d) and 8.6.13 shall be considered a 'B' player.

RATIONALE:

Clarification that changing the word from participate to registered ensures that there's no confusion on if a 'B' player was picked up in the preceding year to participate with an 'A' classification team.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:

Leads to different interpretation on the understanding of this article.

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

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: