



Board of Directors Meeting February 19, 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 7:01 pm and provided a brief land acknowledgment.

1.02 Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by R. Allan, seconded by L. Lavaughn to approve the agenda with the addition of item 1.04. a. PCMSA response. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.03 Motion to approve minutes of February 10, 2025

Moved by K. Langley, seconded by R. Allan to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 meeting with the following correction: Move the comments from 2.01. c.i. to 2.01 a. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.04 Business Arising from the last meeting

a. PCMSA Response

Directors were copied on PCMSA response to D. St-Denis' letter. L. Parkes reported that D. St-Denis has a meeting scheduled for February 20th with the PCMSA President to review the Board decision. A written response will be provided to the PCMSA following that meeting and copied to all Directors.

Action: D. St-Denis to copy directors on the response to PCMSA.

2. Board Business

2.01 Committee Updates

a. Finance Committee

- viaSport Funding Requirements – *pushed to April*
- 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
Motions will be addressed in agenda item 2.02 and 3.03.
- d. Men’s & Women’s Advisory Council
Motions will be addressed in agenda item 2.02 and 3.03.
- e. Umpire Advisory Council
Nothing to report.
- f. Ad Hoc Committees
Nothing to report.

2.02 Email Votes Reporting

- a. Article 8.1.24 & 9.1.25 Field Of Play

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by K. Langley to approve the creation of a new definition in both the girls and boys SORs. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Field of Play: The field of play includes all of: the area on the playing field side of the backstop fence bounded by the backstop fence, side fences, extended to the outfield fence of the Playing Field, including the Dugouts.

- a. **Playing Field: The playing field is defined as the fair territory within which the ball may be played and fielded.**
- b. **Dugout: The dugout is dead ball territory for those who are registered on the Softball BC approved roster only.**

- b. Article 8.3.2.1

Edit to 8.3.6.7. to remove the exception as the information is contained in 8.3.6.7.

Moved by R. Allan, seconded by K. Langley to edit 8.3.2.1 to read as follows:

8.3.2.1. Except as provided in section 8.3.6.7, a minor player may not appear on more than one Approved Roster.

EFFECT: They are ineligible for either team, and ineligible to participate on any team in District, Provincial or extra-Provincial events. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. Article 8.3.4

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by R. Allan to edit 8.3.4. as follows including the removal 8.3.4.3 as it is redundant and keeping in mind the Board has addressed the modifications required to remove the reference to the Minor Director. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3.4.1. ‘A’ team Rosters must be uploaded and marked confirmed by the registrar by May 1st of the current year. Additions/deletions under

extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 1st of the current year. After June 1st, only the Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.

8.3.4.2. All “B” classification team rosters and Executive rosters are to be uploaded and marked confirmed May 15th of the current year. All “C” classification team rosters are to be uploaded and marked confirmed by May 31st of the current year. Additions/deletions under extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 5th of the current year. After June 5th, only the Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.

d. Article 8.3.6.7

Moved L. Larson, seconded by K. Langley to revise 8.3.6.7 as follows:

8.3.6.7 Any District with 60 or fewer players registered in a category may form a combined ‘C’ team for District and Provincial Championships but this team may not pick-up players. The team must submit an appropriate roster for approval prior to attending the District Playdown or Provincial Championship. A Softball BC registration fee of \$200 will apply. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

e. Article 9.2.1.6 b.

This motion failed at the Minor Advisory Council. Dates will not change.

f. Article 11.3.7

The office is recommending the deletion of 11.3.7 as it is the same at 11.3.9.

Move by K. Langley, seconded by R. Allan to delete 11.3.7 on the basis that it duplicated the information contained in 11.3.9. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

g. Article 11.3.8

Moved by K. Langley, seconded by S. Wheatley to edit 11.3.8 as follows:

The Softball BC team roster is to be approved by the Men’s and Women’s Coordinator or Programs and Championships Director by July 15th of the current playing year.

Exception: If the Men's Provincial Championship is held in August, the deadline will be extended to August 1st. **DEFEATED (2/4/0)**

h. Article 11.3.9

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by R. Allan to edit 11.3.9 as follows:

Team rosters are to be submitted for approval through the Softball BC registration process no later than June 30th of the current playing year. Registrations received after the deadline will be assessed a late registration fee of \$100 per team.

Exception: If the Men's Provincial Championship is held in August, the deadline will be extended to July 15th. **DEFEATED (2/4/0)**

D. St-Denis noted that 11.3.9 and 11.3.8 will be flipped to provide for better sequencing of information (registration date followed by approval date for rosters).

i. Article 12.1.6.4

Moved by R. Allan, seconded by L. Larson to edit the following paragraph in 12.1.6.4

The registration date for Slo Pitch is May 1st. Teams not meeting this deadline will not be eligible for Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship qualifier play.

to read as follows:

The registration date for Slo Pitch is August 1st. Team registrations received after the deadline will be assessed a late registration fee of \$100 per team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

j. Article 13.3

Moved by B. Edamura, seconded by K. Langley to approve the addition of 13.3 as follows:

All teams will play a two (2) game seeding round, with all teams advancing into a double knockout elimination round, including the championship game (a second final will be scheduled if the undefeated team loses the first game). When possible, the host will try to have games start no earlier than 4:00 PM on the Friday of the event and the final game will be scheduled for no later than 4:00 PM on the Sunday of the event.

Discussion ensued as to whether the addition should be in Section 12 Slo-Pitch.

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by B. Edamura to amend the motion to have the addition listed at 12.7 instead of 13.3. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Vote on the amended motion. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

k. Article 13.5.2

Moved by L. Larson, seconded B. Edamura to approve the edit to 13.5.2. as follows:

13.5.2. SHORTS AND PANTS Shorts and pants are allowable styles of uniform bottoms. An individual player is allowed to wear the allowable style of uniform bottom of their choice. Regardless of the mix of styles of uniform bottoms on a team, all uniform bottoms of the team must be identical in colour and pattern. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

T. Boizard noted that men don't want to wear shorts. L. Parkes noted that they are not required. It is simply open to all participants.

i. Article 13.5.3

13.5.3 has been revised by the Minor Advisory Council. The Board recognized that edit to 13.5.3 and 13.5.2 are not fully aligned and may also be repetitive of Softball Canada regulations. D. St-Denis recommended the Board approve the motion understanding that the office is embarking on a review of the rule book prior to next fall which will most likely result in rules such as these being eliminated in favour of applying the Softball Canada rule.

**Moved by B. Edamura, seconded by K. Langley to approve 13.5.3 as follows:
13.5.3. NOT EXPOSED - All players on a team must wear their uniforms as intended alike in colour, trim, and style.**

Moved by R. Allen, seconded by K. Langley to amend the motion to remove the reference to NOT EXPOSED. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vote on the amended motion. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

m. Article 13.2.7

**Moved by K. Langley, seconded by L. Larson to edit 13.2.7 as follows:
Entry fees for Men & Women's categories are to be submitted to the Softball BC office by June 30th. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for 2025, the entry fee deadline for slo-pitch is August 25. Failure to submit the entry fee by the deadline will make the team ineligible to participate.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: D. St-Denis to instruct the Men's and Women's Advisory Council to identify a fixed date for the 2026 edition of the SORs.

3 Operational Business

3.01 Management Report

No update.

3.02 Host Selection

L. MacMillan reviewed the applications received for the remaining open championships and staff recommendations.

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by K. Langley to approve the following hosts for the U11 Rep Showcase to Lakehill Baseball Softball Association, Ridge Meadows Minor Softball Association and Canadian Amateur Sport Society (Softball City). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The list of assigned hosts for the 2025 season can be found in Appendix A.

B. Edamura inquired about the dates for the U19B Provincials. L. MacMillan spoke to the request from Langford to move the dates as they had now lost a significant portion of their volunteer base with the U17B Provincial having moved to the same weekend. The office is consulting with the U19B programs on the impact of a potential move.

ACTION: Board agreed to deal with remaining host selection via email vote.

3.03 Handbook

a. Handbook Recommendations

D. St-Denis provided several recommendations to the Board that will result in removing content from the Handbook that is not specific to SORs, thus resulting in some savings on printing and shipping (weight) and driving our members to our website for information.

Moved by R. Allan, seconded by L. Larson to approve the following recommendations:

- 1. Remove constitution and by-laws. Insert a page noting by-laws and policies can be found here. <https://www.softball.bc.ca/content/by-laws-amp-policies>.**
- 2. Remove Article 18 - General, and convert to a policy. Ensure alignment with By-laws.**
- 3. Rename Article 18 to Coaching Requirements. A new section**
- 4. Remove Article 20 - Hall of Fame, and convert to an Awards Policy (hall of fame and all of our awards)**
- 5. Article 21 is now Article 20. Rename it Fees. Remove 21.6 and 21.7. Content to be listed on the website under Funds along with the Umpire Development Fund, and the Board Designated Fund.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: D. St-Denis to convert Article 18 to a policy, Article 20 to an Awards Policy and move all funds (Gordon McDonald/Thoms Memorial Fund, Minor Development Fund, Umpire Development Fund and the Board Designated Fund) onto the website.

D. St-Denis noted that that office will be creating a summary of changes to be posted to the website to help guide members on where to find information that was removed from the handbook.

D. St-Denis also noted the changes to the handbook for 2026 per the Board previously approved motion to move the handbook to an electronic version only. The Softball BC website will be reconfigured to have the following documents in ONE centralized location and presented as follows:

GOVERNANCE

- Constitution & By-Laws
- Air Quality Guidelines
- Code of Conduct and Ethics including Social Media Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Expense Policy
- Heat Policy
- Impairment and Accommodation Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Severe Weather Policy Update
- Softball BC Brand Standards Policy **NEW
- Team BC and BC Summer Games Athlete Appeals Policy
- Team BC and BC Summer Games Athlete Selection Process
- Transgender and Non-Binary Inclusion Policy

- Volunteer and Staff Screening Policy
- Screening Disclosure Form
- Complaint and Discipline Policy
- Dispute Resolution Policy
- Investigations Policy

SPECIAL OPERATING RULES

- ARTICLE 1 – Definitions
- ARTICLE 2 – Residence Rule
- ARTICLE 3 – Amateur
- ARTICLE 4 – Disciplinary Action
- ARTICLE 5 – Appeals
- ARTICLE 6 – Travel Permits
- ARTICLE 7 – Minor Fastpitch Rules
- ARTICLE 8 – Minor Girls Fastpitch
- ARTICLE 9 – Minor Boys Fastpitch
- ARTICLE 10 – Women’s Fastpitch
- ARTICLE 11 – Men’s Fastpitch
- ARTICLE 12 – Men’s, Women’s and Co-ed Slo Pitch
- ARTICLE 13 – Provincial Championships
- ARTICLE 14 – Regional & Provincial Championship Bids
- ARTICLE 15 – Western Canadian or Canadian Championships
- ARTICLE 16 – Western/Canadian Bids
- ARTICLE 17 – Invitational Tournaments
- ARTICLE 18 – Coaching Requirements.
- ARTICLE 19 – Umpires
- ARTICLE 20 – Fees

b. Article 2 & 3

Move by K. Langley, seconded by R. Allan to add “or” after visa in 2.1.4.1 i.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Move by L. Larson seconded by R. Allan to change he/she to they in 3.1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: D. St-Denis to investigate the language around landed immigrant and refugees status, and bring back a revision to the Board.

c. Article 6

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by R. Allan to alter Article 6 to read as follows to align with messaging provided to members last year.

6.1. Travel permits for BC teams or officials attending competitions outside the Province are available upon request from the Softball BC Office.

6.2 INSURANCE: A travel permit does not provide members, including officials, with insurance coverage when attending competitions outside the Province. Members should consult with the Softball BC Office on insurance coverage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Article 17

D. St-Denis presented the revision for Article 17 noting that the information is reflective of the information shared last year with members when discussing insurance coverage.

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by R. Allan to approve the rewrite of Article 17.

Moved by K. Langley, seconded by B. Edamura to amend the motion to add the reference to “League Games” in the Exhibition Games section.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by B. Edamura, seconded by R. Allen to amend the first sentence of the article by adding the words exhibition and league games.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vote on the amended motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New Article 17

Tournaments, Exhibition Games & League Games

This article applies to all Minor and Men’s & Women’s Tournaments, Exhibition and League Games. Softball BC’s Sport Liability and Participant Accident Insurance does not cover Softball BC members participating in unsanctioned tournaments and exhibition games.

17.1. TOURNAMENTS HOSTED BY A SOFTBALL BC MEMBER
All softball tournaments hosted by Softball BC teams and/or associations and held within the Province of BC, must be sanctioned by Softball BC for membership benefits to stand.

17.1.1 APPLYING FOR A SANCTION

- a) *Sanction applications are completed online. Team/Association applying for a sanction must be a member in good standing with Softball BC.*
- b) *RULES All rules, regulations and policies of Softball BC are to be adhered to.*
- c) *Tournament Sanctions should be obtained at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of the tournament. ANY applications received less than three (3) weeks prior to the tournament may be assessed a late fee of \$50.00. A sanction application MUST be accompanied by the signed / approved by the District UIC - “Online Sanction Request Form”.*
- d) *Tournaments must use Provincial classification when inviting teams to participate in their event. (Senior A, Intermediate B, U23 A, etc., NOT Division 1, Division 3, . . . etc.)*
- e) *The tournament sanction, if granted, will be issued by the Softball BC office with the tournament details being posted to the website.*
- f) *NO sanctions will be issued in conflict with scheduled District Qualifier or Regional/Provincial Championships in the area.*
- g) *To avoid unnecessary confusion and turmoil at the tournament in the event of inclement weather, it is recommended that all tournament organizers adopt some form of rainout rules. Teams should be advised of these rules before they participate in a tournament.*

- h) *Umpires MUST BE registered with Softball BC or other Softball Governing Body if out of province. Registered umpires must be in an official uniform.*
- i) *The tournament host must secure and forward to Softball BC proof of insurance (CGL – Commercial General Liability) from all non-Softball BC Affiliated teams participating in the tournament. Non-Softball BC Affiliated teams are not allowed to participate in the tournament without proof of insurance.*
- j) *Softball BC's Injury and Liability Insurance covers teams in good standing with Softball BC when participating in tournaments hosted by a Softball BC Member in good standing. Proof of membership can be verified with the Softball BC Office.*

17.1.2 RESULTS

- a) *Any irregularities, problems, conflicts, etc. must be reported to Softball BC within 72 hours after the completion of the tournament.*
- b) *For Minor TOurnaments Only*
 - i. *The results of all minor tournaments, together with any recommendations as to team classification, shall be forwarded by the tournament hosts to the Softball BC office immediately upon conclusion of the tournament for the use by Association administrators and Minor Coordinators to properly assess and classify teams in their respective Association/District.*
 - ii. *Failure to submit tournament results may result in having future sanction requests denied.*

17.2 TOURNAMENTS HOSTED BY A NON-SOFTBALL BC MEMBER

- 17.2.1 *The Softball BC's Sport Liability and Participant Accident Insurance does not cover Softball BC members when playing in a tournament hosted by a non-Softball BC Affiliated team*
- 17.2.2 *Teams are responsible for securing their own liability and medical insurance.*

17.3 IN PROVINCE EXHIBITION / LEAGUE GAMES

- 17.3.1 *Between members in good standing - Softball BC's Injury and Liability Insurance does cover both teams when the game is between two Softball BC teams in good standing.*
- 17.3.2 *Against a non-Softball BC affiliated team - The Softball BC's Sport Liability and Participant Accident Insurance does not cover the Softball BC team participating in a game against a non-Softball BC affiliated team. Teams are responsible for securing their own liability and medical insurance.*

17.4 PARTICIPATION IN OUT OF PROVINCE EXHIBITION / LEAGUE GAME OR TOURNAMENTS

- 17.4.1 *In accordance with Softball BC rules, members who wish to play or officiate softball outside of BC must advise Softball BC by completing the Softball BC Travel Advisory Form.*
- 17.4.2 *The Softball BC's Sport Liability (CGL) and Participant Accident (PA) Insurance does cover members in good standing with Softball BC when participating in out-of province exhibition games or tournaments as long as the team has the following terms met:*

a) *The member(s) has advised Softball BC Office of their travel by submitting a Softball BC Travel Advisory Form and;*

b) *The Softball Canada affiliated Provincial or Territorial Softball Association has sanctioned the exhibition game or tournament.*

17.4.2.1. *Members are responsible for having their own travel medical insurance when traveling out of province to ensure you are covered for out-of-pocket expenses e.g., hospitalization, medication, ambulance, and treatment fees for injuries sustained off the field of play. Please note: The British Columbia Medical Services Plan (BCMSP) does NOT provide medical coverage to you in another province.*

17.4.3. *In cases where the exhibition game or tournament is not sanctioned by a Softball Canada affiliated Provincial or Territorial Softball Association, members are responsible for securing their own insurance which would include:*

a) *Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance*

b) *And adequate travel medical insurance to ensure you are covered for out-of-pocket expenses e.g., hospitalization, medication, ambulance, and treatment fees for injuries and illness.*

Teams can apply to Softball BC for assistance in securing a quote from our insurance broker, SBC Insurance or use another broker of their choice. Please note, a separate form (NOT the Softball BC Travel Advisory Form) will be sent to you to collect the details necessary to provide a CGL and/or travel medical insurance quote.

17.5 PARTICIPATION IN OUT OF COUNTRY EXHIBITION / LEAGUE GAMES OR TOURNAMENTS

17.5.1 *In accordance with Softball BC rules, members who wish to play or officiate softball outside of BC must advise Softball BC by completing the Softball BC Travel Advisory Form.*

17.5.2 *The Softball BC's Sport Liability (CGL) and Participant Accident (PA) Insurance does not cover Softball BC members travelling to tournaments or exhibition games outside of Canada.*

17.5.3 *Teams are responsible for securing their own insurance which should include:*

a) *Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance*

b) *And adequate travel medical insurance to ensure you are covered for out-of-pocket expenses e.g., hospitalization, medication, ambulance, and treatment fees for injuries and illness.*

Teams can apply to Softball BC for assistance in securing a quote from our insurance broker, SBC Insurance or use another broker of their choice. Please note, a separate form (NOT the Softball BC Travel Advisory Form) will be sent to you to collect the details necessary to provide a CGL and/or travel medical insurance quote.

D. St-Denis noted that it is too late for this season to have the tournament hosts apply for sanctions by editing the Tournament Listing Request. The office will for this season issue a memo to each host reviewing their responsibilities to comply with Article 17th.

ACTION: D. St-Denis to ensure a current list of members is available on the Softball BC website.

- e. Article 18
The Board approved earlier that it was removing Article 18 from the Handbook. D. St-Denis will convert this content into a policy for review at a later date by the Board.
- f. Article 21
The Board approved earlier to renumber this Article as 20. Added to the article is the section Team Travel Fund taken from Article 18. The Gordon McDonald/Thoms Memorial Fund and Minor Development Fund Guidelines will be posted to the website under Funds along with the Umpire Development Fund, and the Board Designated Fund.

ARTICLE 21 – FEES AND FINANCIAL ITEMS

21.1. MEMBERSHIP FEES

21.1.1 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

One time only fee of \$10.00.

21.1.2 MINOR

Annual dues coaches and managers U7 to U9	\$23.00
Annual dues players U7 to U9	\$33.00
Annual dues players, coaches and managers U11	\$23.00
Annual dues players, coaches and managers U13-U20	\$25.00**
Team Fee for U7 to U9	No Team Fee
Team Fee for U11	\$150.00
Team Fee for U13 A & B	\$250.00
Team Fee for U13 C to U20 C	\$235.00
Team Fee for U15 B to U19 B	\$475.00
Team Fee for U15 A to U19 A	\$550.00
League/Association Executive	\$23.00

**\$2.00 to Special Minor Fund to be paid by separate cheque payable to Minor Development Fund

21.1.3 MEN'S & WOMEN'S FASTPITCH

Team Fee	\$300.00
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21.1.4 MEN'S, WOMEN'S & CO-ED SLO PITCH

Team Fee	\$300.00
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21.1.5 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, but no rulebook **price includes clinic and rulebook
Note: \$3 from each umpire registration fee is a donation to the Gordon McDonald/Margo & Dorene Thoms Bursary*

21.2 CHAMPIONSHIP FEES

U11 CELEBRATION OF SOFTBALL ENTRY FEE	\$335 plus GST
U13 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEE	\$350 plus GST
ALL MINOR CATEGORIES	\$600.00 plus GST
A WOMEN FASTPITCH	\$600.00 plus GST
INTERMEDIATE A WOMEN FASTPITCH	\$600.00 plus GST
B/C/D WOMEN FASTPITCH	\$600.00 plus GST
MEN'S FASTPITCH	\$600.00 plus GST
MIXED ORTHO	\$600.00 plus GST
MEN'S, WOMEN'S & MIXED SLO PITCH	\$600.00 plus GST

21.3 TEAM TRAVEL FUND

21.3.1 *RECIPIENTS* The recipients of the team travel fund will be as follows:

- a. *teams must participate in a Provincial Championship providing a championship is held to qualify.*
- b. *Softball BC will determine the funding allocated to teams travelling to Western Canadian and Canadian Championships*
- c. *the amount of payout to teams is based on how far they travel and other travel funding available*
- d. *The highest finishing team from the Provincial Championship travelling to a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship is eligible to receive the travel funding. The amount of travel one way must be equal to or greater than 400 kilometres to be eligible. (Ferry travel to and from Vancouver Island is considered to be applied as a 400 km trip).*

g. New Coaching Requirements

This is a new Article. The content has been pulled from various sections of the handbook and centralized into one article to make it easier for a coach to understand the qualifications required to coach at a Softball BC District Playdowns, Regional Championship, Celebrations of Softball, Showcases or Provincial Championships.

Moved by R. Allan, seconded by L. Larson to approve the addition of this article (see Appendix B) to the handbook. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

h. Article 15

D. St-Denis noted that the edits were completed by R. Benson prior to his departure. The edits are to bring clarity and align with current practice.

Moved by L. Larson, K. Langley to adopt the revisions to Article 15 (see Appendix C). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i. Article 16

D. St-Denis noted that the edits were completed by R. Benson prior to his departure. The edits are to bring clarity and align with current practice.

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by B. Edamura to edit 16.1 to read as follows:

16.1. BID SELECTION Where two or more organizations bid for the same Western Canadian or Canadian Championships, bids must be presented to the Board of Directors at its October Meeting for review and vote. Bids must include a detailed budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

j. New Article 13.13

The Umpire Advisory Council would like to add this clause to 13 - Provincial Championships as item 14.

Automatic one (1) game suspension when ejected in or after the 5th Inning
Participants who are ejected in the 5th inning or later at Districts or Provincials will automatically receive a one (1) game suspension for the following game.

Moved by L. Larson, R. Allan, to add the following to 13 - Provincial Championships as item 14.

Automatic one (1) game suspension when ejected in or after the 5th Inning
Participants who are ejected in the 5th inning or later at Districts or Provincials will automatically receive a one (1) game suspension for the following game.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

k. Redundant info 19.13 and 13.11

Article 19.13 and 13.11 speak to the same topic but are written slightly differently.

Moved by B. Edamura, L. Larson to delete 13.11 and 19.13 and add the content to a new section titled Coach Responsibilities in the new Coaching Article.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. St-Dens pointed out that we have a coaches and player responsibility section in the girls and boys section of the SORs.

ACTION: D. St-Denis to determine how best to present this information in 2026. This includes examining if similar language should be represented in the women's, men's and slo-pitch sections.

l. Article 10 and 11

Withdrawn.

m. Edit to allocation of provincial fees

R. Allan presented her recommendation on deleting 13.2.2, 13.2.3, 13.2.4 and 13.7.6. This information is in the host agreement and by removing it from the handbook it will prevent us from having conflicting information in two places. We can also document these principles in appendix to our annual budget.

Moved by R. Allan, seconded by L. Larson to 13.2.2, 13.2.3, 13.2.4 and 13.7.6.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: D. St-Denis to ensure financial data from 13.2.2, 13.2.3, 13.2.4 and 13.7.6, and all other data that influences the budget is captured in appendix to the annual budget.

- n. Edit to performance bond - 14.1.5
R. Allan is recommending an edit to 14.1.5 to change it from a bond to a fee as it is a fee.

Moved by R. Allan, seconded by L. Larson to edit 14.1.5 to read
14.1.5 FEE A hosting agreement fee of \$200.00 will be billed to the successful applicants upon notification of acceptance. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- o. Article 13
Article 13 is being altered as follows:
- Edit 13.4.6. to read as follows: *“PLAYING CONDITIONS Prior to the start of the tournament and prior to the start of any game the decision as to the suitability of play (weather conditions or otherwise) shall be made by the Softball BC Representative or their appointed designate, in consultation with the UIC.. Once a game has started, the Umpires, in consultation with the Softball BC Representative, shall decide if it shall continue.”*
 - Delete 13.5.4 - Jewellery as this rule is covered under Softball Canada Rule 3 Sec. 10
 - Edit 13.5.6 to read as follows as *“Metal cleats are actually allowed in Rep ball at U15 and above”*. Metal cleats are not allowed in the game of Slo Pitch, Orthodox, Mixed Fast Pitch or any Minor category under U15.
 - Delete 13.5.8 Lost Helmet as this rule is covered by Softball Canada Rule 3 Sec.6.f.
 - Edit 13.7.2, 13.7.4 to reflect gender neutral language
 - Edit 13.8.5 to fix the typo in Canada.
 - Edit 13.9.4 to read *“ENTRY PASS ALLOCATION For ticketed events, teams competing in a Provincial Championship will be entitled to no more than five entry passes for all games, over and above the official player’s roster submitted at the coaches meeting.”*
 - Edit 13.9.5 to read *“ACCOMMODATION Leagues Association, hosting Provincial Championships will advise participating teams upon registration of the accommodations closest to the ballpark being used for this championship.”*

Moved by R. Allan, seconded by K. Langley to approve the above recommendations.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION:

D. St-Denis to re-write 13.3.

L. MacMillan to follow up on 13.6.2 with the Advisory Council.

L. MacMillan to check Softball Canada regulations and bring back 13.6.3.

- p. Article 8.6.13
D. St-Denis noted that the motion was passed in September by the Minor Advisory Council. It was not circulated to the membership nor did it come for a second vote

at the Council. We believe it got lost in the transition between chairs.

D. St-Denis noted that interpretations are subject to appeal thus the reference to the move in classification must be approved by the District Coordinator opens it up to appeal.

The directors agreed to send the motion back to the Advisory Council informing them that the Board was not willing to entertain the motion as written as an interpretation by a coordinator is subject to appeal. The Council needs to edit its motion by removing the reference to “agreed to by the District Coordinator and the Minor Director” if they wish to avoid having a required move up appealed.

ACTION: D. St-Denis to consult with the council on their proposed edit to 8.6.13.

4 New Business

4.01 Membership Applications

4.01.1 Layritz Little League – Application has been withdrawn as they will be registering their teams thru Lakehill.

5 Next Meeting & Adjournment

Confirmed March 12th @ 6pm – virtual

Confirmed April 5th & 6th – in person at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn

APPENDIX A

2025 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PROVINCIAL EVENTS			
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	Host
June 6-8 or 13-15	U11 Celebration	Region 1 (D1,2,3)	Open
June 6-8 or 13-15	U11 Celebration	Region 2 (D4,5,6,15)	Open
June 6-8	U11 Celebration	Region 3 (D7,8,14)	Langley
June 6-8 or 13-15	U11 Celebration	Region 4 (D9, 10, 11)	Open
June 6-8 or 13-15	U11 Celebration	Region 5 (D12, 13)	Open
June 13-15	Region 1 (D 1, 2 3)	Duncan	Duncan
June 13-15 or 20-22	Region 2 (D4,5,6,15)		Open
June 13-15 or 20-22	Region 3 (D7,8,14)		Open
June 20-22	Region 4 (D9,10,11)	Sicamous	Sicamous
June 13-15 or 20-22	Region 5 (D12, 13)		Open
June 27-29	U11 Showcase	Victoria / Ridge Meadows / Softball City	Lakehill / Ridge Meadows/ CASS
July 4-6	U15C	Richmond	Richmond
July 4-6	U17C	Langley	Langley
July 4-6	U20C	Vernon	Vernon
July 4-6	Masters Men		Open
July 11-13	U13B	Victoria	Langford
July 11-13	U15B	Parksville	Oceanside
July 11-13	Women A	Richmond	Richmond
July 11-13	Women B	Richmond	Richmond
July 11-13	Women D	Richmond	Richmond
July 18-20	U13A	Cloverdale	Cloverdale
July 18-20	U15A	Cloverdale	Cloverdale
July 18-20	U17B	Kelowna	Kelowna
July 18-20	U19B	Victoria	Langford
July 18-20	U17A	Softball City	CASS
July 18-20	U19A	Softball City	CASS
July 18-20	Boys		Open
July 25-27	Women Intermediate A	Richmond	Richmond

July 25-27	Women C	Richmond	Richmond
July 30- Aug. 3	U19 Women's Canadian	Softball City	CASS
August 8-10 or 15-17	Men's B & Intermediate A		Open
August 7-10	U13 Boys & Girls Western Canadian	Abbotsford	Abbotsford
August 10-16	M & W Slo-Pitch Canadians	Softball City	CASS
TBD	Masters M & W Western Canadian		Open
September 26-28	M & W Slo-Pitch	Softball City	CASS

APPENDIX B
NEW ARTICLE - COACHING REQUIREMENTS

- Developed by the Coaching Cev. Committee
 - Sent to councils in September.
 - October feedback from Minor Director - Hi. I am sorry about the delay in getting back to you about this. I think the Coaching Development Committee is doing a great job. I don't see any issues that would need the input from the MAC except for Coaching exemptions (many feel that too many are being issued and it is being abused). I'm sure that topic will come up with Bob at the Minor meeting at the congress.
 - No feedback from M & W
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1. Coaching Qualification Requirements

a. **Girls & Boys Fastpitch**

This article applies to teams attending District Playdowns, Regional Championship, Celebrations of Softball, Showcases or Provincial Championships

- i. Coach Registration - Teams registered must have an appropriate NCCP level coach listed on the Softball BC Team Registration form at the time of registration with Softball BC unless an exemption is granted due to reclassification. Failure to do so will make the team ineligible for participation in any Softball BC Provincial Championship.

Teams that are eligible to participate in District Playdowns or the U13 Regional Championship, U11C Celebration of Softball, U11 Rep Showcase or a Provincial must have a minimum of two (2) coaches registered with the team. Only one (1) needs to be qualified at the minimum NCCP level as per Article XXX (chart) below.

ii. **Minimum Coaching Qualifications**

- U11 Community, U11 Rep, U13C: Foundation of coaching softball 1 & 2 and MED Evaluation
- U13A, U13B (1st year team): Competition Introduction In Training and MED Evaluation
- U13A, U13B (2nd year team): Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation
- U15C, U17C, U20C: Community Sport On-Going Participation and MED Evaluation
- U15A, U15B, U17A, U17B, U19A, U19B: Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation

Commented [1]: Clarifying that it is U11Rep Showcase.

Replacing certified with qualified and tying it to the qualification chart.

DELETE 8.3.6.4, 9.2.10.7 and 9.2.10.10

Commented [2]: Edits to minimum qualifications reflect the recommendations from the coaching development committee.

DELETE 8.5.1 and 9.4.1

Note:

- *Introduction to Competition trained (i.e., attended Clinic #1 & #2)*
- *Competition – Introduction – Clinic #1 (In Training) - 16 hours*
- *Competition – Introduction – Clinic #2 (In Training) - 16 hours*
- *Completion of the Making Ethical Decisions module includes the successful completion of the evaluation.*

iii. **Coach on Field**

A qualified NCCP coach must be on the field of play at the Softball BC Celebrations, Showcases, Regionals, District Playdowns and Provincial Championship with the team they are registered with.

EFFECT: the team is ineligible without a qualified coach, and the game would be forfeited.

EXCEPTIONS:

- a. Softball BC may exempt any coach who, for any unusual or exigent circumstance, may not have achieved the appropriate level prior to a Provincial Championship. See article XXX.
- b. Medical emergencies or any unforeseen circumstances deemed so by the onsite Softball BC Board Rep.

b. Women's Fastpitch

i. **Coaching Qualifications - Provincials**

RECOMMENDED

- Women's C and D – Community Sport On-Going Participation and MED Evaluation
- Women's A and B – Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation

Note:

- *Introduction to Competition trained (i.e., attended Clinic #1 & #2)*
- *Competition – Introduction – Clinic #1 (In Training) - 16 hours*
- *Competition – Introduction – Clinic #2 (In Training) - 16 hours*
- *Completion of the Making Ethical Decisions module includes the successful completion of the evaluation.*

ii. Coaching Qualifications – Western and Canadian Championship

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION

- Western Canadian Championship – Community Sport On-Going Participation and MED Evaluation

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- Canadian Championship – required minimum Competition Introduction Certified and MED Evaluation

c. **Men's Fastpitch**

i. Coaching Qualifications - Provincials

RECOMMENDED

- Men's Intermediate A, B and C – Community Sport On-Going Participation and MED Evaluation
- Men's A and B – Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation

Note:

- *Introduction to Competition trained (i.e., attended Clinic #1 & #2)*
- *Competition – Introduction – Clinic #1 (In Training) - 16 hours*
- *Competition – Introduction – Clinic #2 (In Training) - 16 hours*
- *Completion of the Making Ethical Decisions module includes the successful completion of the evaluation.*

ii. Coaching Qualifications – Western and Canadian Championship

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION

- Western Canadian Championship – Community Sport On-Going Participation and MED Evaluation
- Canadian Championship – Competition Introduction Certified and MED Evaluation

d. Men's & Women's Slo Pitch

There are currently no minimum qualifications.

e. Summary Chart

Softball BC Coach Requirements by Category:

CATEGORY Softball BC Article	REQUIREMENT: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	REQUIREMENT: WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP	REQUIREMENT: CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP – Head Coach
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Commented [5]: Edits to minimum qualifications reflect the recommendations from the coaching development committee.

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U7/U9 Recommended	Foundation of coaching softball 1 & 2 and MED Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Girls & Boys - U11 Community and Rep	Foundation of coaching softball 1 & 2 and MED Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Girls - U13A (1 st year team):	Competition Introduction In Training and MED Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Girls - U13A (2 nd year team):	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Girls - U13B (1 st year team):	Competition Introduction In Training and MED Evaluation	Competition Introduction Trained	N/A
Girls - U13B (2 nd year team):	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	Competition Introduction Trained	N/A
Girls & Boys - U13C	Foundation of coaching softball 1 & 2 and MED Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Boys - U13Rep (1 st year team):	Competition Introduction In Training and MED Evaluation	Competition Introduction Trained	N/A
Boys - U13Rep (2 nd year team):	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	Competition Introduction Trained	N/A
Girls & Boys - U15A	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	N/A	Competition Introduction Certified *
Girls & Boys - U15B	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Girls & Boys - U15C	Community Sport On-Going Participation and MED Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Girls & Boys - U17A	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	N/A	Competition Introduction Certified *

Commented [6]: Softball Canada requirement - The Head Coach must be Competition - Introduction Certified. Assistant Coaches must be Competition - Introduction Trained.

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Girls & Boys - U17B	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Girls & Boys - U17C	Community Sport On-Going Participation and MED Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Women's - U19A	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	N/A	Competition Introduction Certified *
Women's - U19B	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Women's - U20C	Community Sport On-Going Participation and MED Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Men's U20	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	N/A	Competition Introduction Certified *
Men U23	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	N/A	Competition Introduction Certified *
Men's & Women's A Recommended	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	N/A	Competition Introduction Certified *
Men's & Women's B Recommended	Competition Introduction Trained and MED Evaluation	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Men's Intermediate A, B & C Recommended	Community Sport On-Going Participation and MED Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Women's C & D Recommended	Community Sport On-Going Participation and MED Evaluation	N/A	N/A

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* Assistant Coaches must be Competition Introduction Trained.

2. Coaching Qualification Exemptions

Softball BC may exempt any coach who, for any unusual or exigent circumstance, may not have achieved the appropriate coaching qualifications for participation in District Playdowns, Regional Championship, Celebrations of Softball, Showcases or Provincial Championships.

Coaches requesting an exemption must:

- i. Have completed the Safe Sport and Making Ethical Decisions online modules, and
- ii. Be in a position to demonstrated that all opportunities to obtain required qualifications were exhausted

A request for an exemption must be submitted online via the Softball BC Website.

NOTE: Softball BC cannot grant exemptions from Western Canadian or Canadian Coaching Qualifications requirements.

3. Apprentice Coach Program

a. Definitions

- i. **Minor Apprentice Coach** - A registered minor player who wishes to gain coaching skills under an experienced coach. The player must be 14 years of age and up and must have completed the Foundations of Coaching 1 and 2 at the time of application.

The apprentice coach may only be approved for a team in the same or lower classification as they are registered and only in a younger age category than their birth year category. For example, a U15 aged player registered in U17 is still considered to be a U17 aged player and can only coach in age group U13 and younger..

- ii. **Mentor Coach** - A rostered coach who is NCCP certified to the level they are currently coaching and have completed the online MED Evaluation (Making Ethical Decisions) at the time of the application.

b. Application Procedure

The application must be submitted online, via the Softball BC Website, by the mentor coach.

4. **Wheelchair Coaches** Criteria for on field (coach's box) participation

Commented [12]: The change ensures consistent between what is listed in the apprentice coach application on the Softball BC Website.

Reinforcing that the mentor must have completed the MED evaluation.

DELETE 8.1.1.5

EDIT 8.3.6.2 to read - Coaches: Five (5) coaches plus one Approved Minor Apprentice Coach paired with the rostered Mentor Coach. Apprentice Coaches are approved before Rosters are submitted, through an online application (see Article XX).

Edit 9.2.1.4 to read - . Minor Team Registration: Minor team registration is complete on the date when the coach or a representative of a Recognized Association has submitted a completed Softball BC Team Registration is uploaded to the registration site on or before the Final Registration Deadline. Registration is fifteen (15) players and five (5) coaches except for U20 teams which is 17 players). Plus, one Approved Minor Apprentice Coach paired with the rostered Mentor Coach. Apprentice Coaches are approved before Rosters are submitted, through an online application (see Article XX).

EDIT 9.2.10.2 Coaches: Five (5) coaches plus one Approved Minor Apprentice Coach paired with the rostered Mentor Coach. Apprentice Coaches are approved before Rosters are submitted, through an online application (see Article XX).

Commented [13]: Delete Article 18.3

- a. The wheelchair must be manually propelled. Motorized wheelchairs are not acceptable.
- c. Hazardous areas or protrusions of the wheelchair, as determined by the Softball BC Representative, in consultation with the Tournament Umpire-in-Chief and the Tournament Director, will be removed or padded.
- d. In reference to Softball Canada Rule 10.1 should a question pertaining to the safety of any participants, due to the mobility of the wheelchair coach, the plate umpire must consult with the Softball BC Board Representative, the Tournament Director and the Tournament Umpire-in-Chief before any action is taken.

ARTICLE 15 – WESTERN CANADIAN OR CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 15.1. **LETTER OF INTENT:** To represent BC at a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship, teams **must complete** and submit a Letter of Intent to Softball BC. Deadline for submission is as follows:
- Minor (U13-U19) - May 1st of the current playing season
 - Adult (fastpitch only) - June 1st of the current playing season
 - Adult (slo pitch only) - June 1st of the year PRECEDING the championship

must complete an online "Letter of Intent" by June 1st of the current playing year. MINOR ONLY: Deadline is May 1st:

- 15.2. **MUST ATTEND:** Teams that have submitted a Letter of Intent to participate in a Western Canadian or a Canadian Championship **and have qualified for that championship are obligated to attend**, and won the right to attend where Softball BC has committed to and/or paid for such an opportunity to attend, shall attend pursuant to the Notice of Intent. Teams failing to attend upon their commitment to do so, , may be liable for costs and further disciplinary action if a replacement team is not found to take that spot. Consequences may include **shall immediately be:**

- a. **LIABLE FOR COSTS associated with that commitment; The club/association to pay all costs** including but not limited to entry fees **administrative fees** and penalty assessments made by the Western Canadian Softball Association or Softball Canada **due to failure by the team to appear at said championship. Failure of players, coaches and where applicable, minor associations to reimburse Softball BC for any of the aforesaid costs and/or assessments upon a team's failure to attend a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship, will result in disciplinary action.**
- b. **DISQUALIFIED** from attending Districts or Provincials and ineligible for Western Canadian or Canadian Championships for the following season **when the team has ,having** six or more returning players.

- 15.3. **REPRESENTATIVE TEAM:** The team representing British Columbia at Canadian ('A' Classification) or Western Canadian ('B' Classification) Championships shall be as follows:

- a. **TOP PLAGE BC1:** The highest placing team at the **qualifying** Provincial Championship **team (except Slo Pitch and Mixed Orthodox)** to have completed a "Letter of Intent" **by the due date.**
TWO TEAMS If two teams are eligible to attend the Canadian or Western Canadian Championship, the top two eligible finishing teams are to represent British Columbia.
- b. **DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Where the defending champion from the previous year's championship is eligible to attend in the same category, and has submitted a "Letter of Intent by the due date, that team shall be designated as DC.
- c. **PRO RATA TEAM-** where Softball Canada or Western Canada Softball Association has allocated additional spots to Softball BC, those teams shall be designated as BC2, BC3, BC4, etc. based on their place of finish at the qualifying Provincial Championship.

- 15.4. **FOLLOW UP** Within 48 hours of winning a Provincial Championship, the team must contact the Softball BC office **to confirm their participation and receive** for further information. **on the trip to further competitions (Softball BC 604-371-0302):**

- 15.5. **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE:** Where Softball BC has designated funds to assist teams in travel costs to their respective championship, the funds will be paid to the club/association directly. Travel assistance is provided only to the team designated as BC1 (unless the defending champion team finishes higher at the appropriate Provincial Championship and had submitted a Letter of Intent before the deadline, in which case the DC will receive the travel assistance). Funding is based on a formula of number of teams and distance to the championship destination.

received by Softball BC from the Government or any other source allotted to teams, if any, will be by cheque at the discretion of the Softball BC Board of Directors:

FOLLOWING YEAR Mixed Orthodox Only: The first place team from the BC Provincial Championship will be offered the opportunity to attend the Canadian Championship in the following year as the BC representative (including travel funding if available). The second place team is offered the opportunity to attend the Western Canadian Championship in the following year as the BC Representative (including travel funding if available). If a second spot in the Canadian Championship is offered to BC it shall be first offered to the second place finisher (without any available travel funding) before it is offered to lower finishers. If taken by the second place finisher then the Western Canadian Representative Spot (and any available travel funding), shall be offered to the next highest finisher from the BC Provincial Championship:

Commented [1]: We do not have mixed ortho and there are not Canadian or Western Championships.

PRIOR-YEAR CHAMPION ~~Prior-year's Provincial Champion (Sto Pitch and Mixed-Orthodox only):~~

Commented [2]: This isn't saying anything!

- 15.6. **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 **Programs & Championships Director** ~~Minor Director~~ pursuant Articles 8.2.2 d), and 8.6.1, **9.2.1.6 and 9.2.10.6** shall be considered 'B' players.

DEFENDING CHAMPION: ~~Defending Champions from the Western Canadian Championships in Minor to be the Silver Medal winner of the Provincial Championship in the current year if the defending champion does not have eight returning players. In the event the Silver Medal team cannot attend, the Bronze medal team would be given the option. NOTE: As per the WCSA, there is no returning champion in U19-B.~~

Commented [3]: Delete, WCSA does not recognize defending champion and teams qualify based on order of finish at provincials plus host team

~~To be eligible to participate in any Minor Western or Canadian Championship all players must have participated in three games in an affiliated league with the team on which they are registered.~~

Commented [4]: Move to 15. 7

- 15.7. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible to participate in any Minor Western or Canadian Championship all players must have participated in three games in an affiliated league with the team on which they are registered.

- 15.8. **PROVINCIAL HOST TEAM:** ~~The host team will be selected by the host association and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.~~

Commented [5]: The host should have right to determine the host team.

~~will be determined as the highest finishing eligible team from the host:~~

- ~~a. Association~~
- ~~b. District~~
- ~~c. City~~

~~Men and Women: If a team from the host association, city and/ or District wins the Provincial Championship, then the second place team in the Provincial Championship would also go to the Canadian or Western Canadian Championship.~~

~~MINOR: If a host association/district/city does not compete in Provincials, the host team will be based on the decision of the host, declared prior to the Provincials.~~

- 15.9. **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE:** ~~Where a British Columbia team has won a Western Canadian Championship or Canadian Championship and, has the right to participate in the subsequent year's Western Canadian Championship or Canadian Championship as defending champion:~~

Commented [6]: The staff read this article to say that Softball BC will pay the fees for the defending champion to attend their championship in the subsequent year, and subsequently SBBC will pay the fees for the provincial champion or the second place finisher. SBBC has never paid the fees for a post provincial championship, Westerns do not recognize defending champions. We recommend we delete this article entirely

~~a. DUTY Where the defending champions submits a Letter of Intent by the applicable Softball BC deadline, Softball BC will complete all necessary correspondence and pay all necessary fees to ensure that the team that is eligible for the Western Canadian Championship or the Canadian Championship;~~

~~b. ALTERNATE when the defending champion may not be a current year's provincial champion, Softball BC will complete all necessary correspondence and pay all necessary fees to ensure that the current year's provincial champion team is eligible for the Western Canadian Championship or the Canadian Championship as the provincial representative;~~

~~c. BACKUP when the defending champion may be the current year's provincial champion, Softball BC will complete all necessary correspondence and pay all necessary fees so the second place finisher in that provincial championship (or, another team, as deemed appropriate by the British Columbia Softball Association) is eligible for the Western Canadian Championship or the Canadian Championship.~~

- 15.10 **FEE TO SOFTBALL BC:** ~~Softball BC shall receive \$250 for each Men and Women FP and SP and \$100 for each Minor Western Canadian Championship hosted in the Province of British Columbia:~~

Commented [7]: This relates to bids. As such should be in Article 16 (which is already is).