

Board of Directors Meeting February 3, 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 6:02 pm and provided a brief land acknowledgment.

1.02 Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by K. Langley, seconded by B. Edamura, to approve the agenda as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

1.03 Motion to approve minutes of December 13 & 14, 2024

Moved by S. Wheatley, seconded by T. Boizard, to approve the minutes of December 13 & 14, 2025, as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

1.04 Business Arising from the last meeting

a. Board Representative on Councils

Consent was reached to assign Baukje Edamura to the Minor Advisory Council, Lavaughn Larson to the Men's & Women's Council and Terri Boizard to the Umpire Advisory Council. The list of responsibilities for the Board Representatives was provided to all Directors (Appendix A).

2. Board Business

2.01 Committee Updates

a. Finance Committee

R. Allen reviewed the pre-circulated Treasurer's Report and the Board's Monthly Financial Report for December.

Moved by B. Edamura, seconded by R. Allen, to receive the Treasurer's Report.

i. Recommendation on Fines

R. Allen spoke to the proposed inclusion of fines for late registrations.

Moved by R. Allen, seconded by K. Langley, to approve the proposed fines as written

Discussion led to the addition of the word per team after \$100.

T. Boizard noted that the men's and slo-pitch teams have been historically late with their registrations and was concerned about the possible impact of applying fines. D. St-Denis noted that the Men's & Women's Advisory Council is reviewing the registration deadlines and suggested that the Association eventually take a stand to enforce deadlines as the behaviour will not change.

Moved by L. Parkes, seconded by K. Langley, to amend the proposal to delete the following from 12.1.6 - Teams not meeting this deadline will not be eligible for Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship qualifier play.

Carried (6-0-1 Edamura abstained)

Moved by R. Allen, seconded by K. Langley, to approve the proposed fines as amended (Appendix B).

Carried Unanimously

ii. <u>viaSport Funding Requirements</u> Pushed to the next meeting.

iii. Restricted Funds

Pushed to the next meeting.

b. Governance Committee

L. Parkes provided a brief overview of discussions from last week's meeting.

i. Membership Policy Update

Pushed to the April meeting.

ii. Review of Committee TORs

Pushed to the April meeting.

iii. <u>District Review Working Group</u>

Pushed to the April meeting.

c. Minor Advisory Council

i. Revised motions

Pushed to the February 10th meeting.

ii. Revised Minor Softball Rules (for U11R)

The original proposal from the Advisory Council was sent back for editing in December. The feedback was to ensure all deletions and modifications were noted in the document. Appendix C reflects the revisions from the Advisory

Council.

T. Boizard questioned whether coaches were consulted in these changes. She recommended a town hall be held to ensure the modifications were thoroughly thought through.

Further discussion led to a consensus agreement to alter the introductory text to inform readers that U9 rules are guidelines and U11C, U11R, and U13C rules will be enforced at all Softball BC Celebrations, Showcases and Regional Events.

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by B. Edamura, to approve the revised Minor Softball Rules document as presented.

Carried (5-0-2 Langley and Boizard abstained)

iii. Motions from Dec 19 Council

D. St-Denis reminded the Directors of the format approved at a previous meeting for the U11Rep Showcase and additional directions provided by the Minor Advisory Council on team registrations (Appendix D).

Moved by B. Edamura, seconded by R. Allen, to approve the edit to Article 8.1.7 as circulated (Appendix E). Carried Unanimously

D. St-Denis noted that the motion to add Article 9.1.25 (Appendix F) seemed to be an attempt by the Council to tackle the categorization issue without completing the "promised" full review of the rules. L. Larson agreed with the comment.

D. St-Denis recommended the Board wait for the MAC to address the motion to modify Article 15.8 regarding the Classification of Minor Players for Western and Canadian. This motion will be brought to the February 10th Board meeting. The Board should defeat the motion to add Article 9.1.25 at the next Board meeting in favour of having the staff include a statement at the beginning of Article 9. This statement would indicate that the article is under review to eliminate references to B and A, thereby categorizing all teams as C (community ball). 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 staff 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 inform members of the new Article 9. Appropriate notices will be placed on the website and other platforms.

Directors agreed to postpone the vote on the motion to add 9.1.25.

D. St-Denis informed the Board of her request to the Minor Advisory Council for feedback on combining the girls' and boys' rules into a single set. She indicated that the work to accomplish this would begin as soon as the new 2025 handbook is published.

Action: D. St-Denis to ensure item 9.1.25 is on the February 10th agenda.

iv. Council feedback edits to remove the word Director\ from minor regulations.

Moved by R. Allen, seconded by K. Langley, to approve the recommended edits to the articles noted in Appendix G.

Carried Unanimously

d. Men's & Women's Advisory Council

i. Revised motions

Moved by K. Langley, seconded by R. Allen, to approve revised Article 10.3.11 (Appendix H). Carried Unanimously

Moved by B. Edamura, seconded by L. Larson, to approve revised Article 10.4.5 (Appendix I).

Carried Unanimously

Moved by B. Edamura, seconded by K. Langley, to approve Article 10.7.1g (Appendix J). Carried Unanimously

Moved by R. Allen, seconded by B. Edamura, to approve Article 10.2.9 (Appendix K).

Carried Unanimously

- D. St-Denis reported the Council withdrew motions to alter 10.4.2, 13.6.2.and 12.1.4.1. The motion on the format for the slo-pitch provincials was withdrawn and will be resubmitted later.
- ii. Council feedback edits to remove the word Director\ from men's & women's and slo-pitch regulations.

Moved by R. Allen, seconded by S. Wheatley, to approve the recommended edits to the articles noted in Appendix L.

Carried Unanimously

e. Umpire Advisory Council

No report

f. Ad Hoc Committees

No Report

2.02 Email Votes Reporting

No email votes to report.

3 Operational Business

3.01 Management Report

a) Update on D6

Moved by R. Allen, seconded by L. Larson, to go in camera.

Carried Unanimously

Moved by L. Larson, seconded by R. Allen, to return to out of camera.

Carried Unanimously

b) Consultant - Financial area

D. St-Dens provided a written update on transitioning the accounting system to a paperless, cloud-based solution.

c) Migration to Google

D. St-Dens provided a written update on the transition to the Google Platform.

d) Consultant – Compliance with CASL and newsletters

D. St-Denis informed the Board that she has retained Brian Eradus from Area 25 to review the terms and conditions/waivers on RAMP for compliance with Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL). He will recommend an economical and easy-to-use newsletter system that can provide the analytical data we and our sponsors need. Additionally, his work will include creating clear procedures for maintaining the system, such as managing distribution lists.

e) Move to Virtual Office

D. St-Denis provided a written overview of the plan to transition the office to a fully remote office.

f) Canada Summer Games

D. St-Denis provided a written update on the coaching staff selection (replacements for men's program) and activity for the next 3 months.

g) Strategic Plan Update

D. St-Denis provided an overview of the strategic planning project.

h) OEI Update

D. St-Denis provided an overview of the OEI project.

3.02 Handbook

Nothing for this meeting

3.03 Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards

L. Parkes congratulated L. Larson on being named for the President's Award. She will receive her award in a ceremony held immediately before the Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards scheduled for Thursday, March 6, at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

D. St-Denis, B. Edamura and S. Wheatley will accompany L. Larson and her guest to the Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards. B. Edamura will attend the Presidents' Awards ceremony to present L. Larson with her awards.

Action: D. St-Denis to purchase tickets for the event and ensure all Softball guests are registered.

4 New Business

4.01 Membership Applications

a) Logan Lake Minor Softball Association

Moved by T. Boizard and seconded by L. Larson, to approve the Logan Lake Minor Softball Association membership application.

Carried Unanimously

b) Muskwa Fort Nelson Fastball Membership Application

Moved by R. Allen, seconded by K. Langley, to approve the membership application from Muskwa Fort Nelson Fastball Association.

Carried Unanimously

An enthusiastic welcome letter will be sent to both associations with an introduction to their district coordinators and UIC. An introduction to Alana Thomas was also recommended to ensure the timely review of the registration process.

Action: D. St-Denis to write a letter.

c) <u>Layritz Little League</u>

D. St-Denis reported that the Layritz application is on pause. The group is meeting with representatives from The Strawberry Vale Association about having SVI register their team vs creating a new association for one U9 team.

5 Next Meeting & Adjournment

- February 10th @ 6 pm Virtual
- March 12th @ 6 pm
 Virtual
- April 5th & 6th in person at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn. The schedule was circulated at the meeting.

Moved by R. Allen, seconded by K. Langley, to adjourn the meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Appendix A

Responsibilities of Board Representatives on Councils

The list responsibilities reflect the conversations and feedback received from the two town hall meetings and the AGM. This list will be shared with the Council Chairs when we notify them of the Board Representative appointments.

Role of the Board Representative on Councils

- Observe and report. Note that reporting back consists of ensuring minutes and motions are being brought forward in a timely manner by either the Chair or the staff liaison.
- Contribute when requested by the Chair.
- Intervene when the Council is not adhering to the by-laws and/or published policies or when the actions or initiatives of the Council are not aligned with Softball BC's strategic priorities as outlined in the Strategic Plan or Annual Operating Plan.
- Support the Chair by providing, when requested, advice on good governance.
- Non-voting.
- A meeting can proceed without the Board Representative being present.

APPENDIX B

MOTION FORM

Submitted by: Rachel Allan District: BOD

Date: January 22, 2025 Seconded by:

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

Article 8.3.4 – Minor Registration Deadline (Girls)

Article 9.2.1.6 – Minor Registration Deadline (Boys)

Article 10.3.10 – Team and player classification (Women's)

Article 11.3.9 – Team and player registration (Men's)

Article 12.1.6 – Registration (Slo-Pitch)

Article 13.2.7 - Deadlines

WHEREAS; (Article as currently written)

Add new 8.3.4.4

Add new 9.2.1.6 d

Add to 10.3.10

Add to 11.3.9

Add to 12.1.6

Remove from 13.2.7

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

8.3.4.4 – Team registrations received after the deadlines will be assessed a late registration fee of \$100 per team.

- 9.2.1.6 d Team registrations received after the deadlines will be assessed a late registration fee of \$100 per team.
- 10.3.10 The Softball BC team roster is to be approved by the Men's and Women's Coordinator or Director by June 30th of the current playing year. Team registrations received after the deadline will be assessed a late registration fee of \$100 per team.
- 11.3.9 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.

- 12.1.6 The registration date for Slo Pitch is May 1st. Team registrations received after the deadline will be assessed a late registration fee of \$100 per team. Teams not meeting this deadline will not be eligible for Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship qualifier play.
- 13.2.7 REMOVE "Failure to do so will result in a \$25 late fee."

RATIONALE (Intent)

Implementation of late registration fees to discourage teams/associations from registering late.

MINOR SOFTBALL RULES

Softball Canada has a plan to systematically develop players once they enter the sport up until they reach their full potential. This process is called Long-Term Player Development (LTPD). The LTPD guidelines are an important step in aligning player development and program development across the country and our province, at all levels and for all ages. Softball BC's minor softball rules follow the guidelines of the LTPD model and the Athlete Development Matrix set out by Softball Canada. These rules are guidelines for U9, U11 and U13C.

In addition to any other rules in the handbook, the following rules also apply to U9 to U13C.

- These rules are guidelines for U9 programs.
- U11C, U11R and U13C rules will be enforced at all Softball BC Celebrations, Showcases and Regional Events.
- Softball BC rules shall apply in all cases not covered below.

| RULE | U9C | U11C | U11R | U13C |
|---|-----|------|------|------|
| Rule 1 – The Playing Field | | | | |
| Base Path Distance | | | | |
| 45' (Softball Canada Standard) | * | * | * | |
| 55' (Softball Canada Standard) | | | | * |
| Pitching Distance | | | | |
| 30' (Softball Canada Standard) | * | | | |
| 35' (Softball Canada Standard) | | * | * | |
| 38' (Softball Canada Standard) | | | | * |
| Note: If coach pitcher, the defensive pitcher should stand at the minimum pitching distance listed above and no closer. | | | | |
| Rule 2 – Equipment | | | | |
| Ball | | | | |
| 11" indoor ball | * | | | |
| • 11" ball (COR .47) | | * | * | * |
| Helmet | | | | |
| All batters and base runners must wear helmets with straps done up from dugout to dugout unless compression helmets are used. | * | * | * | * |
| Defensive Face Mask | | | | |
| Mandatory for all defensive pitchers. | * | * | * | * |

| Rule 3 – Coaches, Players and Substitutes | | | | |
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| Coaches | | | | |
| Offensive and defensive coaches are permitted on the playing field. | * | | | |
| Players - Number of Players | | | | |
| Maximum of 8-9 players on a team. | * | | | |
| Recommended 6-7 players on the field¹. | * | | | |
| Must start the game with 9 players but may go down to 8 players due to injury. | | * | * | * |
| When playing with less than the maximum number of players, there are no automatic outs. A player who leaves the game for any reason may not re-enter that game. Note: Leaving the game means that if the player is not available to bat in the batting order that was submitted at the start of the game, they will not be eligible to rejoin the game. | | * | * | * |
| If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line up. | * | * | * | * |
| Substitutes | | | | |
| Unlimited defensive substitutions | * | * | * | * |
| Replacement Runner (Temporary Runner) | | | | |
| A coach may use a courtesy runner for the catcher or pitcher of record to prepare for the next inning when there are two out. | * | * | * | * |
| A player who may run for the catcher of record from the previous defensive inning and who is now on base with two out. The temporary runner must be: 1. Currently in the batting order. 2. The person in the batting order who is furthest from coming to bat and who is not on base. | | | | * |
| Playing Time | | | | |
| No player is to sit more than 1 consecutive inning ² . (pitchers warming up to enter the game are not considered to be sitting). | * | * | | * |
| All players must play at least 2 innings per game on defense in the first 4 innings of the game. | | * | * | * |
| A player cannot play the same position for more than 1 inning a game. | * | | | |
| A player cannot play the same position for more than 2 innings a game. | | * | | |
| A player cannot play the same position for more than 2 consecutive innings (except pitchers). | | | | * |
| A player cannot play in the same position more than 3 innings per game (except pitchers). | | | | <u>*</u> |
| Each player must play an infield and outfield position in a game. | | * | | |
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| Each player must play multiple positions in a game. | | | | * |
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| Coaches are encouraged to play all players as equally as possible over the course of the season. | <u>*</u> | <u>*</u> | | * |
| Rule 4 – The Game | | | | |
| Regulation Game | | | | |
| A new inning will not start after 1 hour 15 minutes after the scheduled start time. | * | | | |
| A new inning will not start after 1 hour 30 minutes after the scheduled start time. | | * | * | * |
| ● In case of weather or cancellation of a game by an official and when two innings have been completed, the score of the game will revert to the | • | • | • | • |
| last fully completed inning. | | | | |
| Run Ahead Rule | | | | |
| If any team is ahead by 10 runs after 4 innings or 7 runs after 5 complete innings, the game will be called. | | * | * | * |
| If any team is ahead by fifteen runs or more after three innings, or any inning thereafter, the game will be called. If any team is ahead by ten runs or more | | * | | |
| after five innings (4 ½ if Home Team), or any inning thereafter, the game will be called. A Run Ahead Rule shall result in the conclusion of the game when after 2 ½, 3, 3 ½, or 4 complete innings of play a 10 run mercy rule will be in effect. | | | | <u>*</u> |
| Run Limit Per Inning | | | | |
| Maximum of 3 runs per half inning for all innings of the game. | * | | | |
| Maximum of 4 runs per half inning for all innings of the game. | | * | * | |
| Maximum of 5 runs per half inning and open after 5 innings. Maximum of 5 runs per half inning for all games. | | | | * |
| Charged Conferences | | | | |
| A team is permitted three offensive conferences per inning. | | * | | |
| A team is permitted two offensive conferences per inning. | | | | * |
| A team is permitted two defensive conferences per inning. With the third conference, the pitcher must be removed from the pitcher position for the balance of the inning. | | <u>*</u> | | <u>*</u> |
| Rule 5 – Pitching Regulations | | | | |
| Pitching | | | | |
| Coach pitcher – 5 pitches. If they haven't hit after 5 pitches, they hit off a tee. they are given first base. | * | | | |
| • First half of the season: Player pitching to opposing team until the batter receives a 4 th ball, which would normally result in a walk. This is where the game changes. After the 4 th ball, the batter will have a count against them. It will either be 4 balls (0 strikes 4-0), 4-1 or 4-2. The hitter's coach or designate from offensive team, will now come in and pitch to their own batter and carry out the count. Now a 5 th ball will be a walk and 3 rd strike is still an out. | | * | | |
| When a coach comes into pitch, the maximum hit a batter can earn is a double. | | * | | |
| Last half of season: Player pitch – normal count. After 3 strikes, batter out. After 4 balls, batter walks. | | * | | |

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| Player pitch – normal count. After 3 strikes, batter out. After 4 balls, batter walks. | | | * | * |
| Pitching Limitations | | | | |
| A pitcher is allowed to pitch a maximum of two innings. One pitch equals one inning. | | * | | |
| A pitcher is allowed to pitch a maximum of three innings. One pitch equals one inning. | | | * | |
| A pitcher is allowed to pitch a maximum of four innings. One pitch equals one inning. | | | | * |
| Pitching limitation rule is suspended in extra innings or international rule. | | * | * | * |
| Hit Batters | | | | |
| If the same pitcher hits two batters in an inning, the coach should consider removing the pitcher for the remainder of that inning. | | * | | |
| Walks | | | | |
| Walks are allowed. | | * | * | * |
| Intentional Walks | | | | |
| There are no intentional walks. | * | * | * | * |
| Rule 6 – Batting | | | | |
| Number of Batters | | | | |
| All players bat. All eligible players will appear on the batting order (whether they are in the field defensively or not). | * | * | * | * |
| Late Players | | | | |
| Players who arrive after the start of the game will be placed last in the batting order and bat their turn. | * | * | * | * |
| Bunting | | | | · |
| Bunting is permitted. | | * | * | * |
| Slapping is not permitted. | * | * | * | |
| Rule 7 – Batter-Runner & Runner | | | | |
| Third Strike Rule | | | | |
| Third strike rule is not in effect. | * | * | * | * |
| Infield Fly Rule | | | | |
| Infield fly rule is not in effect. | * | * | * | * |
| Stealing | | | | |
| Base runner cannot steal bases; runner can only run to the next base when the batter makes contact (no | * | | | |
| stealing). Base runners can practice taking jumps off the bases but cannot steal a base. | | | | |
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| Base runners may steal on any legally pitched ball when it has left the pitchers hand. | | * | * | * |
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| A player can only advance one base on a steal attempt. | | * | | |
| A player can advance two bases on a steal attempt. | | | * | * |
| A player can not advance to home on a steal, passed ball, or wild pitch. The player must be batted in or forced home by a walk. | | * | | |
| A player can not advance to home on a steal, passed ball, or wild pitch. The player must be batted in or forced home by a walk or is part of a continuation of a play (i.e. overthrow). | | | * | |
| Lead Offs | | | | |
| Runners may leave the base when the ball has left the pitchers hand. Runner will be called out for leaving early. | | * | * | * |
| Sliding | | | | |
| Sliding is allowed. | * | * | * | * |
| Base Runner Advancement | | | | |
| Following a fair hit ball, runners may only advance a maximum of two bases. | * | | | |
| Following a fair hit ball, the advancing of runners is considered 'over' when the ball is returned to a player in the infield (inside the base paths or on a base). Runners may continue to the base they are heading to but the fielders may attempt to throw/tag the runner out. | | * | | |
| Wild Throw ³ | | | | |
| Runners do not advance on a wild throw. | * | | | |
| Runners may advance one base on a wild throw and do so at the risk of being thrown/tagged out. Runner cannot advance an additional base if two consecutive wild throws are made in the same play. | | * | | |
| Runner may advance one base on a wild throw and do so at the risk of being thrown/tagged out. Runner may try to advance one base per wild throw if consecutive wild throw are made in the same play to a maximum of two⁴. | | | * | * |
| Players may not advance to any base on a catcher wild throw to the pitcher after a pitch. | | * | * | |
| Rule 8 – Dead Ball-Ball in Play | | | | |
| First base will not be awarded for being hit by a pitch from a coach-pitcher. | * | | | |
| First base is awarded for being hit by a pitch from a player-pitcher. | | * | * | * |
| Rule <mark>9</mark> – Protests | | | | |
| There are no protests or appeals. | * | | | |

| There are no protests but appeals are allowed. | | * | * | * |
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| Protests are permitted at Districts and Provincials only. | | | | <u>*</u> |
| Rule 10 – Scoring | | | | |
| Scores & Standings | | | | |
| Score and standing will not be kept as emphasis is on player and team skill development. | * | | | |
| Score and standings can be kept. | | * | * | * |

Best Practices:

Clarifications:

³ Wild throw (define in Softball Canada rule book 5.1.52) a throw in which the ball thrown from one fielder to another cannot be caught or controlled and remains in play. In contrast with 'overthrow' which is defined as when a ball is thrown from one fielder to another, and the ball goes beyond the boundary lines of the playing field or becomes a blocked ball (define in Softball Canada rule book 5.1.36 and Effect in 5.11b).

⁴ For example: A player cannot get a homerun on a bunt. If a batter bunts a ball and an overthrow occurs at first, the batter may try to advance to second at their own risk. If there is then an overthrow at second base, the batter-runner may try to advance to third base at their own risk. If there is a subsequent overthrow at third base, the batter-runner will hold at third base.

Resources:

U7 Timbits Softball

- refer to the Timbits Softball program manual which can be ordered from Softball BC
- more information about Timbits softball can be found at https://www.softball.bc.ca/content/timbits-softball and https://www.softball.bc.ca/content/timbits-softball and https://softball.ca/programs/timbitssoftball

Long-Term Player Development (LTPD)

• more information about the LTPD can be found at https://softball.ca/ltpd

Athlete Development Matrix (ADM)

¹ Number of players on the field could depend on a number of factors. Teams may choose not to have a players in the catching position or in the outfield. Instead, extra players can be on the side lines participating in one or two skill stations while their team is on defence. Teams may also choose to have extra players on the side lines practicing pitching with a parent or coach while their team is on defence. Coaches with larger teams are encouraged to find creative ways to engage their players in additional skill practice instead of placing additional players in the outfield at this level.

² Coaches should try to ensure that every player sits out one inning before any player sits out two innings.

| • | more information about the ADM can be found at |
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Appendix D - Showcase Format

U11 Rep proposal for U11 Rep Showcase Events (Pilot)

- These are not provincial events and there are no district playdowns
- 3 events with 2 in the lower mainland and possibly one on Vancouver Island or in District 9 (like a regional)
- Each event would be capped at 16 teams
- Format to be a 3-game round-robin with top 8 and bottom 8 teams moving to single knock-out playoffs
- Timing June 27 to 29 weekend for 2025
- All teams who wish to enter the year-end event can register to do so first come, first serve, however teams can choose first and second choice of location. To create meaningful competition, the committee will determine the best location to balance skills and abilities of teams.
- Events need to be advertised earlier with notice of cap to number of teams to increase urgency to register.
- \$450 to be charged for each team so that the events are revenue neutral. See financial spreadsheet attached.

MOTION: Establish a pilot of the U11 Rep Showcase events for 2025. Event outcomes, feedback and rules to be evaluated after the 2025 season by the committee.

Additional information:

- SBC reserve the right to move team(s) playing in the Lower Mainland Showcase from 1 location to another location to keep the tournament at an even number of teams at each location in the Lower Mainland
- Showcase Tournament on Vancouver Island will open prior to the Lower Mainland for teams on Vancouver Island to register first
- Teams can register to attend any of the 3 locations

11/19/24, 8:45 AM

Re: Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS - Minor Advisory Council Chair - Outlook



Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Date 11-10-2024

Submitted by Shannon Maion

District

Seconded by Jake Zboya

District 8

REFERENCE: (Article and 8.1.7 Subsection)

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)

Dropped third strike - in U13B & C and under categories the batter is out on the third strike, whether or not the ball is caught. The ball remains live.

Revision, Addition, Deletion, Amendment (choose one)

Revision

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Dropped third strike - In U13 or under categories, the batter is out on the third strike regardless of whether the ball is caught.

The ball remains live.

RATIONALE:

Brings the rule in line with Softball Canada 5.5.1b in which the dropped third strike rule is NOT in effect for any category of U13.

Creates more parody between U13 first and second year teams as U13 is when the greatest gap between first and second year teams is. This will also potentially allow teams to get another inning of play in as having dropped third in effect drags out innings.

Creates a skill progression to U15. U15 would then have both the infield fly and the dropped third strike rule in effect as per Softball Canada.

CONSEQUENCES FOR

NON-COMPLIANCE:

11/19/24, 8:45 AM

Re: Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS - Minor Advisory Council Chair - Outlook

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED (including definitions

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

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Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Date 11-21-2024

Submitted by Andy Ferguson

District 12

Seconded by Les Kutenics

District 13

Subsection)

REFERENCE: (Article and Article 9. This is a new Definition.

WHEREAS: (Article as

currently written)

N/A

Addition

Revision, Addition, Deletion, Amendment (choose one)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 9.1.25 CLASSIFICATION - all Minor Boy's 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.

RATIONALE:

The entire article 9 is undergoing a rewrite. One of the major changes will be to remove the references to A and B ball since Boy's Provincials are C only. Adding this definition will help ensure and even playing field for Provincials; the tournament will remain a C tournament until we get enough players to make

the Rep side.

CONSEQUENCES FOR

NON-COMPLIANCE:

Attendance at Provincials will not be allowed.

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED

(including definitions

Any rule in Article 9 that references, A, B or Rep ball will be affected.

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IMPLICATIONS:

none

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| Article 5 - Appeals | |
| 5.1.1. NON-DISCIPLINARY | |
| 5.1.1.1. Before a Non-disciplinary appeal will be considered by the Softball BC Appeal Committee, an Appeal must first be submitted in writing or electronic form to the appropriate level as outlined below and dealt with at that level, and where necessary, each succedent level. | a. ASSOCIATION LEVEL where the Association or League has rendered the decision to the appropriate District Coordinator or District U.I.C.; b. DISTRICT LEVEL where the District Coordinator or District U.I.C has rendered the decision, to the appropriate Programs & Championship Director Director |
| a. ASSOCIATION LEVEL where the Association or League has rendered the decision, to the appropriate District Coordinator or District U.I.C.; b. DISTRICT LEVEL where the District Coordinator or District U.I.C has rendered the decision, to the appropriate Director or Provincial U.I.C.; c. SOFTBALL BC LEVEL where a Softball BC Director or Provincial U.I.C. has rendered the decision, to Appeal to a Softball BC Appeal Committee; d. CONFLICT the President of Softball BC may direct it to the next appropriate level or directly to an Appeal Committee where there is | or Provincial U.I.C.; c. SOFTBALL BC LEVEL where a Softball BC Board Representative or Staff Director or Provincial U.I.Chas rendered the decision, to Appeal to a Softball BC Appeal Committee; d. CONFLICT the President of Softball BC may direct it to the next appropriate level or directly to an Appeal Committee where there is a level conflict. |
| 8.1.22. MAXIMUM 20 GAMES - A team may not pick up the same player for more than 20 combined games as a pick-up player where that SBBC team registers at a higher classification and/ or category. Playing in more than 20 combined games will result in the player being ineligible to participate in a SBBC District Playdown tournament, a SBBC Provincial Championship and a Canadian Championship. A waiver may be applied for by the player contacting the minor Director in writing to request permission. The waiver will be determined at the Minor Director's sole discretion. Number of games calculation will be from March 1st to June 15th of the playing season. It will include all tournament, exhibition and regular season games, both in and out of province. | 8.1.22. MAXIMUM 20 GAMES - A team may not pick up the same player for more than 20 combined games as a pick-up player where that SBBC team registers at a higher classification and/ or category. Playing in more than 20 combined games will result in the player being ineligible to participate in a SBBC District Playdown tournament, a SBBC Provincial Championship and a Canadian Championship. A waiver may be applied for by the player contacting the Programs & Championship Director minor Director in writing to request permission. The waiver will be determined at the Programs & Championship Director Minor Director's sole discretion in consultation with the Minor District Coordinator(s). Number of games calculation will be from March 1st to June 15th of the playing season. It will include all tournament, exhibition and regular season games, both in and out of province. |

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8.2. MINOR STRUCTURE

- 8.2.2. For all other Minor Categories, teams will be classified as follows:
 - a. A Classification: Rep Classification open to all teams, with the intent that this classification includes the most competitive teams in the Category.
 - b. B Classification: Rep Classification for teams not competing in the A Classification, subject to a Classification Review by the Minor Coordinator U11 Community teams will be classified as C.
 - c. C Classification: Community Classification open to teams of novice or recreational players.
 - i. Tryouts are not allowed for teams in the C Classification.
 - ii. The 'C' Provincial Championships, U13C Regional Championships and U11 Celebrations of Softball will emphasize participation and fun.
 - d. The District Minor Coordinator has the obligation and responsibility to ensure that teams are properly classified within his or her 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.

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

Note: The office will create a standard operating procedure (SOP) for coordinators to follow when conducting an investigation.

8.3.2. REGISTERED MINOR PLAYER

- 8.3.2.3 Release/Abandon: No player shall be released from a team or abandon a team within an Association once the player has registered with the Association, paid their registration fees to the Association and has been placed on a team for that current season by the Association. The player must play for this Association for the current season and is not permitted to switch associations and teams during the season. A release from an Association's team shall only be considered if:
 - a. A written release request is received by the Association from the

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player explaining the reasons for the release request.

- b. The players team will not be jeopardized or put into a position of collapse due to the loss of the player.
- c. The District Minor Coordinator and Minor Director mutually agree that under exceptional circumstances a release and/or transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball BC.
- 8.3.2.4 Release: The discharge of a player already approved to a Softball BC Team Registration Form in the current year. A release shall only be considered if:
 - a. A written request is received from a player, as confirmed by the player's coach, by the District Minor Coordinator seven (7) clear days prior to any District playdown affecting the team in which a player wishes to be released from, and from the team the player wishes to transfer to, and;
 - b. The coach mutually agrees to strike the player's name from the team's Softball BC Team Registration form, and;
 - c. A coach from any other team in the District mutually agrees to accept the player's registration on their team without affecting the registration of any other player already signed with the team and;
 - d. The District Minor Coordinator and Minor Director mutually agree that under exceptional circumstances a release and/or transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball BC

a. The District Minor Coordinator and **Programs and Championship Director**Minor Director mutually agree that under exceptional circumstances a release and/or transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball BC.

d. The District Minor Coordinator and Programs and Championship Director

Minor Director

mutually agree that under exceptional circumstances a release and/or transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball BC

8.3.4 MINOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

- 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 the 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.
- 8.3.4.1. A' team Rosters must be uploaded and marked confirmed by the registrar by May 1st of the current year. Additions/deletions under the 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 Programs and Championship Director 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

| | 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. 3. Changes after the deadline must be approved by the Minor Director. Such changes shall be processed by the Softball BC office once per week. Changes will be considered for extreme circumstances only. | 8.3.4 | 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 Programs and Championship Director Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster. 3 Changes after the deadline must be approved by the Programs and Championship Director Minor Director. Such changes shall be processed by the Softball BC office once per week. Changes will be considered for extreme circumstances only. |
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| | TRANSFER: The transfer of a Registered Minor Player from one Softball BC Roster Form to another. Only considered if: A written request is received from a player, approved by the player's coach and the District Minor Coordinator at least seven days prior to District playdown affecting either team; and | | TRANSFER: The transfer of a Registered Minor Player from one Softball BC Roster Form to another. Only considered if: A written request is received from a player, approved by the player's coach and the District Minor Coordinator at least seven days prior to District playdown affecting either team; and |
| b. | The coach agrees; and | b. | The coach agrees; and |
| C. | A coach from another team in the District agrees to accept the player's registration on their team without affecting the registration of any other Registered Minor Player already on that team; and | C. | A coach from another team in the District agrees to accept the player's registration on their team without affecting the registration of any other Registered Minor Player already on that team; and |
| d. | The District Minor Coordinator(s) and Minor Director agree that exceptional circumstances mean that a transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball BC | d. | The District Minor Coordinator(s) and Minor Director agree that exceptional circumstances mean that a transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball BC |
| 8.3.7. | TEAM | 8.3.7 | TEAM |
| 8.3.6. | 1. Maximum Players: For teams U17 and under, maximum of 15 players. For U19 A & B and U20C teams, maximum of 17 players. Exceptions may be granted under extraordinary circumstances with the approval of the District Minor Coordinator and the Minor Director. | 8.3.6 | 7.1. Maximum Players: For teams U17 and under, maximum of 15 players. For U19 A & B and U20C teams, maximum of 17 players. Exceptions may be granted under extraordinary circumstances with the approval of the District Minor Coordinator and the Minor Director. |

| 8.3.6.6. When Roster Forms are submitted, they must be classified ('A', 'B', or 'C'). Teams may not change category or classification unless reclassified by the Minor Director. | 8.3.6.6 When Roster Forms are submitted, they must be classified ('A', 'B', or 'C'). Teams may not change category or classification unless reclassified by the Programs and Championship Director Minor Director in consultation with the District Minor Coordinator. |
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| 8.4.4. Teams of Minor Players wishing to play league or exhibition games against Men's or Women's teams much have written consent from the Minor Director and the Men's and Women's Director. | 8.4.4 Teams of Minor Players wishing to play league or exhibition games against Men's or Women's teams much have written consent from the appropriate Minor and Men's & Women's District Coordinators. the Minor Director and the Men's and Women's Director |
| 8.5.2. COACH ON FIELD: A qualified NCCP coach must be on the field of play at the District Playdowns and Provincial Championship with the team they are registered with. EFFECT: the team is ineligible without a coach, and the game would be forfeited. EXCEPTIONS: a. Medical emergencies or any unforeseen circumstances deemed so by the Softball BC Board Rep | 8.5.3. COACH ON FIELD: A qualified NCCP coach must be on the field of play at the District Playdowns and Provincial Championship with the team they are registered with. EFFECT: the team is ineligible without a coach, and the game would be forfeited. EXCEPTIONS: a. Medical emergencies or any unforeseen circumstances deemed so by the Softball BC Board Rep |
| b. The Softball BC Director of Coaching may exempt any coach who, for any unusual or exigent circumstance, may not have achieved the appropriate level prior to a Provincial Championship. | b. The Softball BC Programs and Championship Director or designate Director of Coaching may exempt any coach who, for any unusual or exigent circumstance, may not have achieved the appropriate level prior to a Provincial Championship. |
| 8.6.8. DISTRICT PLAYDOWNS | 8.6.8. DISTRICT PLAYDOWNS |
| 8.6.8.1. District playdowns will be a modified Round Robin or Knockout Championship Draw, as determined by the District Minor Coordinator. 8.6.8.2. The Softball BC Minor Director shall provide the District Minor Coordinators with standard draws for District playdowns. | 8.6.8.1 District playdowns will be a modified Round Robin or Knockout Championship Draw, as determined by the District Minor Coordinator. 8.6.8.2 The Softball BC Programs and Championship Director Minor Director shall provide the District Minor Coordinators with standard draws for District playdowns. |
| 8.6.14.4. Pickup players are not position specific. If a team needs to pick up a player, they must ask everyone who is eligible in their own district first if they are willing to be picked up (this means that all players must be asked to be a pickup and not just a specific position before a team | 8.6.14.4 Pickup players are not position specific. If a team needs to pick up a player, they must ask everyone who is eligible in their own district first if they are willing to be picked up (this means that all players must be asked to be a pickup and not just a specific position before a team can go out of district). |

| can go out of district). The Minor Director may authorize out of district pickups under extreme and unusual circumstances. | The Programs and Championship Director Minor Director may authorize out of district pickups under extreme and unusual circumstances. |
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| 8.11 Interprovincial Events | 8.11 Interprovincial Events |
| CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: U19A Female U17A U15A | CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: U19A Female U17A U15A WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: U19B Female |
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BOYS SECTION (which is currently under a rewrite) MAC – Boys Rules should be the same as the Girls with exceptions if needed

| 9.1.1.3 | Release/Abandon: No player shall be released from a team or abandon a team within an Association once the player has registered with the Association, paid their registration fees to the Association and has been placed on a team for that current season by the Association. The player must play for this Association for the current season and is not permitted to switch associations and teams during the season. A release from an Association's team shall only be considered if: a. A written release request is received by the Association from the player explaining the reasons for the release request. b. The players team will not be jeopardized or put into a position of collapse due to the loss of the player. | c. | The District Minor Coordinator and Programs and Championship Director Minor Director mutually agree that under exceptional circumstances a release and/or transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball BC. |
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| team's Softball BC Team Reg | istration form, and; | BC |

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| | Championship Director with the results of a thorough investigation and a recommendation to reclassify or not. Programs and Championship Director in consultation with the District Minor Coordinator shall decide and inform the team. Reclassification can be done up to but not including the date of the team's participation in a Provincial Championship. |
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| 9.2.12.4. Teams of minor players wishing to play league or exhibition games against Men's or Women's teams must have written consent from the Minor Director and the Men's and Women's Director. | Teams of minor players wishing to play league or exhibition games against Men's or Women's teams must have written consent from the appropriate Minor and Men's & Women's District Coordinators. the Minor Director and the Men's and Women's Director |
| 9.3.2.3. The following apply to "B" and "C" teams picking up players for Provincial Championships: a. Within a given District, teams will be permitted to pick up in the following order: | 9.3.2.4. The following apply to "B" and "C" teams picking up players for Provincial Championships: g. Within a given District, teams will be permitted to pick up in the following order: |
| i. The team that places first at District Championships; | i. The team that places first at District Championships; |
| іі. The team that is hosting the Provincial Championships; | ii. The team that is hosting the Provincial Championships; |
| iii. Teams that earned pro rata spots in the Provincial Championships, in the order in which they earned those spots. | iii. Teams that earned pro rata spots in the Provincial Championships, in the order in which they earned those spots. |
| Each team will be given 48 hours to select their pickups before the next team is given their turn. b. In-District pickups must be approved in writing by the District Minor Coordinator. | Each team will be given 48 hours to select their pickups before the next team is given their turn. h. In-District pickups must be approved in writing by the District Minor Coordinator. |
| c. Teams must pick up from within their District where there are players available in the same category and classification or one lower category or classification (but not both). | Teams must pick up from within their District where there are players available in the same category and classification or one lower category or classification (but not both). |
| d. A player that declines an invitation to be a pickup for a team within her or his District may subsequently accept an offer to be a pickup for another team within her or his District but may not be a pickup for any team outside her or his District for any Provincial Championship that season. | j. A player that declines an invitation to be a pickup for a team within her or his District may subsequently accept an offer to be a pickup for another team within her or his District but may not be a pickup for any team outside her or his District for any Provincial Championship that season. |

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e. Pickup players are not position specific. If a team needs to pick Pickup players are not position specific. If a team needs to pick up a player, they must ask everyone who is eligible in their own up a player, they must ask everyone who is eligible in their own district first if they are willing to be pick up (this means that all district first if they are willing to be pick up (this means that all players must be asked to be a pick up and not just a specific players must be asked to be a pick up and not just a specific position before a team can go out of district. The Minor Director position before a team can go out of district. The Programs and Championship Director Minor Director may authorize out of may authorize out of district pickups under extreme and unusual circumstances. district pickups under extreme and unusual circumstances. f. A player who is requested to be a pickup and whose team is A player who is requested to be a pickup and whose team is participating in a Western or Canadian Championship after the participating in a Western or Canadian Championship after the Provincial Championship for which they are being picked up Provincial Championship for which they are being picked up must have written permission of their coach before they may be must have written permission of their coach before they may be picked up. Permission may be indicated by providing a copy of picked up. Permission may be indicated by providing a copy of the team's approved Softball BC roster to the coach of the team the team's approved Softball BC roster to the coach of the team picking the player up. picking the player up. 9.4.2. An NCCP softball certified coach must be on the field of play at the 9.4.3. An NCCP softball certified coach must be on the field of play at the Championship with the team that they are registered with. Failure to have Championship with the team that they are registered with. Failure to have such a coach will make the team ineligible, and the game would be such a coach will make the team ineligible, and the game would be forfeited. EXCEPTION: Medical Emergencies or any unforeseen forfeited. EXCEPTION: Medical Emergencies or any unforeseen circumstances deemed so by the Softball BC Board Rep) circumstances deemed so by the Softball BC Board Rep) The Director of Coaching may provide an exemption to any coach who, The **Programs and Championship Director or designate Director of** Coaching may provide an exemption to any coach who, for any unusual for any unusual or exigent circumstance, may not have achieved the appropriate level prior to competition at a Provincial Championship. or exigent circumstance, may not have achieved the appropriate level prior to competition at a Provincial Championship. The Softball BC Programs and Championship Director Minor Director 9.5.2. The Softball BC Minor Director shall provide the District Minor provide the District Minor Coordinators with a set of standard tournament draws Coordinators with a set of standard tournament draws and rules for all and rules for all District playoffs. District playoffs. 9.7.6. COMBINED CLASSIFICATION FOR U13, U15 AND U17: 9.7.6 COMBINED CLASSIFICATION FOR U13, U15 AND U17: 9.7.6.1. where there are 4 or less teams attending a Provincial, those 9.7.6.1. where there are 4 or less teams attending a Provincial, those teams will

be combined with the next classification to form a combined Provincial.

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will be combined to form a combined Provincial Championship on the 'B' weekend.

- 9.7.6.3. if the classification with 4 or less teams is 'B' or 'C', those classifications will be combined to form a combined Provincial Championship on the 'B' weekend.
- 9.7.6.4. in a combined Provincial Championship, the teams will be seeded by the Softball BC Minor Director.
- 9.7.6.5. the top 6 teams in the modified round robin will advance to the Knockout Championship Draw in the higher classification.
- 9.7.6.6. the next highest playing teams (to a maximum of 6 teams) in the modified round robin will advance to the Knockout Championship Draw final in the lower classification.
- 9.7.6.7. in a combined championship of 11 or less teams the Minor Director will determine by the coaches meeting the number of teams placed in the higher classification.
- 9.7.6.8. the difference in provincial fees between A and B classification will be paid to the Softball BC office by August 1st.

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- 9.7.6.3. if the classification with 4 or less teams is 'B' or 'C', those classifications will be combined to form a combined Provincial Championship on the 'B' weekend.
- 9.7.6.4. in a combined Provincial Championship, the teams will be seeded by the Softball BC Programs and Championship Director Minor Director
- 9.7.6.5. the top 6 teams in the modified round robin will advance to the Knockout Championship Draw in the higher classification.
- 9.7.6.6. the next highest playing teams (to a maximum of 6 teams) in the modified round robin will advance to the Knockout Championship Draw final in the lower classification.
- 9.7.6.7. in a combined championship of 11 or less teams the **Programs** and Championship Director Minor Director will determine by the coaches meeting the number of teams placed in the higher classification.
- 9.7.6.8. the difference in provincial fees between A and B classification will be paid to the Softball BC office by August 1st.

Canadian Championships

- **15.8. 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 Articles 8.2.2
 - d) and 8.6.13 shall be considered 'B" players.

- 15.9. 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 and Championship Director Minor Director pursuant Articles 8.2.2
 - d) and 8.6.13 shall be considered 'B" players.

WESTERN/CANADIAN BIDS

16.3 LOSS Softball BC will, upon receipt of a financial statement from the host, supply up to \$2,500.00 should the host report a loss. The grant will be prorated based on the amount of loss, as determined by the Softball BC Director.

LOSS Softball BC will, upon receipt of a financial statement from the host, supply up to \$2,500.00 should the host report a loss. The grant will be prorated based on the amount of loss, as determined by the Softball BC **Programs and Championship Director Director.**

INVITATONAL TOURNAMENTS

17.3.1. All tournaments hosted by members in good standing of Softball BC are automatically sanctioned. Those sanctions shall remain in place until such time as officially removed in writing or electronic form by the Director.

17.3.2. All tournaments hosted by members in good standing of Softball BC are automatically sanctioned. Those sanctions shall remain in place until such time as officially removed in writing or electronic form by the Softball BC Programs and Championship Director Director.

GENERAL

- 18.1.9. COORDINATOR ELECTION: the applicable director or their appointee shall arrange an election to be held before September 30th of the current year and shall:
 - a. Provide a list of nominees and the date, time and in writing or electronic form at least 14 days before the election to:
 - i. the President or Executive of each Club or Association, and
 - ii. the coach or manager of every independent team in the District
 - b. Arrange an election by secret ballot and have it monitored by at least 3 scrutineers who are non-voting delegates;

COORDINATOR ELECTION: the **Softball BC Executive Director**applicable director or their appointee shall arrange an election to be held before September 30th of the current year and shall:

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- i. the President or Executive of each Club or Association, and
- ii. the coach or manager of every independent team in the District
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Softball BC Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Men's and Women's and Umpire Advisory Council Only

| Advisory Council (choose one) | Men's and Women's Advisory Council |
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Date Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Submitted by Diane MacPherson

District 14

Seconded by Suzy Parker

District 6

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

2024 HB 10.3.11

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)

The addition/deletion form shall be in effect up to and including the day of the Provincial coaches' meeting. Only additions for documented medical reasons, or moved out of the province will be considered for approval by the Men's and Women's Coordinator. After July 1st, approval is to come from the Men's and Women's Director.

Revision, Addition, Deletion (choose one)

Revision

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Changes to rosters will be permitted using the addition / deletion form as long as there is signoff by both the player and the player's team coach. Changes to rosters must be made by the affected player and the coach signing the addition/deletion form and submitting it to the District Men's and Women's Coordinator, who shall sign the form and submit it to the office. No changes to rosters may be made after the Tuesday prior to the team's Provincial Championship.

RATIONALE:

Players and teams sometimes have reasons that they can no longer play together. As long as both parties agreee then changes should be allowed.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:

If both parties do not sign off then the change cannot happen. Respective Men's and Women's Coordinators may have to assist with obtaining signoffs.

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

None

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Men's and Women's and Umpire Advisory Council Only

| Advisory Council (Choose one) | Men's and Women's Advisory Council |
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| Date | Wednesday, November 20, 2024 |

Submitted by Suzy Parker

District 6

Advisory Council (chases and)

Seconded by Mindy Kennedy

District 15

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

HB 2024 10.4.5

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)

Each player must have played a minimum of four (4) games with one team in order to participate at the Provincial Championship as a rostered player with that team. Proof of participation will be required at the Pre-Provincial coaches meeting if requested. Exceptions may be made should a regular member of a given team sustain, or be recovering from an injury which prevented them from playing the minimum number of games. The Men's or Women's Director shall have sole authority in this decision.

Revision, Addition, Deletion (choose one)

Revision

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Each player must have played a minimum of four (4) games with one team in order to participate at the Provincial Championship as a rostered player with that team. Proof of participation will be required at the Pre-Provincial coaches meeting if requested. Exceptions may be made for a previously rostered player recovering from an injury or other medical condition which prevented them from playing the minimum number of games. The Softball BC representative will accept medical clearance for the rostered player in lieu of number of games played.

RATIONALE:

Players may have medical restrictions preventing them from playing the required number of games.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:

None

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

None

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Softball BC Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Men's and Women's and Umpire Advisory Council Only

| Advisory Council (choose one) | Men's and Women's Advisory Council |
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| Date | Wednesday, November 20, 2024 |
| Submitted by | Tracy Sherlock |
| District | 5 |
| Seconded by | Suzy Parker |
| District | 6 |

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

2024 HB 2023 10.7.1 g.

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)

The DR may not re- enter the game. Exception for 2024 women's only: In the event where an injury would result in a forfeit, the DR may enter the game.

Revision, Addition, Deletion (choose one)

Revision

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The DR may not re- enter the game. Exception women's only: In the event where an injury would result in a forfeit, the DR may enter the game.

RATIONALE:

We do not want games forfeited due to team running out of players due to technicality.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:

No consequences

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

2024 HB 13.6.2

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2024



DATE:



Softball BC Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Men's and Women's and Umpire Advisory Council Only

| Advisory Council (choose one) | Men's and Women's Advisory Council | |
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| Date | te Thursday, January 16, 2025 | |
| Submitted by | Tracy Sherlock | |
| District | 5 | |
| Seconded by | Lisa Hayton | |
| District | 3 | |
| REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection) Add to 10.2 Definitions – 10.2.9 | | |
| Revision, Addition, Deletion (choose one) | Addition | |
| BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Previously Rostered Player: A player who was listed on the official roster of a team registered with Softball BC during the season in which their medical condition occurred and/or the immediately preceding season. Proof that the player participated with that registered team prior to their medical condition is required to meet the current season criteria. | | |
| RATIONALE: | | |
| To clarify the intent in article 10.4.5 when referencing "previously rostered player" | | |
| CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANO None | CE: | |
| OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTI None | ED (including definitions page): | |
| FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: | | |

NEW MOTION FROM JAN 15 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 2025

WOMEN'S FASTPITCH

| 10.3.5. Team registration shall be considered final when the team roster has been confirmed and approved by the Men's and Women's Coordinator, or the Men's and Women's Director. | 10.3.6. Team registration shall be considered final when the team roster has been confirmed and approved by the Men's and Women's District Coordinator, or, in the absence of a District Coordinator, the Programs and Championship Director. Men's and Women's Director. |
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| 10.3.11. The addition/deletion form shall be in effect up to and including the day of the Provincial coaches' meeting. Only additions for documented medical reasons, or moved out of the province will be considered for approval by the Men's and Women's Coordinator. After July 1st, approval is to come from the Men's and Women's Director. | 10.3.12. The addition/deletion form shall be in effect up to and including the day of the Provincial coaches' meeting. Only additions for documented medical reasons, or moved out of the province will be considered for approval by the Men's and Women's District Coordinator. After July 1st, approval is to come from the Programs and Championship Director. Men's and Women's Director. |
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| | Coach for Coach | Coach for Coach | |
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MEN'S FASTPITCH

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SLO-PITCH

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Teams wishing to participate in the Softball Canada Men's or Women's Open Canadian Championship must express their intent to participate, with a formal letter of intent online submission by May 1st of the previous tournament year. Teams that do not comply with these dates will be considered for participation on a space available basis only. The Executive Director will determine if the team will be accepted for registration.

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- b. Host team as determined by Softball Canada Article 1.2 a) team representation Slo Pitch
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Red are recommended edits

WESTERN/CANADIAN BIDS

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Office is requesting reconsideration of having teams apply for sanctions.

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GENERAL

- 18.1.9. COORDINATOR ELECTION: the applicable director or their appointee shall arrange an election to be held before September 30th of the current year and shall:
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