

2023 HANDBOOK

Constitution, By-Laws, and Operating Rules

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VISION STATEMENT

Softball for Everyone Softball for Life

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a fun, fair, safe and inclusive environment
for participants to enjoy the game at all levels

VALUE STATEMENTS

Softball BC seeks to build a fun, fair and safe environment
for all participants to enjoy the game at any level

President's Message



On behalf of the Softball BC Board of Directors, welcome to the 2023 softball season! I am pleased to now officially be in the role of President, having taken over the position at the AGM in October of last year. Lots has happened since I wrote my Acting President's message last year, all of it pointing to a bright future!

Our Board has a great blend of new and returning faces, with Lavaughn Larson, Rachel Charles, Susan Stafford and Scott Wheatley retaining their Board positions and providing much-needed continuity, and Kevin Langley, Al Groff and Chad Bryden joining the Board to bring some fresh ideas and perspectives. We are off to a great start and I am so excited to work with all of these folks and our talented and dedicated staff group for the next couple of years!

We have had many successes on and off the field over the past year. Our teams won 6 medals (3 gold) at the women's and girls' U19, U17 and U15 Canadian Championships, sweeping the podium at the U17's. BC also won 4 medals (2 gold) at the women's and girls' U19 and U17 Western Canadian Championships, and our women's Team BC won the Canada Summer Games in Niagara Falls. On the boys side we also sent a team to Canada Summer Games, and we held a successful Provincial Championships in Merritt. In adult fastball, we held a number of successful women's Provincials, and an 18-team men's Provincials, which is unprecedented in recent times. We continue to grow our slo-pitch membership, and our teams took gold at the women's, and silver at the men's Slo Pitch Canadian Championships. In addition to the growth we've seen in the men's and slo-pitch numbers, we are also seeing significant growth at the youngest ages of our game. Our U7 and U9 divisions have doubled from pre-Covid 2019 numbers, our U11 numbers are up over 25% in the same period, and our boys registrations have increased by about 50% since 2019. In addition, we have a number of new associations in smaller areas of the Province that have either joined or are looking to join Softball BC – welcome, we are thrilled to have you with us!

Looking forward, in addition to our usual Provincial Championships and our share of Western Canadian Championships, this year BC is hosting the Men's and Masters Canadian Championships and the U19 Women's Canadian Championships – terrific opportunities to see some of the best ball in our nation played right in our backyard.

Writing this message in the middle of March is timely for me, as just yesterday I went out to my local ballpark in Langford to watch four local teams playing some of the first exhibition games of the season. Seeing the players, the coaches, the umpires, the fans, all with smiles on their faces and so excited to be back on the field was a great reminder to me of why we all love and support this game the way we do.

Have a great season,

Lisa Parkes, President

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DISTRICT #1 (Zone 6: Vancouver Island – Central Coast)

MAJOR CENTRES: Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay, the Western Communities, View Royal, Sooke, the Saanich Peninsula, and the Southern Gulf Islands

DISTRICT #2 (Zone 6: Vancouver Island – Central Coast)

MAJOR CENTRES: Nanaimo, Parksville, Port Alberni, Ladysmith, Ucluelet, Nanoose, Cedar, Tofino, Bowser, Errington, Lantzville, Qualicum.

DISTRICT #3 (Zone 6: Vancouver Island – Central Coast)

MAJOR CENTRES: Campbell River, Comox, Cumberland, Courtenay, Quadra, Merville, Powell River, San Josef, Port Hardy, Coal Harbour, Gold River, Woss, Lazo, Tahsis, Texada, Sayward, Port McNeil, Holberg, Sointula, Port Alice, Bella Bella, Ocean Falls.

DISTRICT #4 (Zone 5: Vancouver – Squamish)

The Regional Districts of Squamish-Lillooet (excluding Electoral Areas A & B), Sunshine Coast. The Corporations of the Districts of North and West Vancouver, the Village of Lions Bay.

MAJOR CENTRES: North Vancouver, Squamish, Garibaldi Highlands, Britannia, Whistler, Pemberton, Gibsons, West Vancouver, Shalath, Seton Portage, Brackendale, Bowen Island.

DISTRICT #5 (Zone 5: Vancouver – Squamish)

MAJOR CENTRES: Vancouver, Richmond

DISTRICT #6 (Zone 4: Fraser River – Delta)

The Corporation of District of Burnaby, The Corporation of the City of New Westminster,

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DISTRICT #7 (Zone 3: Fraser Valley)

The City of Surrey, The Corporation of the City of White Rock.

MAJOR CENTRES: Surrey (including White Rock, Fleetwood, Cloverdale, Guildford, Newton and Whalley).

DISTRICT #8 (Zone 3: Fraser Valley)

Regional Districts of Central Fraser Valley, Fraser-Cheam.

MAJOR CENTRES: Aldergrove, Abbotsford, Clearwater, Chilliwack, Bradner, Yarrow, Hope, Agassiz, Sardis, Vedder Crossing, Langley

DISTRICT #9 (Zone 2: Thompson – Okanagan)

Regional Districts of Central Okanagan, North Okanagan.

MAJOR CENTRES: Kelowna, Penticton, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Rutland, Sicamous, Winfield, Armstrong, Sorrento, Chase, Celistra, Princeton, Revelstoke, Westbank, Peachland, Oliver, Cawston, Keremeos, Summerland, Lumby, Pritchard, Enderby, Osoyoos.

DISTRICT #10 (Zone 1: Kootenays)

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MAJOR CENTRES: Cranbrook, Castlegar, Trail, Blueberry Creek, Salmo, Montrose, Robson, Yahk, Creston, Marysville, Invermere, Nelson, Fernie, Grand Forks, Winlaw, Windermere, Fruitvale, Sparwood, Golden, Edgewater, Kimberley, Radium, Nakusp, Burton, Kaslo, Jaffrey.

DISTRICT #11 (Zone 2: Thompson – Okanagan)

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MAJOR CENTRES: Kamloops, Barriere, Merritt, Lone Butte, Darfield, McLure, Logan Lake, Louis Creek, Vavenby, Clearwater, Birch Island, Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Lytton, Clinton, Lillooet.

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MAJOR CENTRES: Prince George, Taylor, Willow River, Lac La Hache, Quesnel, Pouce Coupe, Chetwynd, Williams Lake, Fort St. John, Mackenzie, Hixon, Dawson Creek, Valemount, McBride, 100 Mile House, Fort Nelson, Bella Coola.

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DISTRICT #14 (Zone 3: Fraser Valley)

Regional District of Dewdney-Alouette,

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DISTRICT #15 (Zone 4: Fraser River-Delta)

The Corporation of Delta

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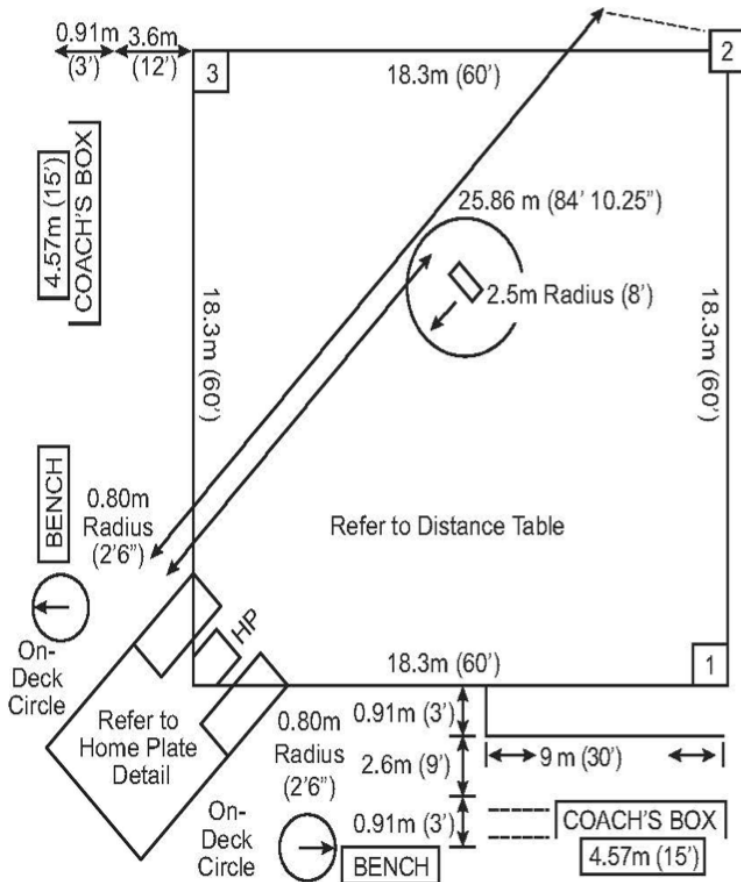
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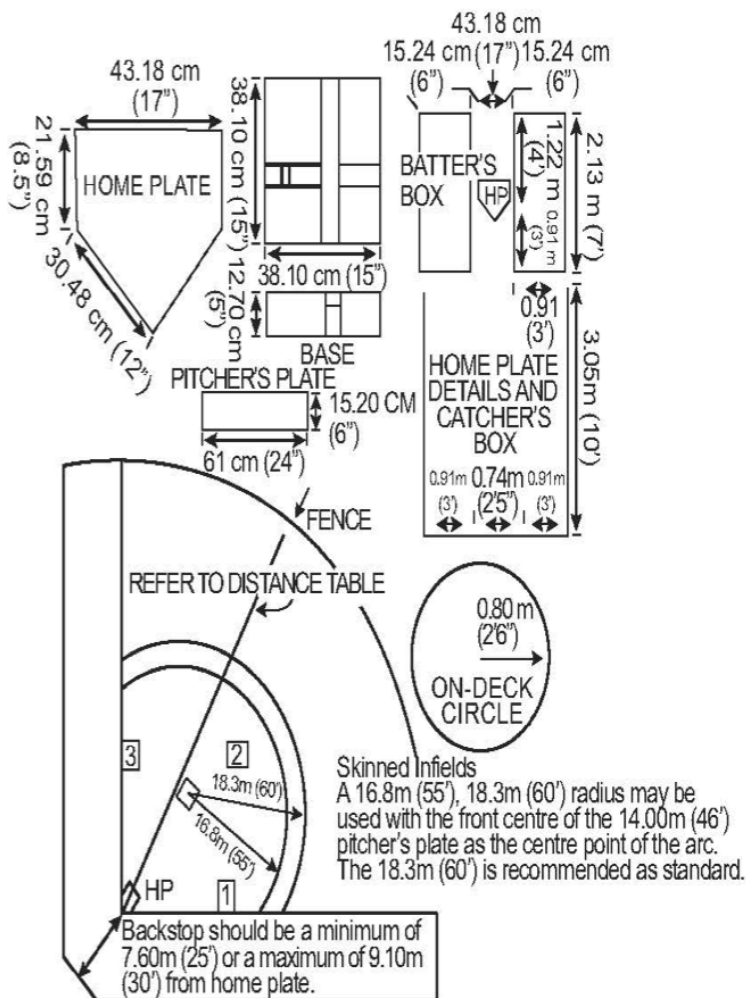
Official Dimensions for Fast Pitch Softball Diamonds



DIAGONALS

BASEPATH	DIAGONAL
13.72m (45')	19.29m (63' 8")
16.76m (55')	23.57m (77' 9.25")
18.29m (60')	25.86m (84' 10.25")

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BC Summer Games Zones

ZONE NUMBER	DISTRICTS IN ZONES
ZONE 1 Kootenays	District 10
ZONE 2 Thompson – Okanagan	Districts 9 and 11
ZONE 3 Fraser Valley	Districts 8 and 14
ZONE 4 Fraser River	Districts 6 and 7
ZONE 5 Vancouver –Coastal	Districts 4, 5 and 15
ZONE 6 Vancouver Island-Central Coast	Districts 1, 2, and 3
ZONE 7 North West	District 13
ZONE 8 Cariboo – North East	District 12

2024 BC SUMMER GAMES:

Maple Ridge

July 18-21, 2024

2023 Age and Distance Chart

CATEGORY	AGE (PRIOR TO JANUARY 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR)	YEAR	BALL	PITCHING	BASELINES	FENCES (MIN-MAX)
MALE						
MASTERS*	40+	X	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
MASTERS	55+	X	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
*In Master Men's Slo Pitch, the minimum age limit will be 40 years of age, in the year of the event.						
MEN'S FP	X	X	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
U23	23 AND UNDER	2000/2001/2002	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
U20	20 AND UNDER	2003/2004/2005	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
U17	17 AND UNDER	2006/2007	12"	46'	60'	225'-265'
U15	15 AND UNDER	2008/2009	12"	42'	60'	210'-250'
U13	13 AND UNDER	2010/2011	11"	38'	55'	170'-225'
U11	11 AND UNDER	2012/2013	11"	35'	45'	160'-225'
U9	9 AND UNDER	2014/2015	11"	30'	45'	160'-225'
U7	7 AND UNDER	2016/2017	11"	30'	45'	160'-225'

FEMALE									
MASTERS*	35+	X	12"	43'	60'	210'-225'			
MASTERS	45+	X	12"	43'	60'	210'-225'			
*in Master Women's Fastpitch the minimum age will be 35 years of age in the year of the event.									
WOMEN A, B & C	X	X	12"	43'	60'	220'-235'			
INTERMEDIATE A	X	X	12"	43'	60'	220'-235'			
WOMEN D	X	X	12"	43'	60'	200'-210'			
U19 A & B	19 AND UNDER	2004/2005	12"	43'	60'	200'-210'			
U20C	20 AND UNDER	2003/2004/2005	12"	40'	60'	200'-210'			
U17	17 AND UNDER	2006/2007	12"	43'AB/40'C	60'	180'-210'			
U15	15 AND UNDER	2008/2009	12"	40'	60'	170'-210'			
U13	13 AND UNDER	2010/2011	11"	38'	55'	160'-210'			
U11	11 AND UNDER	2012/2013	11"	35'	45'	150'-210'			
U9	9 AND UNDER	2014/2015	11"	30'	45'	150'-210'			
U7	7 AND UNDER	2016/2017/2018	11"	30'	45'	150'-210'			

SLO PITCH							
MEN	X	X	12"	50'	70'	300'-375'	
WOMEN	X	X	11"	50'	65'	225'-275'	
CO-ED	X	X	12"	50'	65'	275'-325'	

