

ARTICLE 3 – AMATEUR

- 3.1. **AMATEUR:** An amateur softball player is one who engages in softball solely for the pleasure and physical, mental or social benefits he/she derives, as defined by Softball Canada. Notwithstanding, a player may, without jeopardy to their amateur status receive recompense for bona fide expenses actually incurred because of their SOFTBALL participation for travel, meals, accommodation and/or income lost due to absence from employment (substantiated by genuine receipts – to be produced on demand when requested by duly responsible and authorized Softball Canada or Softball BC officers having deemed necessary by the officials concerned.)

NOTE: Show teams (i.e. King and His Court) are not considered as a professional team.

3.2. REINSTATEMENT TO AMATEUR STATUS

- 3.2.1. **ELIGIBILITY** A professional softball/baseball player, regardless of age, may apply for reinstatement as an amateur in the following year from the last game of the league schedule in which they participated.
- 3.2.2. **APPLY TO SOFTBALL BC** A player must apply to the Softball BC office in writing for approval.
- 3.2.3. **EFFECTIVE DATE** The amateur reinstatement request must be made by May 15th of the current year.
- 3.2.4. **INELIGIBLE** A player who is reinstated as an amateur and then returns to a known, established professional softball/baseball team/league in the current playing year will not be eligible for amateur status in the following two years from the date of application.