

ARTICLE 14 – REGIONAL & PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS

- 14.1. **BIDS:** All bids for Softball U11 Celebrations, U13C Regional & Provincial Championships must follow Provincial requirements:
 - 14.1.1. **DEADLINE** Bid deadline is the Saturday of the Annual General Meeting in October (5:00 p.m.). A schedule will be set prior to the bid period. Championships that have not been bid on by March 1st will be cancelled for the current season. (Exception: Minor).
 - 14.1.2. **NOTE:** Application forms to submit bids for Championships can be found on the Softball BC website.
 - 14.1.3. **CONTENT** Bids must include a description of the available facilities and a proposed budget for the event.
 - 14.1.4. **ELIGIBILITY** Only recognized leagues or associations will be accepted as bidders for Provincial Championships.
 - 14.1.5. **BOND** A performance bond of \$200.00 must accompany the bid and be received by the bid deadline. Unsuccessful bidders will have the bond returned by December 31 of the current year.
 - 14.1.6. **TIMING**
 - 14.1.6.1. Minor category Provincial 'A' Tournaments will begin on the third weekend after the long weekend in July. **EXCEPTION:** U16 in Summer Games years.
 - 14.1.6.2. Minor category Provincial 'B' Tournaments will be held on the second weekend after the long weekend in July.
 - 14.1.6.3. Minor category Provincial 'C' Tournaments will be held on the first weekend after the long weekend in July.
 - 14.1.6.4. All Provincial Championships leading to a Canadian or Western Canadian be scheduled at least two weeks prior to the inter-Provincial Championship.

- 14.1.7. **RIGHT TO CHANGE** Softball BC has the right to withdraw, reassign or reschedule any Provincial Championship for reasons including but not limited to:
- a. The hosting fee has not been received
 - b. The Provincial Championship Host Agreement has not been returned to the Softball BC office duly signed by the Coordinator and District Umpire-in-Chief
 - c. Playing conditions are not acceptable
 - d. Planning is not acceptable.
 - e. In taking such action the tournament dates will be varied only after every possible effort has been exhausted to find a suitable location for the Championship on the originally scheduled date.
- 14.1.8. **SOFTBALL BC ROLE** Softball BC shall conduct and control Provincial Championships. They shall scrutinize the bids to confirm the best possible site for Championships.
- 14.1.9. **MAY COMBINE** The Board of Directors of Softball BC has the authority to combine two or more Provincial Championships into one site with the approval of the host association(s), providing that the number of teams does not exceed 20 teams.
- 14.1.10. **BOYS TIMING** U13 Rep' boys and U15 Rep' boys provincials will be played on the "B" weekend at the same venue. This will be in effect until the year following a combined registration of 25 teams is achieved.