

ARTICLE 18 – GENERAL

- 18.1. **DISTRICT ELECTIONS:** (To be read in conjunction with By-Laws, Part 4)
- 18.1.1. **COORDINATOR/UIC:** Elections, if held, are to take place before September 15th, with the terms of office commencing at the election year’s Annual General Meeting in October. Candidates shall:
- 18.1.1.1. endorse a Volunteer Agreement confirming that the candidate is a bona fide member of Softball BC,
 - 18.1.1.2. confirm that the current annual dues have been fully paid, and
 - 18.1.1.3. demonstrate a basic understanding of the Special Operating Rules of Softball BC and/or applicable Coordinator Manual.
- 18.1.2. **REPRESENTATIVES:** Elections, if held, are to take place before September 15th each year, with the term commencing immediately upon election. The District Coordinator shall satisfy themselves that the candidate is a bona fide member of Softball BC, and that the current annual dues have been fully paid.
- 18.1.3. **ELECTION YEARS:** The Umpire-in-Chief and Men’s and Women’s Fastpitch Coordinator elections are to be held on odd numbered years, and the Minor Fastpitch Coordinator and Men’s and Women’s Slo Pitch Coordinator on even numbered years;
- 18.1.4. **ELECTION RESULTS:** The new Softball BC District Representative names shall be reported in writing or electronic form to Softball BC within 30 days of the election;
- 18.1.5. **INCOMING AT AGM:** The incoming Softball BC District Representative may, without holding the power of a vote, accompany the outgoing Softball BC District Representative to the Softball BC Annual General Meeting, at the expense of the incoming Softball BC District Representative or District. In the case of the Minor Coordinator, Men’s and Women’s Fastpitch Coordinator or Men’s and Women’s Slo-pitch Coordinator, the new representative could fill a voting delegate’s position of Female or Male Representative.
- 18.1.6. **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY DISTRICT UIC** After each term, the District Umpire-in-Chief position shall become vacant and all interested parties, including the incumbent, must notify Softball BC in writing or electronic form by September 1st of their candidacy. If more than one person challenges for the position of District Umpire-in-Chief, elections will be held under the following criteria:

- 18.1.7. UIC ELECTION:
- 18.1.7.1. Voting shall be done electronically and supervised by the Softball BC office.
 - 18.1.7.2. All eligible voters shall be provided a link to the voting site.
 - 18.1.7.3. Each person in the election may include an endorsement of up to 1000 words to be included in the voting site beside the candidate's name.
 - 18.1.7.4. Each eligible voter shall be allowed to only vote once, and must be identified through the voting site.
 - 18.1.7.5. Elections shall be open for a period of not less than 48 hours and not more than 96 hours from the time of the notification to all eligible voters.
- 18.1.8. CANDIDACY FOR COORDINATOR: Candidates must submit an email, or letter of intent postmarked on or before September 1st to Softball BC and the incumbent Coordinator.
- 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:
- 18.1.9.1. Provide a list of nominees and the date, time and in writing or electronic form at least 14 days before the election to:
 - a) the President or Executive of each Club or Association, and
 - b) the coach or manager of every independent team in the District
 - 18.1.9.2. Arrange an election by secret ballot and have it monitored by at least 3 scrutineers who are non-voting delegates;
 - 18.1.9.3. Provide a reasonable opportunity for each nominee to address the delegates before the election;
- 18.1.10. VOTES: Each registered team shall be entitled to one vote. A voting delegate at a District Coordinator election shall, where represented by, or registered with, an Association, Club or League, be identified in advance by the President or a Director of such Association, Club or League, and may include any person who is listed as a player who is of the age of majority (19 years), coach or manager of a registered team on the approved roster. Each voting delegate should carry a copy of the approved team roster form, and may, on demand of the election scrutineers, be required to produce it to receive a ballot

18.2. **HANDBOOK COPIES:** Softball BC Handbooks will be distributed by Coordinators to Presidents of Associations.

18.3. **WHEELCHAIR COACHES**

Criteria for on field (coach's box) participation

18.3.1. The wheelchair must be manually propelled. Motorized wheelchairs are not acceptable.

18.3.2. 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.

18.3.3. 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.

18.4. **TEAM TRAVEL FUND**

18.4.1. **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 pay out 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).