



# Summary of Rule Changes for the 2025 Handbook



## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- District Coordinators & Umpires-in-Chief lists have been updated
- Staff contact list has been updated
- Article 18 General has been replaced with Article 18 Coaching Requirements.
- Article 20 - Hall of Fame has been removed and will be converted to an Awards Policy available on the website.
- Gordon McDonald/Thoms Memorial Fund and Minor Development Fund were removed from Article 21 and will be posted to the website along with the Umpire Development Fund and the Board Designated Fund.
- Article 2.1.4.1 i. was edited for clarity
- Article 6 - travel permits has been rewritten to reflect the messaging sent to members last year.
- New Article 13.13 - Automatic one (1) game suspension when ejected in or after the 5th Inning
- Article 13 - several edits for clarity and deletions to align with Softball Canada rules.
- Article 14.1.5 amended from a bond to a fee.
- Article 15 has been rewritten to reflect current practice.
- 15.1 added statement - FOR 2025 ONLY - Deadline is April 15th for U19 Women's and Slo-Pitch.
- Article 16 has been amended to reflect current practice.
- Article 17 - Tournaments has been rewritten to reflect the messaging sent to members last year regarding tournaments, exhibition games and insurance.

## **BY-LAWS**

- Softball BC adopted new By-Laws at the 2024 AGM. The by-laws, available on the Softball BC website, were not included in this year's handbook.

## **MINOR SORs**

- The "age" column has been updated in the Age and Distance Chart on page
- Several changes were made to Article 7.
- Field of Play definition added to 8.1 and 9.1.
- Article 8.1.7 - Dropped third strike has been revised.
- Article 8.3.2.1 edited for clarity.
- Article 8.3.4. edited for clarity
- Article 8.3.6.7 edited to reflect registration fee.
- Article 8.8 was edited to reflect its application to U13C.
- Article 9 - Softball BC is currently re-writing Article 9 to eliminate references to B and A, thereby categorizing all teams as C (community ball) effective this 2025 season. As a result, tryouts are not allowed.
- New Article 9.2.1.6 d. addressing late registration fee of \$100 / team.



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- Article 13.5.2 and 13.5.3 were edited for clarity.
- Article 15.8 - classification for Westerns and Canadians has been revised.
- The term Minor Director has been removed from the SORs as this position no longer exists. Where appropriate it has been replaced by the Minor Director Coordinator OR Programs & Championships Director.
- Article 18 General has been replaced with Article 18 Coaching Requirements. All references to coaching qualifications, apprenticeship, exemptions, etc. have been moved to this Article.

## **WOMEN'S SORs**

- New 10.2.9 - Definition of previously rostered player has been added.
- 10.3.10 has been revised to add a late registration fee of \$100 / team.
- 10.3.11 which deals with additions & deletions to rosters has been revised.
- 10.4.5. Which deals with the minimum # of games a player must play to participate in provincials has been revised.
- 10.7.1 updated.
- 13.6.2 updated for clarity.
- The term Men's & Women's has been removed from the SORs as this position no longer exists. Where appropriate it has been replaced by the Men's and Women's District Coordinator OR Programs & Championships Director.
- Article 18 General has been replaced with Article 18 Coaching Requirements. All references to coaching qualifications, apprenticeship, exemptions, etc. have been moved to this Article.

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- 11.3.9 has been revised to add a late registration fee of \$100 / team.
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- Article 18 General has been replaced with Article 18 Coaching Requirements. All references to coaching qualifications, apprenticeship, exemptions, etc. have been moved to this Article.

## **SLO-PITCH**

- 12.1.6 has been revised to add a late registration fee of \$100 / team and to change registration deadline to August 1st.
- Article 12.7 was created to define the tournament format for provincials.
- Article 13.2.7 was edited to confirm the entry fee deadline.



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## **UMPIRES**

- Several edits were made to Article 19.

## **FEES**

- Article 21 has been revised to provide additional information as it pertains to allocation of fees to various Softball BC Internal Reserve Funds.
- Umpire Fees have been revised.