



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: All Association Presidents, Minor Coordinators, District
Umpire-in-Chiefs, and Staff of Softball BC

From: Laura MacMillan
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Subject: Minor Softball Rules, Volunteer Umpires, U11C Celebration,
U11R Showcase, and U13C Regional Events

Softball BC Members,

As the 2025 season approaches, please find updated information regarding the U9C, U11C, U11R, and U13C categories.

Updates to the Minor Softball Rules for U9C, U11C, U11R, and U13C

Softball Canada has developed a systematic plan to guide players from the moment they enter the sport until they reach their full potential. This process, known as Long-Term Player Development (LTPD), provides essential guidelines to align player and program development across the country and within our province at all levels and ages. Softball BC's minor softball rules are based on the LTPD model and the Athlete Development Matrix established by Softball Canada.

This year, the U11R classification has been added to the Minor Softball Rules. Additionally, updates have been made to the U9C, U11C, and U13C categories. Softball BC will implement these Minor Softball Rules for Celebration, Showcase, and Regional events.

These rules are included in the [2025 Handbook](#), which will be available online on March 21. Hard copies will be shipped out the week of March 31. Feel free to contact your [District Minor Coordinator](#) for questions.

Volunteer Umpire - U11C and under only

We want to take a moment to address a critical issue affecting our sport—the shortage of umpires. Many associations are struggling to find enough officials to cover games across all age categories.

For U11C and below, if a certified umpire is unavailable, the game may proceed with a **volunteer umpire**, provided they wear full protective gear, including shin guards, a chest protector, and an umpire mask with a throat protector (or a catcher's mask). An infielder face



mask or a helmet with a cage **do not** meet the required safety standards. The volunteer umpire must position themselves behind the plate to call pitches and cannot call balls and strikes from anywhere else on the field. The volunteer umpire must be 16 years of age or older. If no volunteer is available, the game will be cancelled.

For U11 Rep and above categories and classifications, if a certified umpire is unavailable, the game will be cancelled.

The above was developed in consultation with our Provincial Umpire-in-Chief. If you have any questions or know of someone interested in becoming a certified umpire, please contact your [District Umpire-in-Chief](#).

U11 Celebration of Softball Hosts

We are still looking for associations to host the U11 Celebration of Softball events. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Laura MacMillan at prog-champdirector@softball.bc.ca.

Please note, that if we are unable to sign a host by April 15, these events will be cancelled.

Region 1 (Districts 1, 2, 3) - Application Open

Region 2 (Districts 4, 5, 6, 15) - Application Open

Region 3 (Districts 7, 8, 14) - Langley Minor Fastball, June 6-8

Region 4 (Districts 9, 10, 11) - Application Open

Region 5 (Districts 12, 13) - Application Open

Please see the website for preferred dates [Softball BC Provincial and Regional Championships](#).

Registration details will be circulated at a later date.

U11 Rep Showcase Hosts

Thank you to all the associations that applied to host the U11 Rep Showcase event. 2025 will mark the first time this event takes place, and we are pleased to announce the following three host locations and dates.

June 27 - 29 - Lakehill Baseball Fastball Association

June 27 - 29 - Softball City (Canadian Amateur Sport Society)

July 4 - 6 - Ridge Meadows Minor Softball Association

U11 Rep teams are permitted to participate in one showcase event. Registration details will be circulated at a later date.

U13C Regional Hosts

We are still looking for associations to host the U13C Regional events. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Laura MacMillan at prog-champdirector@softball.bc.ca.



Please note, that if we are unable to sign a host by April 15, these events will be cancelled.

Region 1 (Districts 1, 2, 3) - Duncan Junior Baseball Association, June 13-15

Region 2 (Districts 4, 5, 6, 15) - Application Open

Region 3 (Districts 7, 8, 14) - Application Open

Region 4 (Districts 9, 10, 11) - Sicamous Minor Softball, June 20-22

Region 5 (Districts 12, 13) - Application Open

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