



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Member Associations
Independent Teams

CC: Board of Director, District Coordinators and UICs, PUIC, Staff

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Subject: **Article 2 - Residence Rule & Insurance**

This bulletin is in response to several questions received by the Office regarding the inclusion of non-Canadian residents on teams as players or coaching staff.

Members should review Article 2 of the Softball BC Handbook. The 2025 edition is available on our website under Member Info. The Residence Rule limits participation in Provincial Championships to players, coaches or managers who are BC residents on May 1 of the current year and are

- Canadian citizen, or
- Canadian landed immigrant or
- Resident of Canada for one calendar year.

There are a few exemptions; please consult the handbook for details.

Insurance

While covered by our CGL when participating in sanctioned activities, non-Canadian residents, including players, coaches and managers, using any of the exemptions in the handbook must take note that Softball BC Participant Accident Policy does not extend to them since this policy only covers benefits that are not available within the Provincial Health coverage (BCMSP). Since the participants do not qualify under the “residency” definition for BCMSP, they would NOT have access to the Softball BC Participant Accident Policy. Please ensure you are communicating this clearly to any members invoking this exemption.