



Minor Advisory Council Minutes – Dec 19, 2024

In Attendance: D1 Bill Hawkins, D4 Houtan Maleki, D6 Elizabeth Lee, D7 Shannon Maion, D8 Kathy Weston, D9 Michelle Kirkbright, D10 Margaret MacDonald, D11 Amy Douthwright, D12 Andy Ferguson, D14 Chris Young, D15 Gord Johnson, ED Diane St-Denis

1. Call to order 7:02 pm
2. A quorum was established with 79.59% in attendance thirty-nine votes in attendance represented by eleven districts
3. Approve Minutes of the last meetings (Nov 21) [Amendment required](#)
Motion -
2nd

4. U11R – Recommendations (Kathy, Liz, Shannon) Email Vote

Dec 10, 2024 U11R Rules - Email Vote Results

		Votes		
1	Bill Hawkins	6	YES	6
2	Al Charlesworth	3	YES	3
3	vacant	1		
4	Houtan Maleki	2	YES	2
5	vacant	3		
6	Liz Lee	3	YES	3
7	Shannon Maion	4	YES	4
8	Kathy Weston	7	YES	7
9	Michelle Kirkbright	5	YES	5
10	Margaret MacDonald	2	YES	2
11	Amy Douthwright	2	YES	2
12	Andy Ferguson	3	YES	3
13	Les Kutenics	3	abstained no reply	
14	Chris Young	2	YES	2
15	Gord Johnson	3	YES	3

Total # of Votes

49

42 Passes with a 85.71%

29 votes is 60%

The Board will have their feedback to Diane by Dec 20, 2024 – this will come back to MAC for the Jan 8, 2025, meeting.

Meeting Date - Zoom

Thursday December 19, 2024 @7:00 pm

U11R – Showcase Tournament (Rick Benson)

Proposal

U11 Rep proposal for U11 Rep Showcase Events (Pilot)

- These are not provincial events and there are no district playdowns
- 3 events with 2 in the lower mainland and possibly one on Vancouver Island or in District 9 (like a regional)
- Each event would be capped at 16 teams
- Format to be a 3-game round-robin with top 8 and bottom 8 teams moving to single knock-out playoffs
- Timing June 27 to 29 weekend for 2025
- All teams who wish to enter the year-end event can register to do so – first come, first serve, however teams can choose first and second choice of location. To create meaningful competition, the committee will determine the best location to balance skills and abilities of teams.
- Events need to be advertised earlier with notice of cap to number of teams to increase urgency to register.
- \$450 to be charged for each team so that the events are revenue neutral. See financial spreadsheet attached.

MOTION: Establish a pilot of the U11 Rep Showcase events for 2025. Event outcomes, feedback and rules to be evaluated after the 2025 season by the committee.

Discussion Dec 19, 2024

- 3 locations
 - 2 locations in the Lower Mainland
 - 1 location on Vancouver Island
- Maximum of 16 teams/locations
- SBC reserve the right to move team(s) playing in the Lower Mainland Showcase from 1 location to another location to keep the tournament at an even number of teams at each location in the Lower Mainland
- Showcase Tournament on Vancouver Island will open prior to the Lower Mainland for teams on Vancouver Island to register first
- Teams can register to attend any of the 3 locations
- Showcase Tournament is open for bids – currently only 2 bids have been received

5. Hosts locations still needed for:

- U13 Regionals (Region 2, 3 & 5)
- U11 Celebration (Region 1, 2, 4 & 5)
- 11R Showcase (Lower Mainland & Vancouver Island)
- Boys

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6. U17A - Westerns – Discussions with U17A teams Provincial Date July 18-20 there will be a quick turnaround time for teams going paperwork will need to be in the office

7. TOR’s Recommendations –going to the Governance Committee to meet in Jan 2025

8. Handbook - the office will review these and come back to the MAC for feedback (Houtan, Shannon, Kathy & Chris)

Tasked with reviewing

- [Article 7](#)
- [Article 8](#)
- [Article 13 & 14](#)
- [Annex A](#)
- [Annex B](#)
- [Annex E](#)

9. 2nd Vote

Article 8.1.7 Dropped Third

19-Dec-24

2nd Vote on Article 8.1.7 Drop Third

			Votes
1	Bill Hawkins	6	6
2	Al Charlesworth	3	
3	vacant	1	
4	Houtan Maleki	2	2
5	vacant	3	
6	Liz Lee	3	3
7	Shannon Maion	4	4
8	Kathy Weston	7	7
9	Michelle Kirkbright	5	5
10	Margaret MacDonald	2	2
11	Amy Douthwright	2	2
12	Andy Ferguson	3	3
13	Les Kutenics	3	
14	Chris Young	2	2
15	Gord Johnson	3	3
-	Total	49	39
			79.59%

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Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Date	11-10-2024
Submitted by	Shannon Maion
District	7
Seconded by	Jake Zboya
District	8
REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)	8.1.7
WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)	Dropped third strike - in U13B & C and under categories the batter is out on the third strike, whether or not the ball is caught. The ball remains live.
Revision, Addition, Deletion, Amendment (choose one)	Revision
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:	Dropped third strike - In U13 or under categories, the batter is out on the third strike regardless of whether the ball is caught. The ball remains live.
RATIONALE:	<p>Brings the rule in line with Softball Canada 5.5.1b in which the dropped third strike rule is NOT in effect for any category of U13.</p> <p>Creates more parity between U13 first and second year teams as U13 is when the greatest gap between first and second year teams is. This will also potentially allow teams to get another inning of play in as having dropped third in effect drags out innings.</p> <p>Creates a skill progression to U15. U15 would then have both the infield fly and the dropped third strike rule in effect as per Softball Canada.</p>
CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:	N/A

11/19/24, 8:45 AM

Re: Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS - Minor Advisory Council Chair - Outlook

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED (including definitions page):	N/A
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	N/A

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Article 9.1.25 Classification of Minor Boys

19-Dec-24

2nd Vote on Article 9.1.25 Classification

			Votes
1	Bill Hawkins	6	6
2	Al Charlesworth	3	
3	vacant	1	
4	Houtan Maleki	2	2
5	vacant	3	
6	Liz Lee	3	3
7	Shannon Maion	4	4
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Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Date 11-21-2024

Submitted by Andy Ferguson

District 12

Seconded by Les Kutenics

District 13

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection) Article 9. This is a new Definition.

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written) N/A

Revision, Addition, Deletion, Amendment (choose one) Addition

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 9.1.25 CLASSIFICATION - all Minor Boy's teams will be classified as C (Community). As such, tryouts and all star teams are not permitted. All references to Rep, B and A classifications in Article 9 are null and void.

RATIONALE: The entire article 9 is undergoing a rewrite. One of the major changes will be to remove the references to A and B ball since Boy's Provincials are C only. Adding this definition will help ensure and even playing field for Provincials; the tournament will remain a C tournament until we get enough players to make the Rep side.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE: Attendance at Provincials will not be allowed.

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED (including definitions page): Any rule in Article 9 that references, A, B or Rep ball will be affected.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: none

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New Business:

10. Minor SORs – feedback

This is a summary of all SORs that reference a “director”. Items in **red** are recommended edits. Items in **blue** are for discussion. (attached)

Next meeting: Jan 8, 2025 7 pm Zoom

Meeting adjourned: 10:03 pm

Meeting Date - Zoom

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