



Minor Advisory Council Minutes – Jan 8, 2025

1. Call to order 7:00 pm
2. Establish a quorum 85.71% with 12 of the 15 Districts represented
In Attendance - D1 Bill Hawkins, D2 Al Charlesworth, D4 Houtan Makeki, D6 Elizabeth Lee, D7 Tracey Oye, D8 Kathy Weston, D9 Michelle Knight, D10 Margaret MacDonald, D11 Amy Douthwright, D13 Les Kutenics, D14 Chris Young, D15 Gord Johnson, ED Diane St-Denis,
3. Approve Minutes of the last meetings
 - Nov 21 Minutes 85.71% Motion Gord Johnson 2nd Kathy Weston
 - Dec 19 Minutes 85.71% Motion Gord Johnson 2nd Bill Hawkins

Business Arising:

4. U11R – Recommendations (Kathy, Liz, Shannon) Board has asked for revisions (Dec 13/2024 Brd Meeting) Kathy, Liz & Shannon meeting Jan 7 – Revised document to be submitted to the Board of Directors.

5. Hosts – U13 Regionals, U11 Celebration, U11R Showcase

DATE	CATEGORY	LOCATION
Jun 6 - 8	U11C Celebration (D1,2,3)	OPEN
Jun 6 - 8	U11C Celebration (D4,5,6,15)	OPEN
Jun 6 - 8	U11C Celebration (D7,8,14)	Langley Minor Fastball
Jun 6 - 8	U11C Celebration (D9,10,11)	OPEN
Jun 6 - 8	U11C Celebration (D12, 13)	OPEN
TBD	U11 Rep Showcase Pending	3 Locations 2 Lower Mainland 1 Island
June 13 - 15	U13C Regionals (D1, 2,3)	Duncan Jr Baseball Association
June 13 - 15	U13C Regionals (D4,5,6,15)	OPEN
June 13 - 15	U13C Regionals (D7,8,14)	OPEN
June 13 - 15	U13C Regionals (D9, 10, 11)	Sicamous Minor Softball
June 13 - 15	U13C Regionals (D12,13)	OPEN

6. TOR's Recommendations – Governness Board Meeting Jan 27, 2025
 - Any additions need to be submitted by Jan 14, 2025

7. Handbook Committee - This has been dealt with conversation around Field of Play vs Playing Field

Subject: Re: Definition of Field of Play

Tue, Jun 25, 2024,
3:12 PM

Jason Ranchoux <provincialuic@softball.bc.ca>

to Kathy Weston

If Softball Canada makes a definition of “on the teams bench,” then that would refer to the dugout and would apply to the softball BC handbook. about the field of play.

So long story short, based on all of that, we can count the dugout as the “field of play” as described in the softball BC handbook.

Jason Ranchoux
Provincial Umpire in Chief
Softball BC

On Jun 25, 2024, at 2:23 PM, Kathy Weston <d8minorcoordinator@softball.bc.ca> wrote:

Hey there,

I know we talked about the playing field but I'm trying to understand if the Certified Coach has to be on the actual diamond (playing field/field of play, whatever you want to call it) or can they be in the dugout?

Reading the SOR for Canadian Championships it states

1.2 Participants

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So now they mention the Head Coach is to be Competition - Introduction Certified and in attendance at all games and on the team's bench. So, does the team's bench mean the dugout?

But it also goes to state iii) *If the Head Coach is Certified and in attendance at all games and on the team's bench, then the coaching staff (coach, assistant coaches, and managers) may go on the field. If an Assistant Coach is not Trained they will not be allowed on the field or in the coaches box.*

Which would suggest they are allowed in the dugout.

Meeting Date - Zoom

Wednesday Jan 8, 2025 @7:00 pm

So, is the dugout part of the field of play back in the Softball BC Handbook? And therefore, the Certified Coach only need to be in the dugout not on the actual diamond?

Talking to Susan this weekend, she mentioned how the dugout is part of the "field of play" for this scenario as the defensive coaches can't be anywhere but in the dugout.

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Please advise,
Thanks,

Kathy Weston
Minor Coordinator – District 8

From: Rick Benson <rick.benson@softball.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 12:45 PM
To: Kathy Weston <d8minorcoordinator@softball.bc.ca>; Diane St-Denis <Executive.Director@softball.bc.ca>
Cc: Lavaughn Larson <minordirector@softball.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Definition of Field of Play

My suggestion would be to send this to the provincial UIC as that role's responsibility is to define and interpret the rules from Softball Canada for us.

Rick

Rick Benson (he/his/him)
Interim Operations Manager

From: Kathy Weston <d8minorcoordinator@softball.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:41 AM
To: Diane St-Denis <Executive.Director@softball.bc.ca>; Rick Benson <rick.benson@softball.bc.ca>
Cc: Lavaughn Larson <minordirector@softball.bc.ca>
Subject: Definition of Field of Play

Good morning,

Can I please have the definition of "field of play"?
As mentioned in the Handbook 8.5.2 a qualified coach
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Reading the Softball Canada Rulebook states playing field but no mention (that I can find) of field of play.
It just states what the playing field is 2.1.17 - The area within which the ball may be played and fielded up to and including the dead ball line.

In speaking to many different people, Minor Coordinators, Umpires, parent, there seems to be confusion on if the dugout is included in the field of play and what 8.5.2 means by "field of play"

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Is it or isn't it including the dugout?

If it isn't then how would the team on defense ever have their coaches on the "field of play" if it's defined by just "the area within which the ball may be played".

If the field of play is defined by the qualified coach on the offensive team in the coaches' box and not just in the dugout then that needs to be conveyed as that is not happening with all teams. The qualified coach on many teams rarely step onto the diamond but are in the dugout.

Being there is a definite misunderstanding, I'd like to put a motion in on definition within the handbook for clarification but I'd like to ensure that the correct wording is being used.

Thanks,

Kathy Weston
Minor Coordinator – District 8

- Article 7
- Article 8
- Article 13 & 14
- Annex A
- Annex B
- Annex E

New Business:

9. Update on membership applications

- Andy (12) Fort Nelson **Consultation has taken place ED to meet with them in the next couple of weeks**
- Amy (11) Logan Lake **Consultation has taken place ED to meet with them in the next couple of weeks**
- Bill (1) Layritz **Bill is setting up a meeting (after Jan 20) talks to continue**

Office sent them the Association Membership and recommended they speak to the Minor Coordinator for their district. (attached)

10. Facebook Pick-Up Portal – **CLOSE the Portal**

11. 2025 Provincial Schedule & Budget– **Coordinators Feedback required prior to Feb 15, 2025 email ED directly**

Coordinators Feedback on the following 14,15,16

14. Coaching Exemptions – Coaching Development Committee Update

Application process is changing. Coach must have completed the MED Evaluation and SafeSport module.

15. Apprentice Coach Program – Coaching Development Committee Update

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- The mentor coach must have all the NCCP training required for the category/classification, including MED Evaluation.
- The coaching coordinator will sign off on the agreement (at the bottom of the page) after consulting with ED to ensure that the mentor coach has not been suspended by Softball BC.
- The apprentice coach program should be limited to players 14 years of age and up who have completed the Foundation of Coaching 1 and 2.

16. New Coaching Section for SORs– Coaching Development Committee Update

Document that show what information will be removed from the Girls and Boys Article and move to this new Article in the SORs. **Office to send documents to Coordinators**

17. Western Canadian– Coaching Development Committee Update

Currently the rule states Minor Categories: categories require one of the registered coaches to be fully certified in NCCP Competition Introduction. Softball BC has requested an exception for the U13 category only - one of the registered coaches to be qualified as “Trained” in NCCP Competition Introduction. With the clause that the exemption would be reviewed annually at the WCSA AGM. **End of Jan 2025**

18. Proposed Process for Boys Teams to attend Westerns and/or Canadians – **Amy is going to review and provide more feedback.**

19. Review Pick-Up Process & Pick-Up Form – **Coordinators to provide feedback**

20. District Meetings with Associations (Mar 2025)

- Coordinators schedule meeting with their Association and review rules that could be misunderstood, Help provide feedback & information before it becomes a complaint with the office.

21. MDF – Report – **Meeting in February 2025**

22. Boys – Report – **No report Andy was absent**

New Business:

Jotform Article 15.8 – Classification of Minor Players (Kathy)



Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Minor Advisory Council Only

Date Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Submitted by Kathy Weston

District 8

Seconded by Liz Lee

District 6

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

Article 15.8

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)

CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR PLAYERS To be eligible for Western Canadian Championships, all minor 'B' teams must be made up of no fewer than 11 players who have not participated on any 'A' classification team in the preceding year. For the purposes of this, players from teams reclassified from 'A' to 'B' by the Minor Director pursuant to Articles 8.2.2 d) and 8.6.13 shall be considered a 'B' player.

Revision, Addition, Deletion, Amendment (choose one)

Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR PLAYERS To be eligible for Western Canadian Championships, all minor 'B' teams must be made up of no fewer than 11 players who have not REGISTERED on any 'A' classification team in the preceding year. For the purposes of this, players from teams reclassified from 'A' to 'B' by the Minor Director pursuant to Articles 8.2.2 d) and 8.6.13 shall be considered a 'B' player.

RATIONALE:

Clarification that changing the word from participate to registered ensures that there's no confusion on if a 'B' player was picked up in the preceding year to participate with an 'A' classification team.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:

Leads to different interpretation on the understanding of this article.

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED (including definitions page):

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Round Table: All Coordinators are getting ready to have meeting with their associations over the next few weeks.

Next meeting: Wednesday 5, 2025 Zoom

Meeting adjourned: 9:05 pm

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