

Minor Advisory Council Minutes – Feb 5, 2025

- 1. Call to order 7:02pm
- 2. Establish a quorum

In Attendance, D1Bill Hawkins, D2 Al Charleworth, D4 Houtan Maleki, D6 Elizabeth Lee, D7 Shannon Maion, D8 Kathy Weston, 12 Amy Ferguson, D14 Kate Doucette for Chris Young, D15 Gord Johnson, Diane St-Denis, Laura MacMillan, Darcy MacKenzie, Baukje Edamura

	Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm		5-Feb-25	
			In attendance	Votes
1	Bill Hawkins	6		6
2	Al Charlesworth	3		3
3	vacant	1		0
4	Houtan Maleki	2		2
5	vacant	3		0
6	Liz Lee	3		3
7	Shannon Maion	4		4
8	Kathy Weston	7		7
9	Michelle Kirkbright	5		
10	Margaret MacDonald	2	sick	0
11	Amy Douthwright	2		2
12	Andy Ferguson	3	sick	0
13	Les Kutenics	3		
14	Chris Young	2		2
15	Gord Johnson	3		3
	Total	49		32
	29 votes is 60%			65.31%

- 3. Approve Minutes of the last meetings
- Jan 8, 2025
- Motion Shannon
- -2nd Gord

Diane St-Denis (she/her) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting

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Business Arising:

U11R - Rule Recommendations - Approved by the Board



Hosts – U13 Regionals, U11 Celebration, U11R Showcase

DATE	CATEGORY	LOCATION
Jun 6 - 8	U11C Celebration (D1,2,3)	OPEN
	U11C Celebration	
Jun 6 - 8	(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
		3 Locations 2 Lower Mainland 1
TBD	U11 Rep Showcase Pending	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

Article 15.8 Second Vote

Motion - Kathy

 $2^{nd}-Liz\\$

Vote – 65.31% approved

	-		Article 15.8
			Votes
1	Bill Hawkins	6	6
2	Al Charlesworth	3	3
3	vacant	1	0
4	Houtan Maleki	2	2
5	vacant	3	0
6	Liz Lee	3	3
7	Shannon Maion	4	4
8	Kathy Weston	7	7
9	Michelle Kirkbright	5	
10	Margaret MacDonald	2	0
11	Amy Douthwright	2	2
12	Andy Ferguson	3	0
13	Les Kutenics	3	
14	Chris Young-Kate	2	abstain
15	Gord Johnson	3	3
	Total	49	30
	29 votes is 60%		61.22%

Meeting Date - Zoom

Wednesday Feb 5, 2025 @7:00 pm



The MAC acknowledges that Article 15.8 was not posted to Softball BC's website prior to the 2nd vote.



Date Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Submitted by Kathy Weston

District

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:



TOR's Recommendations – Governess Board met on Jan 27,2025- Have provided approximately 15 TOR's to Diane that require her review.

Article 15.8(relating to the selection of the Boys) & 9,1,25 are to be reviewed at a later date with a new temporary heading for the Boys Article 9 - "All Boy Teams are "C" while this is under review". This will allow more time to determine the process of selection for which Boy(s) team will attend Canadians & Westerns.

15.8. 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 Articles 8.2.2 d) and 8.6.13 shall be considered 'B" players

Proposed Process for boys teams to attend Westerns or Canadians

Amended December 18, 2024

- 1. Pursuant to article 9.1.25 (if it passes), all boys teams will be classified as C.
- Associations cannot hold tryouts for C classified teams. Since all <u>boys</u> teams will be classified as C, there cannot be any tryouts for boys teams except as noted in point 5. below.
- Teams classified as C are primarily put together to ensure that all teams are somewhat equal in skill and ability for league and championship play.
- For associations wanting to send teams to participate in Western or Canadian Championships, the first thing that they must do is put in a letter of intent for the specific championship by May 1 of the current year.
- Once the letter of intent is submitted, then an association (or district) can hold tryouts from all registered minor C players in that association (or district) for a Western or Canadian team.
- Once the tryouts are complete, the association or district will create a
 combined team registration form pursuant to 9.2.3 (must be from 3 teams in a
 district or association) for approval by their Minor Coordinator.
- The team fee of \$200 will be payable to Softball BC for the combined Western or Canadian teams.
- 8. The Western or Canadian team may practice together and participate in exhibition games if they wish but will not be permitted to enter provincial championships.
- Article 9.2.10.8 will need to be removed as it reads that if a district has fewer than 60
 players in a category, they can create a combined "C" team to compete in district
 can provincial championships. There are a number of articles in the Boys' section of
 the handbook that will need to be either deleted or amended.



Motion 9.1.25 -The article is under review to eliminate references to B and A, thereby categorizing all teams as C (community ball). As a result, tryouts would not be allowed. Note that categorization shall only be used for the purpose of forming teams to send to Western or Canadians.

Subsection)

REFERENCE: (Article and 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

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Mail - Minor Advisory Council Chair - Outlook

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



New Business:

Board Representative - Welcome Baukje Edamura

Coordinators – Feedback and Thoughts Mar 15, 2025 Email direct to Diane & Laura Combining both Girls and Boys rules (Article 8 & 9)

- having 1 set of rules for all players with sub sections as required to differentiate between them

Coordinators – Feedback and Thoughts Mar 2, 2025 Email direct to Diane & Laura

A recent disciplinary decision led to an interesting discussion with the Disciplinary Chair. The case involved the possible removal of a coach by their association for ethical reason. While the decision to remove the coach had merit the outcome could have left the team without a qualified coach and in a position where they needed to forfeit. The discussion led to the following questions:

What happens is a duly rostered and qualified coach becomes unable to continue coaching (i.e.: is called away due to a family emergency or they themselves are taken to emergency) and there is no other qualified coach on the roster? Our current rules say – automatic forfeit. Is there an appetite to give the Championship Director, in consultation with the assigned Softball BC Board Rep, authority to render an exemption when extenuating circumstances are present to allow for another qualified coach to be added late to the roster? This goes without saying that repercussions would be present is someone falsified the "extenuating circumstances".



Motions for review:

Oct 3, 2024 Baukje Edamura - 8.1.24 Field of Play - Addressed (Jason Email)

Last Update Date Oct 3, 2024
Submission Date Oct 2, 2024
Date Oct 3, 2024
Submitted by Lavaughn Larson
District Member of the Board of Directors
Seconded by Baukje Edamura
District 5
REFERENCE: (Article and
Subsection)

New Article

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)

New Article

Revision, Addition, Deletion (choose one)

Addition

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT: NEW ARTICLE UNDER Definitions in the girls' section

- 8.1.24 Field of Play: The field of play includes all of: the area on the playing field side of the backstop fence bounded by the backstop fence, si fences, extended to the outfield fence of the Playing Field, including t Dugouts.
- a. Playing Field: The playing field is defined as the fair territory wi which the ball may be played and field
- b. Dugout: The dugout is dead ball territory for those who are registered on the Softball BC approved roster only.

RATIONALE: There is considerable confusion with our membership (particularly coaches) who do not know what the field of play means or that members who are not registered should not be in the dugout. The addition of these definitions will clear up any misinformation.

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

Sent from my iPhone

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO FIELD OF PLAY MOTION

Subject: Re: Definition of Field of Play

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

So now they mention the Head Coach is to be Competition - Introduction Certified and in attendance at all games and on the team's <u>bench</u>. 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.
COUNCIL RESPONSE TO FIELD OF PLAY MOTION

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. <image.png>

Please advise, Thanks,

Kathy Weston

Minor Coordinator - District 8

604-805-4750

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We would like to acknowledge that our Softball BC office is located on the traditional and unceded territories of the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations.

From: Rick Benson < rick.benson@softball.bc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 12:45 PM

To: Kathy Weston < <u>d8minorcoordinator@softball.bc.ca</u>>; 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
Tel: 604-371-0302 extension 104
201-8889 Walnut Grove Drive, Langley, BC V1M 2N7
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From: Kathy Weston <<u>d8minorcoordinator@softball.bc.ca</u>>

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:41 AM

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 <image002.png>

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"

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

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Sep 20, 2024 Rachel Allan - 8.1.2.1 Approved Rosters - Lavaughn Larson — I would like to add the words "to the combined team" to the end of the rule. The rule starts out as a rule about "a minor player" — saying that a \$200 registration fee applies without saying "to the team" is confusing.

Last Update Date Sep 20, 2024 Submission Date Sep 7, 2024 Date Submitted by Rachel Allan

District Member of the Board of Directors Seconded by Lavaughn Larson District 7 REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

8.3.2.1

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)

8.3.2.1. A minor player may not appear on more than one Approved Roster. EFFECT: They are ineligible for either team, and ineligible to participate on any team in District, Provincial or extra-Provincial events. EXCEPTION: Players may register with two different teams to form a team in a higher classification (example: players from 'C' teams combine to form a 'B' team) but only if there is not a team registered in that classification in the District. This team must be made up of players from at least three teams of a lower classification. Regular Softball BC Registration Fees apply.

Revision, Addition, Deletion (choose one)

Revision

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 8.3.2.1 A minor player may not appear on more than one Approved Roster. EFFECT: They are ineligible for either team, and ineligible to participate on any team in District, Provincial or extra-Provincial events. EXCEPTION: Players may register with two different teams to form a team in a high classification (example: players from 'C' teams combine to form a 'B' tea but only if there is not a team registered in that classification in the District. This team must be made up of players from at least three teams of a lower classification. A Softball BC registration fee of \$200 will apply



RATIONALE: This revision was missed in the 2024 handbook. The intent is to ensure that playes and teams do not have to pay for individual player fees twice and a lower team fee is sufficient to cover administration costs. in one season.

8.3.2.1 MAC - agrees to adding \$200/TEAM will apply

Oct 3, 2024 Houtan Maleki 8.3.4 Minor Registration Deadline -

I would end 8.3.4.2 after "for B and C teams" since 8.3.4.3 says what happens after those dates. Then in 8.3.4.3, we need to change "Minor Director" to something else as this position no longer exists. Also, "Such changes will be processed..." should be removed – probably isn't always true and doesn't need to be in the Handbook. Finally, the consequence for non-compliance is said to be "daily per team penalty" but this isn't actually provided for in the rule.

Last Update Date Oct 3, 2024 Submission Date Sep 7, 2024 Date Sep 6, 2024 **Submitted by Houtan Maleki** District 4 Seconded by Bill Hawkins District

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REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

8.3.4. MINOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)

8.3.4.1. 'A' team Rosters must be uploaded and marked confirmed by the registrar by May 1st of the current year. Additions/deletions under the extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 1st of the current year. After June 1st, only the Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.

8.3.4.2. All "B" classification team rosters and Executive rosters are to be uploaded and marked confirmed May 15th of the current year. All "C" classification team rosters are to be uploaded and marked confirmed by May 31st of the current year. Additions/deletions under extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 5th of the current year. After June 5th, only the Minor



Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster. 8.3.4.3. Changes after the deadline must be approved by the Minor Director. Such changes shall be processed by the Softball BC office once per week. Changes will be considered for extreme circumstances only.

The MAC votes to remove 8.3.4.3 as it is redundant.

This has been dealt with Sep 20 Andy Ferguson - 8.6.13 Classification Change - Andy Ferguson Director 1 - "This move in classification once agreed to by the District Coordinator and Minor Director is not subject to appeal." should be removed. Firstly, there is no MD anymore, but secondly, the motion does not even say that they have to agree in order for the team to move up, nor what happens if they don't agree. The motioner should decide if they want it to be automatic moveup, no appeal, or move-up only if the MC (or someone else) agrees, and no appeal, and then the motion can be worded appropriately.

Director 2 - One motion 8.6.13 mentions the Minor Director. I thought that position has been reframed and is no longer a director position.



Oct 2, 2024 **Andy Ferguson** - 9.2.1.6b "B" Classification - Lavaughn Larson Should be structured in the same way as the girls' motion and same comments apply as above. Also, the girls motion said a fine and this one says no provincials but also isn't in the motion.

Last Update Date Submission Date Oct 2, 2024 Date Oct 2, 2024 **Submitted by Andy Ferguson** District

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Seconded by Lavaughn Larson District REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

9.2.1.6 b

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written)

9.2.1.6 b. All "B" classification team rosters and Executive rosters are to be uploaded and marked confirmed May 15thof the current year. All "C" classification team rosters are to be uploaded and marked confirmed by May 31st of the current year. Additions/deletions under extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 5th of the current year. After June 5th, only the Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.

Revision, Addition, Deletion (choose one)

Revision

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RATIONALE: On the Boy's side, registration for Provincial's teams has always been last minute. Some years, registrations have occurred on the first day of the tournament. This causes no end of issues and is very frustrating for the tournament organizers. Since most of the Boys teams are from the North and the South Interior and their seasons generally start later than most (the first or second week om May is not uncommon) a May date for roster confirmation is not always possible. A mid-June deadline should provide them with ample time to organize their teams for Provincials.

MAC Votes - Dates are to remain as written with a review in the future as the boys grow.

Oct 2, 2024 Kathy Weston 13.5.2 Short & Pants - No change No Vote Required

Oct 2, 2024 Katy Weston 13.5.3 Not Exposed - Kathy Weston Agree with removing the reference to "bra" but I don't think the majority of button front jerseys actually do cover the whole "chest" which is defined most often as stomach to neck. What are we trying to accomplish here – do we have a lot of people showing off their breasts in their ball uniforms? Do we care? What about genitals? Butts?

MAC Votes - All players on a team must wear uniforms as intended alike in colour, trim, and style.

Article 8.1.24	Article	Article	Article	Article	Article	Article
&9.1.25	8.3.2.1	8.3.4.3	9.2.1.6	13.5.3	8.6.13	13.5.2



			Votes	Votes	Votes	Votes	Votes	No Vote Required
1	Bill Hawkins	6	6	6	6	6	6	
2	Al Charlesworth	3	3	3	3	3	3	
3	vacant	1	0	0	0	0	0	
4	Houtan Maleki	2	2	2	2	2	no	
5	vacant	3	0	0	0	0	0	
6	Liz Lee	3	3	3	3	3	3	
7	Shannon Maion	4	4	4	4	4	4	
8	Kathy Weston	7	7	7	7	7	7	
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11	Amy Douthwright	2	2	2	2	2	2	
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MDF – Report – Meeting in February 2025

Boys – Report – Lavaughn Larson - meeting Feb 12, 2025 an email has been sent to Presidents and Coordinators. TOR they are working under dates back to 2022,

- Reporting to the MAC
- What are the best practices for boys
- Who should be on this working group
- Mini Conference to share information "what is working in area and how did they do it"
- Men as mentors

Update on membership applications

• Andy (12) Fort Nelson - Welcome to Softball letter is being sent



- Amy (11) Logan Lake Welcome to Softball letter is being sent
- Bill (1) Bill has Layritz U9 team joining an other association

2025 Provincial Schedule & Budget- Coordinators Feedback required prior to Feb 15, 2025 email ED directly

Coordinators Feedback – Reminder Only

- Coaching Exemptions
- Apprentice Coach Program
- New Coaching Section for SORs
- Review Pick-Up Process & Pick-Up Form

Coordinators - FYI

Official word from viaSport

I heard back from the Ministry who checked with their intergovernmental affairs department and they advised that they do not have any further information on people crossing into the USA with gender neutral passports. They suggest continuing to look at the travel advisory websites for updated information. Noting though that there is not anything currently specific to this topic.

If you do hear of any specific cases of people being prohibited from entering the USA, it would be good to have that information passed onto us and we will share with the Ministry.

Round Table:

Kathy D8 - 11R when announcing who will be Hosting,

A 17B team has folded in D8 and she was asking for clarification on how many "B" players could be on a "C" team.

Laura to get clarification on DC (Canadians/Westerns) for Kathy.

Margaret D10 - asking her association about a Host for 11 Celebration of Softball Umpires are needed

Next meeting: March 4, 2025 Zoom 7pm

Meeting adjourned: 9:29 pm

Motion: Bill 2nd - Kate