



Minor Advisory Council Minutes

September 29, 2025



In attendance

- Darcy MacKenzie, Chair
- Council members (see Appendix A)
- Baukje Edamura, Board Liaison
- Diane St-Denis, Executive Director

1. Territorial Acknowledgement and Opening Remarks

D. MacKenzie was called to order at 7:01 PM, followed by a brief territorial acknowledgement.

2. Quorum

Quorum (Appendix A) was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved K. Weston, seconded by E. Lee, to approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved H. Maleki, seconded by E. Lee, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Business Arising

a. Second Vote - Proposal to Eliminate U11 Celebration

Moved K. Weston, seconded by E. Lee, to eliminate the U11 Celebration of Softball as a SoftballBC event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The office is to ensure all references to the U11 Celebration are redacted from the SORs.

b. Eliminate bronze medal in silver pool

D. St-Denis reported that the motion was not written in time for this meeting. It will be brought forward at an upcoming meeting.

c. Time limits on bronze game in gold bracket

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d. Clarifying redacted rosters

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e. Guidelines around music

Council review proposed guidelines.

Staff to take back and redraft in a motion format. Limit application to Softball BC regionals and Provincial. The responsibility falls upon the tournament management committee (tournament director, UIC and Softball BC Rep).

f. Handling the playing time and Pitching limitation rules

K. Weston working group to bring forward at the next meeting.



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g. Tryout start date

Shannon's group is to report back at the next meeting.

h. Filing Vacancies on the Council

Candidate for D3 has been identified. The Chair and D. St-Denis to follow up.

The chair welcomed Patrick Beckerton as the new coordinator from D13.

i. Town hall of boys' ball

D. MacKenzie reported that a meeting was held with Derek Mason, Dean Vallie (Port Coquitlam), Jeremy Slater (Nanaimo), Tracey Oye (Fleetwood) and herself to discuss the content for a potential town hall meeting.

The focus of the meeting was on the question: What would it take for an association to bring in a boys' team?

The group agreed that it's more realistic, rather than focusing on every association to bring in a boys' team, to focus on two or three associations that could bring in boys' teams such as Richmond, Abbotsford, and Maple Ridge.

The group noted that key foundational element to successfully starting a boys program is having men coach these programs. The concept of having current players mentor fathers who are stepping into coaching or a rotation of coaches who can support a program with parents coaching.

The group will work with the office to schedule a town hall meeting in November that will be open to all members, where the above three programs will share what they have done to start their programs. We will recruit one program from the north (D11 or D12) that can speak to recruitment and retention.

j. Rural Participation Working Group Update

B. Edamura provided a high-level summary of some of the items discussed to date. The next meeting is on October 14th. One of the items she did bring forward was a request to include the rural associations in the tournament call/planning.

6. Email Votes

No email votes have been held since the last meeting.

7. Reports

a. Minor Development Fund

K. Weston - See AGM report for proposal for next year's spending and provision in funding for BC Summer Games.

b. 2026 Championships

The bid process is underway. D. St-Denis requested each coordinator's assistance in engaging their associations in discussions about hosting a provincial event.



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8. New Business

a. Seeding and 9.6.4 Knockout Championship Final

The email from Jason Ranchoux related to this topic was dismissed in favour of the next motion,

b. 8.6.11 - Seeding

The council discussed the motion put forward by B. Edamura and J. Ranchoux (Appendix B).

Moved by S. Maion, seconded by H. Maleki to replace .6.11 Seeding with the following revised 8.6.11.

The final seeding shall be determined as follows:

- a. **Won-Loss record. If still tied, then:**
- b. **When only two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the game between the tied teams is declared the winner. When three or more teams are tied, or when two teams are tied, but have not played each other in the qualifying round, only criteria (c), (d), (e) and (f) will apply in that order.**
- c. **Combined Run Differential (Total runs for minus total runs against). Note: Run differential limit is +7 or -7 runs per game. If still tied, then:**
- d. **The least (fewest) runs scored against during the entire qualifying round. (Note: full team records from the qualifying round shall be used). If still tied, then.**
- e. **Most runs scored for during the entire qualifying round (Note: full team records from the qualifying round shall be used). If still tied, then:**
- f. **If time and facilities permit, play a tie-breaker game. If time and facilities do not permit, the final seeding will be determined by a coin toss by the Softball BC Representative or designate.**

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Moved by S. Maion, seconded by H. Maleki to replace 9.6.4. KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL with the following revised 9.6.4

9.6.4. KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – At the end of the qualifying round the top four or six teams advance to the Knockout Championship Draw final and will be determined as follows:

- a. **Won-Loss record. If still tied, then:**
- b. **When only two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the game between the tied teams is declared the winner. When three or more teams are tied, or when two teams are tied, but have not played each other in the qualifying round, only criteria (c), (d), (e) and (f) will apply in that order.**
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c. Motion - 8.1.5 & 9.1.5 Designated Player

The council discussed the motion put forward by Jason Ranchoux and Tyler Warren. The council noted that the proposed modification does not clarify the rule as the current amendments would suggest 17C and 20C have DP and they don't. The amendments fails to address the fact that we don't have classifications in Boys ball.

Saff were instructed to send the motion back to authors with the council's feedback.

d. Motion - 8.1.10 & 9.1.10 Helmets

The council discussed the motions put forward by Jason Ranchoux and Tyler Warren (Appendix C, D & E).

The Council members felt strongly that SORs related to safety related items such as equipment should remain in the SORs.

Move by G. Johnson, second by C. Young to replace 8.1.10 Helmets (Batting) with the following which reflects the content of the Softball Canada rule.

8.1.10 Helmets

In accordance with Softball Canada Regulation 2.1.9, A helmet that is cracked, broken, dented or altered will be declared an illegal helmet and removed from the game.

- a) **For an on-deck batter, batter, batter-runner and a runner, a helmet must have two ear flaps (one on each side) and must be of the type that has safety features equal to or greater than those provided by the full plastic cap with padding on the inside. A liner covering only the ears does not meet the specifications of a legal helmet.**
- b) **For a catcher or a defensive player, a helmet may be the skull type without earflaps.**
- c) **For U17 categories and below, all on-deck batters, batters and base runners must have an attached face mask.**
- d) **Youth age players who coach in the first and third base coach's box.**
NOTE: A youth age coach registered only as a coach is not required to wear a helmet when coaching in the coach's box.
- e) **Youth age representatives that participate as a batboy or batgirl while on the field or in the dugout.**
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- e) For a catcher or a defensive player, a helmet may be the skull type without earflaps.
- f) For U17 categories and below, all on-deck batters, batters and base runners must have an attached face mask.

- d) Youth age players who coach in the first and third base coach's box.

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- e) Youth age representatives that participate as a batboy or batgirl while on the field or in the dugout.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Move by G. Johnson, second by C. Young to replace 8.1.11 Helmets & Masks (Catchers) with the following which reflects the content of the Softball Canada rule.

8.1.11 Protective Equipment

- a) MASKS. All catchers must wear a mask, throat protector, and helmet. Catchers (or other members of the defensive team) must wear a mask, throat protector and helmet while receiving warm-up pitches from the pitching plate, or in the warm-up area. If the person catching the pitch will not wear the mask, they must be replaced by a person who will do so. An extended wire protection attached to the mask may be worn instead of the throat protector. The ice hockey goalie style facemask is approved for use by catchers. If there is no throat protector built onto the mask, the throat attachment must be added to the mask before using.
 - 1. If the person catching for the pitcher will not wear the mask, after a warning, they will be removed from the game.
 - 2. If the person catching for the pitcher is anyone other than a team member and will not wear the mask after a warning, it shall mean the removal of the coach or manager of the offending team.



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- b) **FACE MASKS.** Any defensive or offensive player may wear an approved plastic face mask/guard. Face masks/guards that are cracked or deformed, or if padding has deteriorated or is missing, are prohibited from use and must be removed from the game. Catchers may not wear the plastic face mask/guard in place of the regular mask with a throat protector.

Pitchers in the U17 and below categories are required to wear a protective face mask.

- c) **BODY PROTECTORS.** All youth/minor catchers must wear a body protector.
- d) **SHIN GUARDS.** Youth/minor catchers must wear shin guards that will offer protection to the kneecap.
- e) **PROTECTIVELEG/ ARM GUARDS.** These may be worn by a batter and a batter-runner. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Move by G. Johnson, second by C. Young to replace 9.1.6 Helmets & Masks (Catchers) with the following which reflects the content of the Softball Canada rule.

8.1.11 Protective Equipment

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j) **PROTECTIVELEG/ ARM GUARDS.** These may be worn by a batter and a batter-runner.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Tie-breaker Motions

The council discussed the motions put forward by Jason Ranchoux and B. Edamura (Appendix F).

Move by G. Johnson, seconded by H. Maleki to following addition to the SORs.

8.1.25. TIEBREAKER - Starting with the top of the eight inning OR the first new inning after time has expired: for each half-inning thereafter until the game ends, the offensive team starts its turn at bat the player scheduled to bat last in that respective half-inning placed on second base as a runner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Move by G. Johnson, seconded by H. Maleki to replace 8.6.5 with the revised content:

8.6.5. Ties are permitted in round robin play. Ties are NOT permitted in playoff games and extra innings must be played until there is a winner. For all playoff games that are tied after 7 complete innings or after time has expired, subsequent innings shall be played using the TIEBREAKER rule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Move by G. Johnson, seconded by H. Maleki to following addition to the SORs.

9.1.26 TIEBREAKER - Starting with the top of the eight inning OR the first new inning after time has expired: for each half-inning thereafter until the game ends, the offensive team starts its turn at bat the player scheduled to bat last in that respective half-inning placed on second base as a runner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Move by G. Johnson, seconded by H. Maleki to replace 9.6.1.5 with the revised content:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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Move by G. Johnson, seconded by H. Maleki to replace 9.6.1.5 with the revised content:

9.6.3.6. Ties are permitted in round robin play. Ties are NOT permitted in playoff games and extra innings must be played until there is a winner. For all playoff games EXCEPT the final game that are tied after 7 complete innings or after time has expired, subsequent innings shall be played using the TIEBREAKER rule.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. Tournaments - 2026 Assigned & Scheduled

The Council discussed the upcoming tournament call and tournament sanctions. D. St-Denis confirmed that a bulletin was sent out on September 22nd, reminding members of the sanction requirements listed in Article 17.

A recommendation was made to include in the Article definitions of “exhibition game, tournament and league play.

g. Section 8.5.14

K. Weston circulated a document pertaining items 8.5.14 - Pick-Ups. She will draft motion for the next meeting.

h. 8.5.13 - classification change

S. Maion sought clarification on 8.5.13 - Classification Change as it pertained to the 2025 Champions. D. St-Denis shared with the Board details L. MacMillan had provided to her for this meeting.

The interpretation from Council members were that the team would be required to move to U19B or to the Women’s Category.

Council members agreed with the observation that the rule is poorly written.

i. 13.7.6 AUTOMATIC one (1) game suspension

K. Weston will bring forward a motion on this item.

j. Article 18 - Coaching Requirements

D. St-Denis confirmed that the coaching development committee will be meeting the week of Oct 20. The recommended requirements for 2026 will be send to the Board to an email vote and hopefully circulated to the membership by Oct 31st to the membership.

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting is Thursday, November 13th. The meeting will deal with motions only.

Moved by S. Maion, seconded by M. MacDonald to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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Appendix A

Coordinator Attendance

		Weight	In attendance	Votes
1	Bill Hawkins	5	1	5
2	Al Charlesworth	3	1	3
3	vacant	1		
4	Houtan Maleki	2	1	2
5	vacant	3		
6	Liz Lee	3	1	3
7	Shannon Maion	4	1	4
8	Kathy Weston	5	1	5
9	Michelle Kirkbright	5		0
10	Margaret MacDonald	2	1	2
11	Amy Douthwright	2		0
12	Andy Ferguson	3	1	3
13	Patrick Beckerton	3	1	3
14	Chris Young	3	1	3
15	Gord Johnson	2	1	2
	Total	46	11	35
	27 votes is 60%			76.09%

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YOUR MOTION

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8.6.11 - Seeding

Please list the current content of the referenced section. *

SEEDING will be based on win/tie/loss record (2 points for a win, 0 for a loss, 1 point for a tie) a. To break a tie: Winner of head-to-head against all teams they are tied with; • In order to use this criterion, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the remaining teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. • If more than two teams are tied for any seeding position based on win/loss/tie record the head to head criteria (a) shall be applied repeatedly before proceeding to b) b. c. d. e. f. If still tied: Run differential totals (score differential limit up to +7 runs or -7 per game). If still tie: use total bases touched for or against (score differential limit limit up to +30 or -30 If till tied: Least runs scored against during round robin. If still tied: use total bases touched of all games played. If still tied, a tie breaking game will apply if a spot in seeding for the knockout shall result in one team being eliminated. Otherwise broken by coin toss.

Are you looking to amend, delete, or add to this section? *

☒ Amend

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What is your proposed motion? *

SEEDING - The final seeding shall be determined as follows: a. Won-Loss record. If still tied, then repeat. b. When only two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the game between the tied teams. When three or more teams are tied, or when two teams are tied, but have not played each other in the qualifying round, only criteria (c), (d), (e) and (f) in that order will apply. c. Combined Run Differential (Total runs for minus total runs against). Note: Run differential limit is +7 or -7 runs per game. d. Least runs scored against during entire qualifying round. (Note: full team records from the qualifying round shall be used) If still tied, then. e. Most runs scored for during entire qualifying round (Note full team records from the qualifying round shall be used) If still tied then. f. If time and facilities permit, play a tie breaker game. If time and facilities do not permit, the final seeding will be determined by a coin toss by the Softball BC Board Representative or designate.

What is the rationale behind your motion? *

The bases touched criteria has been a sore point for the game in all corners of the Province. With new efforts to make the game less confrontational, bases touched as a seeding criteria is one of the bigger stats that brings controversy.

Scorekeepers, Umpires, and Tournament Officials are consistently having to deal with issues arising from teams running up the score on offence when the game is out of hand so that they can "max out" on bases touched. It makes the game run longer than need be, does not teach the players any sort of sportsmanship, and puts an undue strain on scorekeepers trying to keep accurate track of bases touched when often the scorekeeper is an untrained parent.

By removing bases touched and putting an emphasis on run prevention rather than "running up the score," it brings an element of skill that the game demands to truly determine the better team on the diamond and in the rankings. Coaches are incentivized to promote defense and stop the other team from scoring runs rather than having their team steal as many bases as possible just to get a base touched. It gives a more true evaluation of a team by showing their offense and defense skills while encouraging teams to stay competitive in a game rather than incentivizing blowouts.

These blowouts also put a strain on timing for tournaments, often putting start times behind because it takes much longer each inning to score 5 runs (or longer with open innings) rather than get 3 Out.

From a stats perspective for the 99% of volunteer/parent scorekeepers; Runs allowed is a straightforward stat to track. Umpires and Scorekeepers can easily determine whether a run had scored or not. Bases touched is more difficult to track, may result in errors, and disagreements with the opposing team's stat tracking as well.

Are there consequences for non-compliance with the revised section if this motion is approved? *

None

Are there other by-laws, policies, or articles that may be affected by this motion if approved? *

9.6.4 Knockout Championship Final should be amended as well to align with this

Are there any financial implications if this motion is approved? *

none

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What is your proposed motion? *

Delete 8.1.10

What is the rationale behind your motion? *

duplicates what is in Softball Canada's rule 2.1.9

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none

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8.1.11 and 9.1.10 separate motions sent

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8.1.11 Helmet and Mask

Please list the current content of the referenced section. *

Minor catchers must wear a regulation helmet and mask and/or approved equipment.

Are you looking to amend, delete, or add to this section? *

☐ Amend

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☐ Add

What is your proposed motion? *

Delete 8.1.11

What is the rationale behind your motion? *

covered under Softball Canada rule 2.4.3.a

Are there consequences for non-compliance with the revised section if this motion is approved? *

none

Are there other by-laws, policies, or articles that may be affected by this motion if approved? *

9.1.11 to be addressed in a separate motion

Are there any financial implications if this motion is approved? *

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What is the rationale behind your motion? *

duplicate of Softball Canada rule 2.4.3.a

Are there consequences for non-compliance with the revised section if this motion is approved? *

none

Are there other by-laws, policies, or articles that may be affected by this motion if approved? *

8.1.11 for alignment purposes

Are there any financial implications if this motion is approved? *

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Softball BC Handbook sections which reference tie-breaking which this motion seeks to change:

8.6.5.

9.6.1.5.

9.6.3.6.

10.6.3.7.

10.6.4.5.

11.6.3.7.

11.6.4.5.

Softball Canada Rule which does not currently work for categories that play bat-all:

1.2.4 TIEBREAKER

Starting with the top of the eight inning and for each half-inning thereafter until the game ends, the offensive team starts its turn at bat the player scheduled to bat ninth in that respective half-inning placed on second base as a runner.

The runner on second base may be substituted in accordance with the substitution Rules.

If an incorrect runner is placed on second base, they shall be called out if a proper appeal is made by the defensive team after a pitch (legal or illegal) or play and is upheld. A proper appeal may be made at any time the incorrect runner is on base. If the offensive team places the correct runner on base before a proper appeal is made, there is no penalty.

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Re: motions

1 message

Laura MacMillan <prog-champdirector@softball.bc.ca>
To: Diane St-Denis <executive.director@softball.bc.ca>

Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 2:49 PM

Hi Diane,

I gave the MaW Council until today to provide feedback. There are no objections to this motion.

Thank you,

Laura MacMillan (she/her/hers)

Programs and Championship Director

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Any update on this item?

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Date: Wed, Aug 20, 2025 at 8:07 AM

Subject: motions

To: Laura MacMillan <Prog-ChampDirector@softball.bc.ca>

Laura,

See attached motions submitted by Edamura and Ranchoux. I need you to have the motions that affect men's fastpitch and women's fastpitch rules reviewed in September. I've already added the motions for the MAC to look at.

The recommendations from the Men's & Women's Advisory Council must be brought forward to the Board.

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YOUR MOTION

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Softball BC Handbook sections which reference tie-breaking which this motion seeks to change:

8.6.5.

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