



Minor Advisory Council Agenda

December 4, 2025



In attendance

- Council members (see Appendix A)
- Darren Simpson, Board Liaison
- Shaquille Gilbert, Umpires & Championship Director (Staff Liaison)
- Jim Ullock, Sport Development Director (Staff)
- Diane St-Denis, Executive Director (Staff)

1. Territorial Acknowledgement and Opening Remarks

B. Edamura (chair) was called to order at 7:00 PM, followed by a brief territorial acknowledgement and a few opening comments.

2. Quorum

Quorum (Appendix A) was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved A. Doughtwright, seconded by M. Kirkbright, to approve the agenda with the addition of 8.q. Boys rostering on two rosters (raised at the recent Lower Mainland meeting).
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved G. Johnson, seconded by M. MacDonald, to approve the minutes of November 13, 2025, as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Email Votes

There was no email vote since the last meeting.

6. Reports

a. Minor Development Fund

K. Weston confirmed that the committee held its intake meeting on November 18th to review submissions for activities taking place between Jan 1st and April 20th. The committee approved 14 submissions totalling \$10,000. Most projects are coaching clinics, with some funds directed to the new association (Peachland, Mission, and Revelstoke) for upstart and community building. The Committee also set aside \$3,000 to support the BC Summer Games (tryouts for some zones and coach training). The current balance of the fund is \$27,524.68.

Weston reminded the coordinators that the intake process for the MDF has changed. You now need to apply before the event takes place, and there are specific intake windows. She recommended that all coordinators review the MDF information on the website and reinforce this information with their district associations.

b. 2026 Championships Update

i. Looking for hosts

S. Gilbert reported that the Board will be reviewing bids this weekend. He noted that the office is still looking for a host for the boys' provincials and men's provincials and encouraged the coordinators to contact him if they have leads on potential hosts.



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K. Weston reported that a participant at the recent tournament call stated they were informed, on good authority, that the U17A dates would be moved. D. St-Denis made note that no decision has been made on moving the date. The Board will be made aware of the possibility of a date move if Softball Canada is willing to set aside the expectation that PTSO must declare their teams two (2) weeks prior to the start of nationals.

ii. Confirming Regional hosts

S. Gilbert asked the coordinators in Regions 3, 4, and 5 to work together and aim to identify their U13C regional host by the end of December.

iii. Confirm Dates and Host for districts

S. Gilbert asked the coordinators, who have yet to do so, to fill out the chart with the dates and host for their district.

7. Business Arising

a. Tryout start date working group

The group working on the proposal will be meeting in the next few weeks. They will be reviewing some of the advice provided by the office. Seeing as this is a significant change, they want to ensure there is plenty of opportunity for members to discuss it. They are considering sending out a summary of proposed recommendations (a short document) and hosting a town hall to hear feedback directly from members and determine what changes might be needed before formally submitting the proposal for a vote by Council and, eventually, to the Board.

b. Rural Participation Working Group Update

B. Edmura provide a brief update on the group's work and the revision they are bringing forward to the Board on December 7th.

c. Proposal to Eliminate U11 Celebration

The Board of Director believe this is a significant decision that requires wider consultation with the membership. As such, survey work is being undertaken, which may lead to a town hall meeting in early January.

d. Eliminate bronze medal in silver pool revision

Work has begun on drafting wording. K. Weston and B. Edamurray will bring a proposal forward at the January meeting.

e. Changes to Article 7

D. St-Denis inquired about the council's intention to address the feedback provided by the Board on the council's original motion to edit Article 7. Consensus was that the council was setting aside the proposed change for the 2026 season.



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- f. Time limits on bronze game in gold bracket - 2nd Vote

Moved by S. Maion, seconded by K. Weston, to approve the following edits:

8.1.20. START TIME – Time will start after the first warm-up pitch, and a new inning is deemed to start on the umpire's "out" call of the third out on the home team.

8.6.4. TIME LIMITS:

- a. U19A, U17A, U19B, U17B: none
- b. U20C, U17C, U15A, U15B: no new inning after 90 minutes. **A time limit will be in effect for the bronze medal game. No new innings after 90 minutes. No time limit will be in effect for all gold medal games.**
- c. U13A, U13B, U15C: no new inning after 90 minutes **except the gold medal game in the gold division/pool. No time limit will be in effect for the Gold Pool, Gold Medal Game only.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- g. Guidelines around music -2nd vote

Moved by S. Maion, seconded by A. Douthwright, to approve the new Guidelines for Music for all Softball BC Regional and Provincial Events.

Responsibility

The Head Coach is responsible for ensuring that their team, comprising players, staff, parents/guardians, and spectators, adheres to these guidelines.

Policy

- 1. All music (including pre-game/warm-up) must be good taste and profanity-free (otherwise known as "the clean" version)**
- 2. Between innings, the team on defence gets to play the warm-up music.**
- 3. To ensure the pace of play is maintained, all music must stop as the batter enters the batter's box. A batter cannot delay the game in order to have a walk-up song played.**
- 4. The music volume must be set so it does not disrupt other games on adjacent/nearby diamonds.**

Authority

The tournament management committee is responsible for implementing this policy.

If the playing of music is delaying or interfering with the game's progress:

- 1. A member of the tournament management committee will issue a verbal warning to the head coach.**
- 2. If the team continues to not adhere to guidelines. The tournament management committee will instruct the coach that they are no longer allowed to use music OR player intros for the remainder of the game.**
- 3. If the team continues to disregard the guidelines, the tournament management committee will issue a pro tem suspension to the head coach.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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h. 8.1.5 Designated Player - 2nd vote

Moved by H. Maleki, seconded by G. Johnson, to approve the following edits:

DESIGNATED PLAYER – The designated player rule is in effect for **A & B categories in for-U15 and above-categories.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

i. 8.1.15 and 8.3.6.2 Coaches- 2nd vote

Moved by K. Weston, seconded by S. Maion, to approve the following edits to 8.3.6.2 - Five (5) **coaches total team staff members, including coaches, assistant coaches, managers and treasurers**, plus one Approved Minor Apprentice Coach paired with the rostered Mentor Coach. Apprentice Coaches are approved before Rosters are submitted, through an online application (see Article 18).

AND

To eliminate 8.1.15 as it is redundant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: The office needs to prepare instructions for registrars on who to register as club staff without rostering them, to ensure they are insured (CGL, Participant Injury and Abuse Liability). Anyone registered but not rostered can assist on the field during practices, etc. They would be prohibited from being on the field at Celebrations, Showcases, Regionals, Provincials, Western Canadians and Canadians.

j. 8.1.23 Participation - 2nd vote

Moved by H. Maleki, seconded by M. MacDonald, to approve the following edits recognizing that the staff will ensure the sections referred to in the motion are reviewed at the time of publication to ensure they are referring to the correct SORs.

8.1.23 Participation

This definition applies to games played using the batting order modification described in Section 8.6.9.1, **along with 8.7.25 (U13C Regional Championships) and 8.8.3.b U11C Celebration of Softball and X.X.X U11Rep Showcase.**

All Players on the entry roster shall **receive participate in** a minimum of 2 defensive innings **in the first (12 outs) by the end of the 4th inning of the games; unless injured or unavailable.** If the player is ill or injured, they must be removed from the batting lineup to be compliant with this definition.

In a run-ahead game, a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players.

This is a protest in all Softball BC Championships/Events as defined above. Violation of this will result in the Head Coach, in the case of U13C or U11Rep or the NCCP-qualified coach in Article 8.6.9.1, being ejected at the time of protest along with a one-game suspension.



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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: Staff to review numbering to ensure they reference the correct SORs.

- k. 13.7.6 AUTOMATIC one (1) game suspension - 2nd vote

Moved by H. Maleki, seconded by S. Maion, to approve the following edits:

13.7.6 AUTOMATIC one (1) game suspension when ejected in or after the 5th Inning for a behavioural ejection; this does not pertain to a technical ejection. Any coaches or players ~~Participants~~ who are ejected in the 5th inning or later at Districts or Provincials will automatically receive a one (1) game suspension for the following game.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. New Business

- a. Registered Minor Player

- i. SOR 8.3.2 Registered Minor Player

K. Weston and the office both submitted proposed changes to this SOR. After some discussion, consensus was that the player's affiliation ends once their team is disqualified from post-season competition. D. St-Denis and K. Weston to bring this motion back at the next meeting with appropriate revisions.

- ii. Transfer, Release & Release/Abandon

D. St-Denis noted that the 8.3.2.3 and 8.3.2.4 are very similar and recommended combining them to avoid having two SORs referencing a "release". She also recommended deleting 8.3.5- Transfer, as it achieves the same outcome as a release.

After some discussion, D. St-Denis was asked to bring this item back at a subsequent meeting.

- b. SOR 8.4.1. minor on a senior team

K. Weston presented a motion to alter 8.4.1 to clarify that any player 18 years or younger in the U20C, U19A and U19B category/classification must have consent from their parents to play on an adult team. D. St-Denis was asked to revise the proposal and bring this item back at a subsequent meeting. A similar edit will be required in the boys' SORs.

- c. SOR 8.5.12 Coaches Meeting

K. Weston presented a motion to alter the 8.5.12 to clearly list what documentation the head coach must bring to the coaches' meeting. The council also discussed the use of virtual meetings and their impact on the submission of documentation. D. St-Denis was asked to revise the proposal and bring this item back at a subsequent meeting.

- d. Pick Up Chart

- i. Motion Annex E - Pick-Up Chart

Moved by B. Hawkins, seconded by S. Maion, to add the following to the chart:



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- An “x” under U20C showing that they cannot pickup from U17A (this was a typographical error)
- The addition of U11 Rep and U11C to the chart to show that U13A and B can pickup from both classifications.

Annex E - Minor Pickup Chart																
To be read top to bottom, not right to left																
Your team →		U19			U20	U17			U15			U13			U11	
		A	B	C		A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	Rep	C
may pick up from ↓	U19	A	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
		B	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
		C	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	U17	A	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
		B	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
		C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	U15	A	x	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
		B	x	x	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x
		C	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
	U13	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x
		B	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x
		C	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x
	U11	Rep	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x
		C	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. SOR 8.52. and 8.5.6 Pro rata

The Coordinators were split on a straw vote on having the pro-rata draw made public immediately following the draw - Favour - 4, Against - 2 and Abstained - 7.

Concerns were raised on the date by which district must confirm their number of team participating in each category of Provincial Championships.

D. St-Denis was asked to revise the proposal and bring this item back at a subsequent meeting.

f. 8.1.22 Maximum 20 Games

Deferred to the December 11th meeting.



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- g. SOR 8.5.14 Pick-Ups
 - i. Motion
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
 - ii. Does 8.5.14.2 override 8.5.14.3 e?
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
 - iii. 8.5.14 requires further review. Does 8.5.14.2 overrule 8.5.14.3. e. Who takes precedent, A or B?
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
 - iv. Is 8.5.14.4 realistic?
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
- h. 8.5.13 - classification change
 - i. Appeal Committee's feedback on the lack of clarity in the regulation. See Fleetwood Decision
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
 - ii. 8.5.13 - Motion to amend reclassification rule to remove variance for U20C
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
- i. Coaching Requirements
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
- j. Clarifying redacted rosters
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
- k. Tournaments - 2026 Assigned & Scheduled
 - i. Article definitions of "exhibition game, tournament and league play
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
 - ii. Concerns raised on inclusivity in the annual tournament scheduling call
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
- l. Bat Kids
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
- m. Field of Play - who is allowed access
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
- n. 8.3.4 Registration Deadlines
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.



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- o. U13 DP/Flex
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
 - p. Western Canadian Softball Association
 - i. BC is now the office and the treasurer for the association
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
 - ii. Motion to edit the Handbook
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
 - q. Boys rostering on two rosters (raised at the recent Lower Mainland
Deferred to the December 11th meeting.
9. Round Table Check-in
Coordinators shared brief updates on activities happening in their district.
10. Next Meeting and Adjournment
Next meeting
- December 11th, 2025, finish the e agenda
 - January 15, 2026
 - February 12, 2026

**Moved by M. MacDonald, seconded by A. Charlesworth, to adjourn the meeting at
9:37 pm. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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Appendix A

Coordinator Attendance

		Weight	In attendance	Votes	
1	Bill Hawkins	6	1	6	
2	Al Charlesworth	3	1	3	
3	vacant				
4	Houtan Maleki	3	1	3	
5	Baukje Edamura	3	1	3	
6	Liz Lee	4	1	4	
7	Shannon Maion	4	1	4	arrived at 7:28 pm
8	Kathy Weston	7	1	7	
9	Michelle Kirkbright	5	1	5	
10	Margaret MacDonald	3	1	3	
11	Amy Douthwright	3	1	3	
12	Andy Ferguson	3	0	0	Sent regrets
13	Patrick Beckerton	3	1	3	arrived at 7:35 pm
14	Chris Young	3	1	3	Sent K. Doucette as replacement
15	Gord Johnson	3	1	3	
	Total	53	13	50	
	31.8 votes is 60%			94.34%	