



Minor Advisory Council Minutes

June 1, 2025



1. Territorial Acknowledgement and Opening Remarks

D. Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM with a brief territorial acknowledgement.

2. Quorum

Quorum (Appendix A) was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by E. Lee, seconded by A. Charlesworth, to approve the agenda as circulated.

Carried unanimously

4. Approval of the Minutes of April 13, 2025

Moved by B. Hawkins, seconded by S. Maion, to approve the minutes as circulated.

Carried unanimously

5. Business Arising

a. Championship Host Update

L. MacMillan provided a brief update on hosts.

b. Pro Rata Process

Coordinators are asked to complete the Google form for B and C teams committed to going to provincials by June 7th. The call is scheduled for June 10th.

The Council agreed that the results of the pro rata draw would be kept confidential until District playdowns are completed.

Each coordinator will announce the outcome of the pro rata results related to their district following the completion of the district playdowns.

The concern was raised about how to address the process for districts that have no coordinators (3 and 5).

c. U11 Celebration & U13 Regionals Rules

L. MacMillan confirmed that a summary sheet will be made available to the host and Softball BC rep.

L. MacMillan confirmed that the pick-up forms (both in-district and out-of-district) have been updated and are now available on the website.

She confirmed that there is no form for replacement players for U13C. Teams need to verify who is not attending and who is replacing that player, ensuring the replacement player is on an official roster.

She confirmed that you can have a tie in a round-robin, but in playoffs, you must have a winner. She pointed to the chart that shows runs for, runs against, and tie-breaking.



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Confirmed that Article 7 rules must be used for the U11 Celebration & U13 Regionals, along with Articles 8.7 and 8.8. A coordinator flagged that Softball Canada's rulebook has different rules for U13 and U11. For example, in U11, Softball Canada does not allow a player to play the same position for two consecutive innings, and our rules don't mention anything. L. MacMillan confirmed that the Softball BC handbook overrides the Softball Canada rulebook.

U11C will be sent out tonight. U11R and U13C will be completed in the next few days.

d. Softball Rep Packages

The packages are currently being finalized. They should be out by the end of the week.

We have updated the "You are going to provincials document, which will be sent out this week.

f. Medals & Players' Gifts for Provincials

Regionals will get drawstring bags. For provincials, we are using bucket hats, trucker hats and water bottles.

We've elected not to provide apparel-type items, such as t-shirts, to avoid competing with the host's apparel sale and to prevent sizing issues.

The first place is the bucket hat, the trucker hat is the second, and the third is the water bottle.

There is no alternate pricing for coaches.

g. District Qualifiers Updates

Coordinators provide a brief update on the events in their districts.

L. MacMillan is following up with D3 as they have no coordinator. D5 is being coordinated by B. Edamura in the absence of a coordinator.

There was no update from U13. L. MacMillan will be following up.

h. U19B & U20C how many teams

No confirmation at this time. We need to wait for the final numbers.

Currently, 19B has 20 registered teams. The office will verify if all teams intend to attend. B. Hawkins confirmed that the host for U19B is open to taking up to 20 teams to ensure all teams who want to attend provincials have the opportunity to do so.

The coordinators requested that the office confirm as soon as possible which provincials will take all the registered teams.

j. Governance Committee feedback on TORs Meeting

The Committee has not met. We are currently reviewing the OIE. We don't expect a meeting until July.



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h. Boys Fastpitch Rules

The rewrite is almost completed and will be sent to the Board for an email vote.

i. Appointment of Softball BC Representatives to Provincials

We still need reps for Vernon, the U11 Celebration in Cordova Bay and Kelowna, the U13C in Surrey and the U11R Showcase at Softball City.

We have not secured all UICs for all events. L. MacMillan is following up with the PUIC.

j. Advising associations on rules

D. St-Denis asked coordinators to ensure they are adhering to the rules when advising members. If an interpretation is required, we advise coordinators to consult with L. MacMillan for minor ball rules. Governance-related items would be brought to D. St-Denis's attention.

K. Weston brought up the rule in 8.1.23 participation, which applies to U13A, U13B, U15C, U17C, and U20C, and asked what the consequence would be if the coach did not adhere to it.

The Western Canadian Softball Association applies a one-game suspension to the head coach for not adhering to the participation rule.

The office is to send out a bulletin confirming that non-adherence to 8.1.23 will result in the head coach being suspended for one game.

We will introduce a forfeit penalty for the 2026 season.

k. Altered rules for rural communities

D. St-Denis informed the Council that the Board will be discussing the concept of altered rules for rural communities and may direct the Advisory Councils to consider whether some of our rules are creating challenges to the growth of the sport in those areas.

6. Email Votes - n/a

7. Reports

a. Minor Development Fund \ Report

Yes. We have approved another \$4,500 in funding. Working on letters going out.

b. Boys Working Committee Report

The Committee met this past week. Have another just before provincials, and then stop meeting until the fall.

L. MacMillan informed the Council that the Western Canadian Softball Association had cancelled all boys championships due to low participation numbers.

8. New Business

a. Youth Slo-Pitch



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D. St-Denis inquired if other districts are seeing or getting requests for youth slo-pitch. D11 noted that there is interest from some participants in playing adult slo-pitch.

St-Denis confirmed the presence of a program in Quesnel and the Metis Nation, British Columbia.

D13 confirmed a league in Vanderhoof and some talk in Merritt for moving to slow-pitch.

b. Combine team 11R

Confirming that we are accepting combined teams to fill Lakehill. Ridge Meadows will be comprised of combined teams only.

The host allocation structure needs to be revised to ensure we have sufficient teams to support selected host sites.

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

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

Carried unanimously

The next meeting is June 30, 2025 - check-in before provincials.



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Appendix A

		Weight	In attendance	Votes
1	Bill Hawkins	6	1	6
2	Al Charlesworth	3	1	3
3	vacant			
4	Houtan Maleki	2	1	2
5	vacant			
6	Liz Lee	3	1	3
7	Shannon Maion	4	1	4
8	Kathy Weston	7	1	7
9	Michelle Kirkbright	5	1	5
10	Margaret MacDonald	2	1	2
11	Amy Douthwright	2	1	2
12	Andy Ferguson	3	1	3
13	Les Kutenics	3	0	0
14	Chris Young	2	1	2
15	Gord Johnson	3	1	3
	Total	45	12	42
	29 votes is 60%			93.33%