



Minor Advisory Council Minutes

June 30, 2025



In attendance

- Council members - see Appendix A
- Diane St-Denis, Executive Director
- Bob Hitchcock, Coaching Coordinator

Regrets

- Darcy MacKenzie
- Council members - see Appendix A
- Laura MacMillan, Programs & Championship Director

1. Territorial Acknowledgement and Opening Remarks

E. Lee chaired the meeting in the absence of D. Mackenzie. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM, followed by a brief territorial acknowledgement.

2. Quorum

Quorum (Appendix A) was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

Carried unanimously

4. Approval of the Minutes of April 13, 2025

Moved by B. Hawkins, seconded by K. Weston, to approve the minutes as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Questions arising from the minutes

- When are board rep packages being sent out? Answer - L. MacMillan is working on it. They should be out this week.

5. Business Arising

a. Update from Programs & Championships Director

D. St-Denis answered questions in the absence of L. MacMillan.

Recommended for the 2026 season that the office host a call with all Softball BC Reps assigned to championships to review all pertinent championship rules and procedures.

G. Johnson questioned the pick-up process, where a B player received an offer to be picked up for provincials by a B team within their district, but the same player has also been approached by an out-of-district A team for provincials. The rule requires acceptance of an in-district offer to be eligible for an out-of-district offer. The challenge, this year, is that both the A and B championships in this age category are on the same weekend, as normally, the player could participate in both provincials.

The Council also confirmed for S. Maion that a U17 player cannot choose not to participate with their team in provincial in order to attend the U19 provincials, which are scheduled on the same weekend, with another team.



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Outcome

- a) K. Weston confirmed that the team in question has rescinded their pick-up requests to pick up the B players in question, so that the A teams can pick up those players.
- b) 8.5.14 requires further review. Does 8.5.14.2 overrule 8.5.14.3.e)? Who takes precedent, A or B?
- b. Article 9 - Minor Boys Fastpitch - Update
Follow-up needed on the clarification A. Ferguson was seeking. D. St-Denis to ensure this is addressed at an upcoming meeting.
- c. Player definition - Appendix A
The information brought forward by L. MacMillan cannot be considered, as it is a modification to the regulation. This will be a post-season discussion.
- d. Follow-up on 8.1.23 - participation
The Board discussed this item at their last meeting. The Board agreed that a change was needed, they did not approve a modification to regulation and accepted a different solution offered by L. MacMillan. D. St-Denis committed to circulating the email that had been send to the Chair of the Council, the PUIC and K. Weston (who asked the question) to the entire Council following the conclusion of the meeting.

K. Weston inquired about the 13.7.6 -coach ejection. L. MacMillan noted that the rule was intended to automatically suspend participants for ejections related to behaviour. However, the rule does not speak to behaviour. The rule needs to be rewritten to clarify intent, as the application of the rule must be based on what is written in the handbook. B. Edamura noted that the Board was reluctant to entertain changes to the handbook without full discussions.

Outcome

- a) D. St-Denis to ensure clarification is provided to ALL Softball BC reps to ensure all are implementing the rule in the same way - is it for behaviour ejection only or for all ejections?
- b) 13.7.6 needs to be revised to reflect the intent.
- e. Questions leading into Provincials
D. St-Denis indicated that she is waiting on a response from L. MacMillan on the status of the Softball Bc Rep package. K. Weston noted that the coaches' meeting agenda has conflicting information regarding the draw format for in-person vs virtual meetings.

G. Johnson inquired about what we are giving out for prizing for U15C. B. Hawkins reminded the group that this topic was addressed at a previous meeting.

B. Hitchcock was in attendance to answer any questions about coaching certification. The question was raised regarding the foundations of coaching course. He referenced the 2023 bulletin, which read:



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At the U15 level and above

1. C coaches who began their training after January 1, 2020 must have completed:
 - FOCS #1 and FOCS#2, and - either Community Coach Ongoing Participation or Weekend #1 (in-person or hybrid) and,
 - the MED course and/or online MED evaluation
2. C coaches who obtained certification prior to January 1, 2020 must have completed:
 - either Community Coach Ongoing Participation or Weekend #1 (in-person or hybrid) and,
 - the MED course and/or online MED evaluation

At the U13 level and below

1. C coaches who began their training after January 1, 2020 must have completed:
 - FOCS #1 and - either Community Coach Ongoing Participation or Weekend #1 (in-person or hybrid) and,
 - the MED course and/or online MED evaluation
2. C coaches who obtained certification prior to January 1, 2020 must have completed:
 - either Community Coach Ongoing Participation or Weekend #1 (in-person or hybrid) and,
 - the MED course and/or online MED evaluation

He confirmed that Apprentice Coaches must provide a copy of their approval letter at the coaches' meeting. The same requirement applies to coaches who have an exemption from the coaching requirements.

B. Edamura raised the question about a standard for bat girls/boys. K. Weston noted that we adopt a new field of play definition and that only those on an approved roster are allowed on the field of play; therefore, bat girls/boys are not allowed on the field of play. B Hawkins supported the statement.

G. Johnson inquired about the possibility of a player participating in two provincials on the same weekend - i.e., knocked out on Saturday and plays for another team at another event on Sunday.

f. Tasks from Board Meeting
Push to next meeting.

g. Pick-ups
S. Maion inquired about what evidence coordinators are requesting to support the statement that there are no in-district players available. Most request an email from the coach to demonstrate that they have done their due diligence.

h. Provincials Reps

- U15C - Gord
- U17C - Rachel
- U20C - Laura



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- U13B and U19B - Bill
- U15B - Al
- U17B - Elizabeth
- U13A & U15 A - Kathy
- U17A & U19 A - Kevin and Lavaughn
- 13B Western - Lisa

D. St-Denis confirmed that L. MacMillan was instructed to send an email to all of the teams who submitted LOIs to confirm the process for notification. A similar message will be sent to all Softball BC reps, along with the list, to ensure they are aware of the possibility of needing IF games.

- i. Participation and Coach Ejected
Addressed earlier in the agenda.

- j. Behaviour and Conduct
Addressed earlier in the agenda.

6. Email Votes - n/a
Nothing to report.

7. Reports

- a. Minor Development Fund \ Report
K. Weston confirmed that the committee has approved an additional \$4,000 in disbursements. D. St-Denis confirm approval from the Board on that recommendation.

D. St-Denis will ensure a financial report on the MDF is available for the next meeting.

- b. Boys Working Committee Report
No report from the Chair. D. St-Denis reported the next meeting as scheduled for the 14th. A few coordinators have noted that the meetings are not being well-attended.

E. Lee inquired about the working group that was overseeing the edits to the rules. D. St-Denis stated that the Advisory Council is tasked with the responsibility. The working group can provide feedback. Similarly to a working group, she is proposing to the Board on the topic of possible rule modifications for rural areas. The group would bring forward feedback, and the Council would review it.

8. New Business

K. Weston wanted clarification as to who we are tracking 8.5.7 to ensure sanctions are being applied to teams who attend districts but not provincials, as the late withdrawal affects the integrity of the pro rata process. Coordinators are responsible for tracking this data.

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment



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The next meeting is August 5th at 7:00 PM.

Moved by K. Weston, seconded by S. Maion, to adjourn.

Carried unanimously

Appendix A

District	Name	Weight	In attendance	Votes
1	Bill Hawkins	6	1	6
2	Al Charlesworth	3		0
3	vacant			
4	Houtan Maleki	2		0
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		0
11	Amy Douthwright	2		0
12	Andy Ferguson	3		0
13	vacant			
14	Chris Young	2		0
15	Gord Johnson	3	1	3
	Total	42	6	28
	25 votes is 60%			66.67%