



Minor Advisory Council Minutes

September 8, 2025



In attendance

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement and Opening Remarks

D. MacKenzie was called to order at 7:05 PM, followed by a brief territorial acknowledgement.

2. Quorum

Quorum (Appendix A) was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved E. Lee, seconded by H. Maleki, to approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of the Minutes of August 5, 2025

A correction was made to the list of attendees.

Moved K. Weston, seconded by E. Lee, to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Business Arising

a. Second Vote - Amend Article 7

K. Weston noted that the U11Rep Showcase rules will need to be added to the handbook if this motion is approved.

H. Maleki questioned whether the reference to U11Celebera should be removed, as the council is recommending the elimination of the event. D. St-Denis indicated that the elimination of the U11 Celebration needs to be approved by the Board first before making edits to remove references to it in the SORs. She advised the council to proceed with the above edit with the language in it. Staff will remove it if the Board supports the elimination of the U11 Celebrations.

Concern was raised regarding the way coaches are developing players at this age. U9 and U11 house leagues are becoming “walk-a-thons”. Suggestion that a committee needs to be created to focus on articulating guidelines to assist coaches in implementing the LTPD.

Moved by K. Weston, seconded by M. Kirkbright, to amend the introduction to Article 7 to read:

Softball Canada has a plan to systematically develop players once they enter the sport, up until they reach their full potential. This process is called Long-Term Player Development (LTPD). The LTPD guidelines are an important



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step in aligning player development and program development across the country and our province, at all levels and for all ages. Softball BC's minor softball rules follow the guidelines of the LTPD model and the Athlete Development Matrix set out by Softball Canada.

- These rules are guidelines for U9, U11C, U11R and U13C programs
- The rules will be enforced at all Softball BC U11C Celebrations, U11R Showcases and U13C Regional Events.
- Softball BC rules shall apply in all cases not covered below.

CARRIED (78%)

This motion will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for their review.

b. Proposal to Eliminate U11 Celebration

B. Edamura inquired if a vote to eliminate the U11 celebration would lead the council to revisit what happens with the U11 Showcase, as it will look like we are delivering a provincial event for U11R and nothing for the U11 community ball.

The majority of the districts were in favour of having district events rather than maintaining the current model. Some districts with more rural programs were not necessarily in favour, as the events were fairly well attended. D. St-Denis suggested that the topic could be identified as part of the Rural Participation Working Group as a tactic that could be maintained but delivered and supported differently in those areas.

Moved by G. Johnson, seconded by H. Maleki, to eliminate the U11 Celebration of Softball as a SoftballBC event (see Appendix B). Eliminating the event would result in the removal of

- **8.8 U11C CELEBRATION OF SOFTBALL,**
- **18.1.1. Girls & Boys Fastpitch, remove "U11C Celebration of Softball" from section i.**
- **20.5. CHAMPIONSHIP FEES, remove 1 row in the chart "U11C CELEBRATION OF SOFTBALL ENTRY FEE"**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This motion needs to be brought back to the council for a second vote.

c. Eliminate bronze medal in silver pool

The item was discussed at the August meeting. The Softball BC Office has yet to draft the changes. A motion will be drafted and presented at the next meeting.

d. Time limits on bronze game in gold bracket

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c. Clarifying redacted rosters

The topic was discussed at the August meeting. The Softball BC Office will revise the pick-up form and bring it back to the council for approval. The Office is also reviewing the required components of a roster and will report back at the next meeting.



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The question was raised as to whether someone can register twice in RAMP. This question will be brought back at the next meeting.

d. Guidelines around music

The Softball BC Office developed proposed guidelines for the council to review. Consensus was on the following guidelines. They will be brought back for a vote at the next meeting.

Responsibility

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

Guidelines

- 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. The team on offence gets to play walk-up music.*
- 4. 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.*
- 5. The volume of the music must be such that it does not disrupt other games happening on diamonds.*

Authority

If the playing of music is delaying or interfering with the game's progress, the umpire may apply the normal sanctions to the team that is hindering the game's progress.

e. Handling the Participation Rule and Pitching limitation rules

The council members held a thorough conversation on the participation rule and the pitching limitation rule.

K. Weston offered to draft a new participation rule and pitching limitation rule, including how these will be monitored, for the next meeting.

f. Tryout start date

The council discussed possible options

"A" Tryout can start	The first Monday of Sept.
"B" Tryout can start	The following Wednesday
August 1st	Coach Recruitment/Applications

The coordinators agreed that any policy on tryouts would require a clear definition of "tryout" and "contact". G. Johnson recommended reviewing the Volleyball BC language.

A working group consisting of S. Maion (chair), E. Lee, K. Weston, G. Johnson and H. Maleki were tasked with developing a proposal and bringing a draft to the November meeting.



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g. Filing Vacancies on the Council

D. St-Denis reported that B. Edamura will be returning to the council as the D5 coordinator. A. Charlesworth has spoken with Campbell River. They are trying to find someone to take on the role in D3. B. Hawkins, D. MacKenzie and A. Charlesworth to find a resolution to bring forward at the next meeting.

D. MacKenzie to contact P. Beckerton (D13) regarding his attendance.

h. Townhall of boys' ball

D. St-Denis raised the question as to hosting a townhall in the fall. After some deliberation, the following format was agree to:

Format: Virtual

Theme: What is needed to grow boys ball?

How can we get more men from the men's fastpitch programs to coach?

Facilitator: Derek Mayson

Presenters: Dean Vallie (Port Coquitlam) and Jeremy Slater (Nanaimo) will each speak to the path their association took this year to recruit and/or start a boys program

Invitations: All Members

Men's Fastpitch programs (Dean and Derek to actively recruit)

Other Items: G. Johnson offered Canuck tickets as a door prize.

D. MacKenzie will contact J. Slater and D. Vallie. D. St-Denis will contact D. Mayson. A meeting all of parties needs to be convened ASAP.

i. Rural Participation Working Group Update

B. Edamura is now the chair for this working group. She provided an update at the next Council meeting.

6. Email Votes - n/a

7. Reports

a. Minor Development Fund Report

i. Financial Report

K. Weston provided an overview of the fund. The balance as of July 31, 2025 was \$38,524.68 (which includes the \$15,000 GIC). There is currently one outstanding grant to be issue in the sum of \$1,000. The MDF COmmittee is meeting on September 15th to review the next intact applications and to discuss plans for the upcoming year.

Reminder to the council of the change in intact process - [see the website](#).



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b. Championship

i. Feedback Summary Report

L. MacMillan shared a summary of the feedback received from hosts, softball bc reps, UIC s and participants. From what went well, to thiks to work on and specific recommendations for next year. She noted the positive feedback lot of positive feedback for the Softball BC Reps.

ii. 2026 Calendar

L. MacMillan shared the proposed calendar for next year. The dates where developed in consultation with the Provicnial Umpire in Chief. She noted the comments and notes in the documen that eplain the rationald behind some of the recommendations.

K. Weston inquired about to when would calendar be finalized. D. St-Denis confirmed that the Board wold be reviewing the calendar on Sptember 10th to establish tentative dates for bidding purposed. She noted that dates are not confirmed until the hosts are assigned.

iii. Revised Bid Documentation

There are some recommendations regarding the new bid documentation. We are moving away from an online form. There will be a big package format bidders will have to follow. This approach give bidders the opportunity to provide more inforamtion on how they will delviere the event vs simply checking-off boxes. This also ensure they can include support from their minor coordinator and UIC

8. New Business

a. Items for Council to Review

Move to the next meeting. D. MacKenzie asked the council members to review the materials and submit their comments to D. St-Denis at the office.

b. SEEDING and 9.6.4 KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

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c. 8.6.11 - Seeding

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d. Motion - 8.1.5 & Motion - 9.1.5 DESIGNATED PLAYER

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e. Motion - 8.1.10 & 9.1.10 Helmets

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f. Motion - Delete 8.1.11

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g. Motion - 9.1.11 Helmets and Masks

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h. Tie-breaker Motions

Move to the next meeting. D. MacKenzie asked the council members to review the materials and submit their comments to D. St-Denis at the office.

i. Motion to change Softball Canada SORs

K. Weston brought forward three motions that are mean to clean up a few SORs. D. St-Denis confirmed that the Umpire Advisory Council was supportive of the motions.

- 2.5.1 d (AppendixC) - looking to bring clarity on the topic of jersey numbers.
- page 248, Rule 5 (Appendix D) – Recommending a change to reflects the run-ahead as opposed to mercy.
- page 248, Rule 2 (Appendix E) –This simply cleans up the numbering.

Moved by K. Weston, seconded by E. Lee to submit the three motions to the Board fo Directors to send to Softball Canada.

j. Tournaments - 2026 Assigned & Scheduled

Move to the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting - September 29th at 7:00pm

Moved by G. Johnston, seconded by A. Douhtwright to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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APPENDIX A Quorum

		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	1	5
10	Margaret MacDonald	2	1	2
11	Amy Douthwright	2	1	2
12	Andy Ferguson	3		0
13	Patrick Beckerton	3		
14	Chris Young	3	1	3
15	Gord Johnson	2	1	2
	Total	46	11	36
	27 votes is 60%			78.26%



Diane St-Denis <executive.director@softball.bc.ca>

Re: Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS

1 message

Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>

Wed, Jun 11, 2025 at 3:27 PM

Reply-To: executive.director@softball.bc.ca, macchair@softball.bc.ca, laura.macmillan@softball.bc.ca

To: executive.director@softball.bc.ca, MACChair@softball.bc.ca, laura.macmillan@softball.bc.ca



Softball BC Minor Advisory Council Motion for SORS

Date 06-11-2025

Submitted by Jeff Clegg

District 8

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection) 8.8 U11C CELEBRATION OF SOFTBALL
18.1.1. Girls & Boys Fastpitch, section i.
20.5. CHAMPIONSHIP FEES, chart row 1

WHEREAS: (Article as currently written) Remove in entirety 8.8 U11C CELEBRATION OF SOFTBALL,
18.1.1. Girls & Boys Fastpitch, remove "U11C Celebration of Softball" from section i.
20.5. CHAMPIONSHIP FEES, remove 1 row in chart "U11C CELEBRATION OF SOFTBALL ENTRY FEE"

Revision, Addition, Deletion, Amendment (choose one) Deletion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Eliminate the U11 Celebration of Softball as a SoftballBC event.

RATIONALE: Please also see companion motion about removing enforcement of U11C rules, Article 7, page 37.

The U11 CoS was brought in during the COVID summer of 2020 to provide an event for that year as many associations did not run programming. Since then the U11 CoS has been adopted as an annual event. I feel it is not needed as the majority of associations do some sort of wrap-up event for their U11C players.

The requirements set out as being a Softball Event are too arduous on coaches and players. Required coaching certifications, acquisition and presentation of roster forms, understanding of rules

is all too much. Additionally 3 round Robin Games and up to three playoff games is too much for these little kids.

SoftballBC is also short on Regionals and Provincials hosts, who are often reluctant to host due to financial constraints and the \$125 host grant per team is insufficient to bear hosting costs.

**CONSEQUENCES FOR
NON-COMPLIANCE:**

N/A

**OTHER RULES WHICH
MAY BE AFFECTED
(including definitions page):**

See above

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Less income to SBBC from registrations (\$420 per minus \$125 hosting grant, medals, umpires, etc)

You can [edit this submission](#) and [view all your submissions](#) easily.



Diane St-Denis <executive.director@softball.bc.ca>

Motions from Jeff Clegg

1 message

Jeff Clegg <presidentlfa@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 8:39 AM

To: Lesley Rowe <info@softball.bc.ca>, Rick Benson <executive.director@softball.bc.ca>

Good morning. I submitted two motions using the JotForm yesterday.

Can you please update the first one, removal of U11 Celebration of Softball as a SBBC event to have the seconder as Kathy Weston from District 8.

Then please update the second one regarding the removal of wording in Article 7 to have the seconder as Trevor Moreno from District 8.

Please let me know if anything else is required or there are any issues with either motion.

Regards,
Jeff



2025 SOFTBALL CANADA CONGRESS Special Operating Rules Motion Form

NOTICE OF MOTION

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: _____ Kathy Weston _____ P/T Affiliation: _____ BC _____

Date: September 1, 2025

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

2.5.1 d – NUMBERS: An Arabic number of contrasting color at least 15.2 cm (6 in) high must be worn on the back of all uniform shirts. No manager, coach or player on the same team may wear identical numbers (numbers 1 and 01 are examples of identical numbers.) Only whole numbers 01 to 99 must be used. Players without numbers will not be permitted to play.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

Revisions

2.5.1 d – NUMBERS: An Arabic number of contrasting color at least 15.2 cm (6 in) high must be worn on the back of all uniform shirts. No manager, coach or player on the same team may wear identical numbers (numbers 1 and 01 are examples of identical numbers.) **Only whole numbers 00 to 99 must be used.** Players without numbers will not be permitted to play.

RATIONALE

I have attended many Canadian Championships and Softball Canada allowed the use of 00 and 0. If we are going to allow for this, then change the rule to reflect that 00 and 0 are recognizable numbers as they do identify the player from another player.

As well, if you are a parent without a Softball Canada Rulebook and you google jersey numbers for Softball Canada what shows up is about Rule 3 – which says 00-99 are jersey numbers.

<https://softball.ca/resources/rulebook/fast-pitch-rules/official-fast-pitch-rules-of-softball/rule-3-equipment>

As we are only to follow the actual Softball Canada Rulebook we should ensure information available is consistent.

Thanks,

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

na

Please return by **September 15 with the option to change by October 1, 2025** to Softball Canada via email, attention Brooke Beleza bbeleza@softball.ca



2025 SOFTBALL CANADA CONGRESS

Special Operating Rules Motion Form

NOTICE OF MOTION

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: _____ Kathy Weston _____ P/T Affiliation: _____ BC _____

Date: September 1, 2025

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Recommended Minor Softball Rules – page 248.

Rule 5 – The Game

Mercy Rule – Mercy Rule: If any team is ahead by fifteen (15) runs or more after three (3) innings; or any inning thereafter, the game will be called. If any team is ahead by ten (10) runs or more after five (5) innings (4 ½ if Home Team), or any inning thereafter, the game will be called

Applies to U13

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

Revisions

Recommended Minor Softball Rules – page 248.

Rule 5 – The Game

Run Ahead – Run Ahead: If any team is ahead by fifteen (15) runs or more after three (3) innings; or any inning thereafter, the game will be called. If any team is ahead by ten (10) runs or more after five (5) innings (4 ½ if Home Team), or any inning thereafter, the game will be called

Applies to U13

RATIONALE

As in the Fast Pitch rules 1.2.3 Run Ahead Rule we no longer reference it as Mercy – therefore changing the other entry to reflect Run Ahead.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

na

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Special Operating Rules

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Date: September 1, 2025

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Recommended Minor Softball Rules – page 248

Rule 2 –The Playing Field. Presently this section starts with rule 2, then goes to rule 3-9 then 11-12. It skips rule 10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

Revisions

Rule 2 to be Rule 1 and all subsequent rules to be in numerical order. At the end of this section it would rule 1 – 11.

RATIONALE

Clean up so that the rules are in numerical order of 1-11 instead of 2-9 and 11-12.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

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