

MINOR ADVISORY COUNCIL MOTION FORM

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REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

Articles 7.3, 8.2 B iv., 8.2E

WHEREAS; (Article as currently written)

7.3 MINOR PLAY IN MEN'S OR WOMEN'S

- a) **FIRST YEAR U19** aged players are not eligible to participate in Men's and Women's Programs.
- b) **SECOND YEAR** U19 aged players must roster on a minor team and may be utilized as call-up players in Men's or Women's:
 - i) after May 15th only, and
 - ii) with proof of participation with the minor rostered team.
- c) **THIRD YEAR U19** aged players may play in either Minor or Men's or Women's programming.
- d) **AFTER SEASON** Once minor obligations are complete for the season, U19 players are eligible to participate in Men's or Women's programs including as pick-ups, if
 - i) proof of minor participation is confirmed and
 - ii) a parental consent form, received by the District Minor Coordinator by June 10of the current year, is approved.
- e) **U19 INELIGIBLE FOR PICKUP** unless:
 - i) the District's Minor and Men's and Women's Coordinator both agree, and
 - ii) the Coordinator's decision is received in writing or electronic form by Softball

B.C.

EFFECT: player and Senior coach will be suspended until paperwork is submitted and approved.

- f) **CONSENT** Minor players may not work out, practice or play with or against a Men's and Women's team without first obtaining consent signed by their District's Minor and Men's and Women's Coordinator. Where a minor aged player is registered on a senior team, the consent form must be presented at District playdowns and Provincial Championships. EFFECT: Coach/manager subject to discipline.

8.2 REGISTRATION

B. PLAYER

iv. Third year U19 aged players in all classifications as third year birthdates may play in either Minor or Men's/Women's programming. Second year U19 aged players may only be utilized as call-up players in Men's/Women's and must roster on a minor team. Call up use is after May 15th only and with proof of participation with the minor rostered team, and signed Parental Consent Form is approved.

First year U19 aged players may not be used as call-up players or register in Men's and Women's Programs. Once minor obligations are complete for the season, all U19 players are eligible to participate in Men's and Women's programs including as pickups, if 67 Softball BC proof of minor participation is confirmed and parental consent form is approved. For post minor play.

E. MINOR PLAY IN ADULT

a) FIRST YEAR U19 aged players are not eligible to participate in Men's or Women's Programs.

b) SECOND YEAR U19 aged players must roster on a minor team and may be utilized as call-up players in Men's and Women's:

i. After May 15th only, and

ii. With proof of participation with the minor rostered team.

c) THIRD YEAR U19 aged players may play in either Minor or Men's and Women's programming.

d) AFTER SEASON – once minor obligations are complete for the season, U19 players are eligible to participate in Men's and Women's programs including as pickups, if:

i. Proof of minor participation is confirmed and

ii. A parental consent form, received by the District Minor Coordinator by June 10 of the current year, is approved.

i) U19 INELIGIBLE FOR PICKUP unless:

i. The District's Minor and Men's and Women's Coordinators both agree, and;

ii. The coordinators decision is received in writing or electronic form by Softball BC.

EFFECT: player and Adult coach will be suspended until paperwork is submitted and approved.

f) CONSENT – minor players may not work out, practice or play with or against a Adult team without first obtaining consent signed by their District's Minor and Men's and Women's Coordinator. Where a minor aged player is registered on a adult team, the consent form must be presented at District Playdowns, and Provincial Championships. EFFECT: Coach/manager subject to discipline.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion – State whether Revision, Addition, Deletion)

1. Delete the current rule 7.3 and replace it with the following:

7.3 MINOR PLAY IN MEN'S OR WOMEN'S

- (a) A Minor player other than a third year U19 player, may only play with or against Men's or Women's teams as a pick up or registered player with the written consent of the player's parent and the District's Minor Coordinator.
- (b) In making their decision about whether to permit a Minor player to play with or against Men's or Women's teams, the Minor Coordinator will consider the best interests of the player, the Minor team/association which that player is or would otherwise be registered with, and the Men's or Women's team/association with which they wish to play or register. In undertaking this consideration, the Minor Coordinator will consult with the District's Men's and Women's Coordinator as appropriate.
- (c) A third year U19 player may register on a minor, or on a men's or women's team without needing approval from their District's Minor Coordinator or otherwise.
- (d) This rule does not apply to teams of Minor players playing league or exhibition games against Men's or Women's teams.
- (e) Any coach, player, team or association permitting a Minor player to participate in practices or games with a Men's or Women's team without having obtained written consent as required by to this section may be subject to discipline.

2. Delete the current rule 8.2 B. iv. section.

3. Delete the current rule 8.2 E. and replace it with the following:

E. MINOR PLAY IN MEN'S OR WOMEN'S

- (a) A Minor player other than a third year U19 player, may only play with or against Men's or Women's teams as a pick up or registered player with the written consent of the District's Minor Coordinator.
- (b) In making their decision about whether to permit a Minor player to play with or against Men's or Women's teams, the Minor Coordinator will consider the best interests of the player, the Minor team/association which that player is or would otherwise be registered with, and the Men's or Women's team/association with which they wish to play or register.
- (c) A third year U19 player may register on a minor, or on a men's or women's team without needing approval from their District's Minor Coordinator or otherwise.
- (d) This rule does not apply to teams of Minor players playing league or exhibition games against Men's or Women's teams.
- (e) Any coach, player, team or association permitting a Minor player to participate in practices or games with a Men's or Women's team without having obtained written consent as required by to this section may be subject to discipline.

RATIONALE (Intent)

The situations that arise in which minors want or need to play men's or women's ball differ throughout the Province – for example, in smaller areas there may not be an appropriately-aged minor team for a minor to register on, and outright restricting minors younger than third year U19 from playing men's or women's ball may practically mean that we are restricting them from playing period. The new rule as worded recognizes that the decision of where a minor should play is largely a decision for the player and parent(s), but still provides that, for players younger than third year U19, the District Minor Coordinator must approve the minor player playing men's or women's to ensure that playing up is in the best interests of the player, as well as the minor and the men's or women's programs.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

The consequences of a Minor playing with or against Seniors without proper approval is set out in subsection (g) of sections 7.3 and 8.2 E.

OTHER RULES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED (including definitions page)

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

PASSED yes passed by Minor Advisory Council

DEFEATED

WITHDRAWN

AMENDED this amended motion was passed by the MAC on December 16, 2020

DATE December 16, 2020