



Minor Advisory Council Minutes

April 13, 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 S. Maion, seconded by K. Weston to approve the agenda as circulated.

Carried unanimously

4. Approval of the Minutes of March 4, 2025

Moved by A. Charlesworth, seconded by H. Maleki to approve the minutes as circulated.

Carried unanimously

5. Business Arising

a. Championship Host Update

L. MacMillan confirmed that we are still looking for hosts for

- U11C Celebration in Region 1, 2, 4 and 5;
- U13C Regionals Region 2, 3 and 5

The Board of Directors was supportive of cancelling these events if a host is not found by April 15th.

We have a host for the Boys Provincials and are currently finalizing the agreement.

Action: The Office to provide an update to the council post April 15th.

b. Governance Committee feedback on TORs Meeting

The committee meeting scheduled for April 14, 2025 has been postponed to a later date in May.

Action: The Office to report back at the next meeting.

c. Edit to Boys Fastpitch Rules

Council members were previously instructed to review the feedback found in Article 9.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H9A3fmfKhe2kNrgmSNiXcdDgoSqPD0FH/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103051131574855478883&rtpof=true&sd=true>. Feedback was received from three committee members only.

After some discussions, it was agreed that staff would take the lead in reviewing the document and circulating a revised Article 9 to the council for a vote.

Action: The Office to secure the rationale for the proposed changes from the original authors, comparing edits to the girls' rules, and circulating a revised document to the council for a vote.



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d. Pick-ups - 8.1.21, 8.6.12, & 8.6.14

L. MacMillan updated the Council on the creation of a fillable PDF that will be used moving forward to manage pick-up.

The following question was raised. A "B" player's team qualified for provincials. The same player is being picked up for an "A" team that is playing in the provincials that are held on the same weekend as the "B" team. The decision was that the player could be picked up for A provincial and play, as the previous rule that required a player to fulfill their commitment to their team is no longer in place. The player in question must play in three games with her "B" team to be eligible for pickup.

Action: The Office to proceed with PDF approach for this year's pick-up procedures.

e. Pro Tem Suspensions 4.1.4

Action: The Office to reissue the bulletin from 2023 with the new form next week.

f. U11C - procedures when no umpires

Confirming that a bulletin has been sent out by the office.

g. Combining Girls and Boys Rules

Office will start this project (combine both SORs) this summer. Project chart will be provided at a future meeting.

h. Appointment of Softball BC Representatives to Provincials

Work continues as we await confirmation from a few coordinators regarding their availability.

Action: Appointments will be confirmed by April 30th. A list of Reps will be circulated to the Council. The website will be updated to list the tournament director, Softball BC representative and UIC for each event.

6. Email Votes - n/a

7. Reports

a. Minor Development Fund \ Report

Nothing to report. The Office is finalizing the report form.

b. Boys Working Committee Report - March 13th

There are four (U9) teams in the Lower Mainland.

Softball Canada U18 national ID camp is on June 27th in PG.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 15th.

8. New Business

a. Upcoming Deadlines

Reminder that associations that are late with their registration could be subject to a fine.



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D. St-Denis confirmed that the fines were highlighted in the summary of changes for the handbook. The office won't be reissuing a bulletin to reinforce this message. She recommended that the coordinator include this messaging in their communications with associations when contacting them with reminders about deadlines and timelines, as well as to approve rosters and procedures for additions and deletions.

b. Registration Projections by District

D1 - down this year by approx. 4 %

D2 - 3 of the 4 are about the same. Nanaimo has increased

D6 - up by 11 %. Very B heavy.

D7 - One association out of 5 is down. The other should hold steady.

D10 - down by approx. 5 %

c. Article 2 - Residency Rule

A bulletin has been circulated regarding Article 2 to address questions we have received about having non-Canadian residents on teams (players and coaches). The bulletin reminds members to review Article 2 for eligibility to participate in Provincials and address questions regarding insurance.

The Office will review the Article over the summer as part of an overall review of the handbook for alignment with Softball Canada Rules.

d. Article 17 - Tournaments, Exhibition Games and League Games

A bulletin has been circulated regarding Article 17. The revised article aligns with messaging circulated last year around insurance.

Clarified that we are not requiring tournament hosts to request a sanction for this year but we will as of September 1st. The application will be part of the form we use to collect tournament information to list on our website.

We have also updated our insurance page on the website to provide clarity on travelling internationally, hosting international teams (or out of country) and overall participant insurance.

e. 20 Game Limit - Article 8.1.22

A question about Article 8.1.22 - 20 Games Limit, specifically why 20 games. D. St-Denis included the meeting folder, the original motion that was brought to the Board and the Board minutes that show approval of the motion.

The concern with the current rule is the number of games a player can play, as they could play up to 20 games per team. They are also concerned with the dates.

After some discussion, it was agreed by the Council that this motion should be revised for next year, as we have a rule that stipulates you can only roster on one team, and this rule acts as a workaround to the main principle of rostering for one team.

Action: Office to ensure this article is addressed as part of the rewrite for the minor FP rules.



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f. Umpires and U13C

Coordinators were asked about feedback or concerns they have heard from associations regarding issues with associations using non-certified umpires to help D. St-Denis prepare a recommendation to the Board as a follow-up to the recently issued Bulletin regarding umpires.

A few districts reported having issues. B. Edamura reported having 7 umpires (1 adult). They are struggling to assign umpires to all games, especially when two U13C teams from the same association play each other.

After exchanging tactics, coordinators can take back to their respective associations. There was consensus that the council should lead in providing direct recommendations to associations on recruiting and retaining umpires.

9. Round Table

- D1 Do District Coordinators need to be members (rostered with a team), and how do they register? Lori Zehr will be replacing Bill while he is out of the country.
- D2 No issues to report
- D6 No issues to report
- D7 No issues to report
- D10 Still some snow, but looking to start next week, which is one week earlier than last year.
- D15 Opening day is today. Delta will be assisting with the Canada Cup.

[Action: To review how volunteers, such as coordinators, register with Softball BC.](#)

10. Next Meeting and Adjournment

June 8th, 7:00pm

Moved by S. Maion, seconded by G. Johnson, to adjourn.

Carried unanimously



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Appendix A

			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	0	0
10	Margaret MacDonald	2	1	2
11	Amy Douthwright	2	0	0
12	Andy Ferguson	3		0
13	Les Kutenics	3	0	0
14	Chris Young	2		0
15	Gord Johnson	3	1	3
	Total	45	8	30
	29 votes is 60%			66.67%