

Softball BC



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MINUTES

BCASA Annual General Meeting Attendance 2017

Board of Directors

President	Jake DeWitt
1 st Vice-President	Jeannie Connors
VP, Finance	Zeone Andrijaszyn
Director of Coaching	Joni Frei
Minor Director	Katrina Bull
Senior Director	Dan Coates
Provincial Umpire-in-Chief	David Brewer
Member-at-Large	Merv Sandrel

Softball BC Staff

Executive Director	Rick Benson
Member Benefits Coordinator	Lesley Rowe
Program Coordinator	Jeana Boyd
Accountant	Jennifer He
Administrative Assistant	Kim Korman
Administrative Assistant	Kennedy Hewer

Parliamentary Committee

David Harris

Wayne Cannon
Steve Indig

District One

Terri Boizard
Lisa Parkes
Jeremy Kirby
Kris Walushka

Will Gaherty
Nicholas Allen
Tracy Sherlock

District Two

Lisa Hayton
Al Charlesworth
Shannon Charlesworth

District Six

Suzy Parker
Roxy Abernethy
Bill Yerdon
Deb Tidy
Wendi Bordelay
Elizabeth Lee

District Three

Eric Kurpiela

District Four

Scott Channel
Geoff Bowring
Heather Sands
Harvey Coxson

District Seven

Jeff Snowdon
Lavaughn Larson
Kyle Dennedy
Gunther Barwig
Craig Millham
Murray Spier
Greg Timm

District Five

Andy Adamson

District Eight

Harv Wiens

Deb Vinters
Harry Lawson
Kurt Penner
Rachel Allan
Lori Guthrie
Jeff Clegg
Carol Carrier

District Nine

Ramon Lawrence
Daryl Tarr
Rosalie Duncan
Graeme Duncan

District Ten

Derek Hipwell
Margaret MacDonald
Ian Brown
Jacquie Huser

District Eleven

Jessica Culbertson
Phil Ransome
Sheree Simon

District Twelve

Carlyle Kreiger
Marion Kreiger

Julie Dempsey

District Thirteen

Scott Groves
Geoff Watt

District Fourteen

Diane MacPherson
Chris Young
Bill Kazulin
Jim MacPherson
Fiona Reaume
Rob Hartford

District Fifteen

Lisa Yesowick
Scott Wheatley
Lisa Brown-Rooke
Lindsea Cutt
Jennifer Goepel
Chris Roper

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Vancouver Marriott Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC
Saturday October 21, 2017

- ❖ Voting Strength (63)
- ❖ Announce Parliamentary Committee – David Harris, Wayne Cannon, Steve Indig

Meeting Procedure

- ❖ Adoption of 2017 Agenda (C. Kreiger/D. MacPherson) – CARRIED
- ❖ Adoption of 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes (C. Kreiger/S. Parker) – CARRIED
- ❖ Business arising from the Minutes – None
- ❖ Directors Reports (S. Parker/B. Kazulin) – CARRIED
- ❖ Adoption of Audited Financial Statement (M. Kreiger/D. MacPherson) – CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS TO THE FLOOR

- ❖ Notices of Motion 'to amend the By-Laws'
- ❖ Notices of Motion 'to amend the Special Operating Rules'
- ❖ Notices of Motion 'New Business'
- ❖ Notices of Motion to 'Softball Canada & Western Canadian Softball Association'

ELECTIONS

- ❖ Motion to Destroy All Voting Ballots (C. Kreiger/J. Snowdon) - CARRIED
- ❖ Recommendations from Individual Meetings
- ❖ All Other Business
- ❖ Motion to pay the expenses of the 2017 Softball Annual General Meeting (W. Bordelay/C. Kreiger)
- ❖ President's Closing Remarks

Softball BC

2017 Annual General Meeting

Note: Any proceedings at this Annual General Meeting do not take effect until this meeting is officially concluded.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

‘To Amend the By-Laws of British Columbia Amateur Softball Association;

**BY-LAWS: (Requires at least seventy-five (75%) percent majority of votes cast.
Abstentions not given a negative vote)’**

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1

BYLAW

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors

MOVED BY: Marion Kreiger

Seconded by: Chris Young

REFERENCE: Constitution and By-Laws of the British Columbia Amateur Softball Association

WHEREAS:

see attached – Item #1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

see attached – Schedule A and Schedule B

RATIONALE:

Transition to meet compliance requirements of the British Columbia Society Act.
Update By-Laws to define member and board responsibilities and authority.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Public funding and grants would be withheld if the Association is not a recognized Society.

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

Item #1 – WHEREAS; (as currently written)

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Incorporated under the “Society Act” S.B.C. 1948 and
Amendments Thereto

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is:
British Columbia Amateur Softball Association” (It shall also be known as Softball B.C.)
2. The purposes of the Society are:
 - a) To promote the game of softball and other associated sports and pastimes.
 - b) To hold and arrange softball and other matches and competitions, and to offer and grant, or contribute towards the provisions of prizes, awards and distinctions on a provincial level.
 - c) To subscribe to, become a member of, and cooperate with other associations, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of this society.
 - d) To make, adopt, vary, and publish Rules and Regulations, By-Laws, Conditions, and Special Operating Rules, for the regulation of the said game or otherwise, and to take all such steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable, for the enforcing of such Regulations, By-Laws, Conditions and Special Operating Rules.
 - e) To promote, support or assist in all or any such athletic contests or sports for which any property of the Society may be available or which may be determined on or approved by the Society.
3. Not-For-Profit Statement:
“To raise, use investment and reinvest money to support the activities of the Society, provided, however, that no property, funds or income of the society shall inure to the private profit of any member, club or person. This provision is unalterable.”
4. Dissolution:
In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society, the liquidators appointed shall cause all assets of the Society available for distribution, to be transferred to an organization or organizations, situated in British Columbia, and devoted to the advancement of similar or like objects to the Society. Such organization shall be chosen by a majority vote of the members attending the first meeting called by the liquidators. This condition shall be unalterable.

BY-LAWS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

PART 1 – INTERPRETATION

1. (1) In these bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - a) “Directors” means the directors of the Society for the time being;
 - b) “Society Act” means the Society Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;
 - c) “Registered address” of a member means his address as recorded in the register of members.(2) The definitions in the Society Act on the date these bylaws become effective apply to these bylaws.
2. Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa; and words importing a male person include a female person and corporation.

PART 2 – MEMBERSHIP

1. A person may apply to the Society for membership and unless such application shall be declined by the directors within ninety (90) days of the date of receipt of the application, that person shall be a member effective on the date of such receipted application. The form of application and prescribed initial membership fee shall be as approved from time to time by the Directors.
2. Membership in the Society shall be open to umpires, member of league(s), association(s) and their executives, coaches, managers and individual players registered on teams through recognized leagues and associations, and individuals approved by the Directors of the Society. There shall be an annual membership due which shall be determined by the Directors from time to time, set for each separate playing level or other activity category.
3. Every member shall uphold the constitution and comply with these bylaws.
A member in good standing is defined as:

- a) A Lifetime Member of the Society.
 - b) Has paid their annual membership dues in the current year.
4. A member in good standing shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting and any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society, but membership shall not confer a right to vote unless that member shall be an elected delegate. Only elected or appointed delegates shall have the right to speak on motions at an Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society.
 5. Any member in good standing shall be recognized a voting delegate to an Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society, if he/she fulfils any one of the following three criteria:
 - a) Currently holding an elected Annual General Meeting voting delegate position;
 - b) Appointed on an interim basis to an Annual General Meeting voting position based upon criteria and procedures detailed in Part 2 – Section 6 of the Softball B.C. By-Laws;
 - c) Appointed on an interim basis to an Annual General Meeting voting position by the appropriate Provincial Director based upon the historical/geographical relationship between the delegate and the District to be represented.
 6. The Society is comprised of fifteen (15) provincial districts. Each district may have up to twelve (12) voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting and the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. Note: Districts are only entitled to voting delegates if they have duly registered teams of the same category as the vote held. The district boundaries will be as per the official map kept in the business office of the Society.
 7. A person shall cease to be a member of the Society:
 - a) On failure to pay before the fiscal year end of the Society as adopted by the Society from time to time, the prescribed annual dues and other assessments set from time to time by the Board of Directors including player registration fees and insurance;
 - b) On being expelled;
 - c) On delivering his/her written resignation to the Registered Office of the Society.
 8. A member may be expelled by a resolution of the Directors passed at a Directors' meeting, provided that:
 - a) Notice of a resolution for expulsion shall be given to the member, accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion.
 - b) The person who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the Directors' meeting before the resolution is put to a vote.
 9. All appeals of the decisions of the Society shall be heard by an arbitration board consisting of a cross section of members of Softball B.C. in good standing and being appointed from time to time by or on behalf of the President.

PART 3 – MEETING OF MEMBERS

1. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of October in each year at such time and place as shall be appointed by the Directors. Fourteen (14) days' notice shall be given in writing to the voting membership of all Annual General Meetings.
2. Every general meeting, other than an Annual General Meeting, is an Extra-Ordinary Meeting.
3. An Extra-Ordinary Meeting may be called at any time by the Directors, and shall be called when requested in writing by a majority of the voting members in good standing. Fourteen (14) days' notice in writing shall be given of each Extra-Ordinary Meeting. Costs are to be borne equally by those requesting same through the medium of their members.
4.
 - a) Notice of a General Meeting shall specify the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and in case of special business, the general nature of that business.
 - b) The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice by, any of the members entitled to receive notice does not invalidate proceedings at that meeting.
5. The President, or in his absence, the First Vice-President, or in the absence of both, some member of the Board of Directors, shall preside at all meetings of the Society.
6. No voting member shall be permitted to vote at the Annual General Meeting unless he/she shall have filed with the Registered Office of the Society a notice of his/her appointment, duly verified to the Executive Director. Such notice of appointment shall be in writing and received at the Registered Office of the Society no less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting.

PART 4 – PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

1. Special Business is:
 - a) All business at an Extra-Ordinary General meeting except:
 - i) The consideration of the financial statements;
 - ii) The report of the directors;
 - iii) The report of the auditors, if any;
 - iv) The election of Directors;
 - v) The appointment of the auditor, if required
 - vi) Such other business as, under these bylaws, ought to be transacted at an Annual General Meeting, or business which is brought under consideration by the report of the Directors issued with the notice convening the meeting.
2.
 - a) No business, other than the election of the chair, the adjournment or termination of the meeting, shall be conducted at a General meeting at a time when a quorum is not present.
 - b) If at any time during a General Meeting there ceases to be a quorum present, business then in progress shall be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated.

3. If at a General Meeting the President and all the other Directors are unable or unwilling to act as Chairman, the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman.
4. A General Meeting may be adjourned from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
 - a) Where a meeting is adjourned for ten (10) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.
 - b) Except as provided in these By-Laws, it is not necessary to give notice of the adjournment or of the business to be transacted at the adjourned General Meeting.
5. All Resolutions pertaining to By-Laws, to be brought to a vote before the voting members at an Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, must be in writing and received at the Registered Office of the Society no less than thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.
6. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall not have a casting or second vote in addition to the vote which he may be entitled as a member and the proposed resolution shall not pass.
7.
 - a) A voting member in good standing present at a meeting of members is entitled to one (1) vote.
 - b) Voting is by a show of hands.
 - c) Voting by proxy is not permitted.
8. Any motion brought to the floor at an Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting, if passed by seventy-five (75%) percent majority concerning the expenditure of general funds, be then approved by the Finance Committee who will make recommendations to the Board of Directors for final ratification, in the best interest of the Society.
9. A quorum at any Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the voting delegates. Each voting delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. No proxy shall be allowed at the Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting.
10. The twelve (12) voting delegates per District will be as follows:

All elections for Coordinator, Umpire-in-Chief or Representative(s) to act as delegates to the Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting shall be held before the end of September, to be called by the current Coordinator, Umpire-in-Chief or Representative.

a) **Senior Fastpitch Coordinator:**

All senior fastpitch teams affiliated with the Society in their own District shall meet together and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to act as liaison between the senior teams and the Directors of the Society. This person hereafter shall be known as the Senior Fastpitch Coordinator and shall be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election shall be held in the odd numbered years and shall be for a two year term.

b) **Minor Coordinator:**

All minor teams affiliated with the Society from their own District shall meet together and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to act as liaison between the minor teams and the Directors of the Society. This person hereafter shall be known as the Minor Coordinator and shall be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election shall be held in the even numbered years and shall be for a two-year period.

c) **Senior Slo-Pitch Coordinator:**

All senior slo-pitch teams affiliated with the Society from their own District shall meet together and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to act as liaison between the senior slo-pitch teams and the Directors of the Society. This person hereafter shall be known as the Senior Slo-Pitch Coordinator and shall be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election shall be held in the even numbered years and shall be for a two-year term.

d) **Umpire-in-Chief:**

All umpires affiliated with the Society holding a valid current year's ticket from their own District, shall meet together and each umpire shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to act as a liaison between the umpires and the Directors of the Society. This person, hereafter, shall be known as the Umpire-in-Chief and shall be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election shall be held in the odd numbered years and be for a two-year term.

e) **Senior Fastpitch Men's Representative:**

The affiliated senior men's fastpitch teams shall meet in their own District and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to carry their vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election shall be held yearly.

f) **Senior Fastpitch Women's Representative:**

The affiliated senior women's fastpitch teams shall meet in their own District and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to carry their vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election shall be held yearly.

g) **Senior Mixed Fastpitch Representative:**

The affiliated senior and minor mixed fastpitch (including orthodox) teams shall meet in their own District and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to carry their vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election shall be held yearly.

h) **Minor Boy's Representative or Mixed Team's Representative:**

The affiliated minor boy's or mixed teams shall call a meeting in their own District and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to carry their vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election is to be held yearly.

i) **Minor Girl's Representative or Mixed Team's Representative:**

The affiliated minor girl's or mixed teams shall call a meeting in their own District and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to carry their vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election is to be held yearly.

j) **Senior Slo-Pitch Men's Representative:**

The affiliated senior slo-pitch men's teams shall meet in their own District and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to carry their vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election is to be held yearly.

k) **Senior Slo-Pitch Women's Representative:**

The affiliated senior slo-pitch women's teams shall meet in their own District and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to carry their vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election is to be held yearly.

l) **Senior Slo-Pitch Mixed Representative:**

The affiliated senior slo-pitch mixed teams shall meet in their own District and each team shall have one (1) vote to elect a representative to carry their vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society. This election is to be held yearly.

NOTE: An individual does not have to live, or be registered in a particular District, in order to be elected to the above positions. He/she will not be entitled to a vote unless duly registered within the District in question.

Any member duly elected or appointed to the Board of Directors shall not at the same time, be any of the above Coordinator, Umpire-in-Chief or Representative. All elections for Coordinator, Umpire-in-Chief or Representative shall be held before the end of September, to be called by the current Coordinator, Umpire-in-Chief or Representative.

PART 5 – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Immediate Past President or Member at Large, President, First Vice-President, Director of Coaching, Vice-President of Finance, Minor Director, Senior Director and Umpire-in-Chief.
 - a) The Board of Directors shall appoint on an annual basis an Independent Treasurer.
2. The First Vice-President, Vice-President of Finance, and Umpire-in-Chief shall be elected for a two (2) year term on the odd-numbered years. The President, Minor Director, Senior Director and Director of Coaching shall be elected for a two (2) year term on the even-numbered years. In the event of the vacancy of the Immediate Past President, the Member at Large shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two-year term.
3. Any member of the Board of Directors may, by notice in writing, resign at any time and on acceptance by the remaining members of the Board of Directors the office shall become vacant.

Note: Nominations will be taken from the floor for Board positions when a Director gives up a position before the end of the term.
4.
 - a) The Directors shall retire from office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting for the Society at the termination of their term of office.
- b) Separate elections shall be held for each office to be filled.
 - c) Nominations shall be in writing, accompanied by a resume, thirty (30) days in advance of published date of the Annual General Meeting. If no written nominations are received, nominations from the floor will be accepted.
 - d) Any election may be by acclamation; otherwise it shall be by secret ballot.
 - e) If no successor is elected, the person previously elected or appointed, continues to hold office.
 - f) If a Director wishes to let his name stand for another position on the Board of Directors before his term of office expires, he must resign his position before the election. His notice of intent to resign must be received by the Board of Directors sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. However, if unsuccessful in election to the new position, he may let his name stand for election to his previous position, if his position has not already been filled.
 - g) All nominations to be circulated to the members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.
5. The members may by special resolution remove a Director before the expiration of his term of office and may elect a successor to complete the term of office.
6. Should a vacancy occur on the Board of Directors, the remaining members shall continue to act notwithstanding such vacancy and the acts of such remaining members shall be valid. The Board of Directors may fill not more than two (2) such vacancies by the appointment of an active voting member of the Society to each vacancy. Such appointees shall hold office only until the first Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Society, following the date of such appointment at which time a voting member of the Society shall be elected to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of that term of office.
7. A Nominating Committee will consist of a chair and two additional members of his/her choice, and that committee shall announce the names of prospective candidates to the membership after the nomination deadline being 30 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting.
8. A Director must not be remunerated for being or acting as a Director, but a Director may be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by the Director while engaged in the affairs of the Society.
9. A prerequisite for being nominated as a Director is that the individual is bondable.
10. The three (3) voting delegates to the Canadian Amateur Softball Association Annual General Meeting shall be designated by the President of the Society.

11. The Board of Directors shall have the power to control the affairs of the Society and may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as the Society may exercise and do, which are not by these By-Laws or by statute or otherwise lawfully directed or required to be exercised or done by the Society in general meeting, but subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of:
 - a) all laws affecting the Society;
 - b) these By-Laws; and
 - c) rules, not being inconsistent with these By-Laws which are made from time to time by the Society in general meeting.
12. No rule, made by the Society at the general meeting, invalidates a prior act of the Directors that would have been valid if that rule had not been made.
13. The Board of Directors shall adopt and act upon the present rules, regulations and By-Laws of the Society unless and until the same shall have been duly altered or varied.
14. The Board of Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body.
15. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make Rules and Regulations governing all affiliated members and covering players, zones, age limits, championships, trustees of trophies, umpires and all other relevant and incidental matters necessary to the operation of the Society.
16. The business of the Society shall be managed by the Board of Directors, who pay all expenses incurred in setting up and registering the Society, and may exercise all such powers of the Society as are not by the Society Act of any statutory modification thereof for the time being in force, or by these By-Laws required to be exercised by the Society in general meeting.
17. All acts done by the Board of Directors in meeting or by any person acting as a member of the Board of Directors shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any person so acting or that the person so acting was disqualified, be as valid as if the person had been duly appointed and qualified.
18. The Board of Directors shall be entitled to be reimbursed for transportation, hotel and additional necessary expenses out of funds of the Society as the Board of Directors may decide to be reasonable provided that the funds of the Society permit.
19. The Board of Directors shall use total discretion of decisions regarding that expenditure of funds, and consider the best interest of the Society, and have full power to do so.
20. Athlete/Coach/Umpire Representation:
Coaches, players and umpires are represented at the Board level by the Director responsible for the appropriate programs. This is reinforced by the appeals process.

PART 6 – PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS

1.
 - a) The Directors may meet together at such places as they see fit for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings
 - b) The Directors may from time to time fix the quorum necessary for the transaction of business and unless so fixed the quorum shall be a majority of Directors then in office.
 - c) The President shall be Chairman of all meetings of the Directors; but if at any meeting the President is not present, the Directors present may choose another director to be Chairman of the meeting.
 - d) A Director may at any time, on the request of a Director, convene a meeting of the Directors.
 - a) The Directors may delegate any, but not all, of their powers to committees consisting of such Director or Directors as they see fit.
 - b) A committee so formed and the exercise of the powers so delegated shall conform to any rules that may from time to time be imposed on it by the Directors, and shall report every act or thing done in exercise of those powers to the earliest meeting of the Directors to be held after it has been done.
 - c) A committee shall elect a Chairman of its meetings; but if no Chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the Chairman is not present, the Directors present who are members of the committee shall choose another director to be Chairman of the meeting.
 - d) The members of a committee may meet and adjourn as they think proper.
3. For the first meeting of the Directors held immediately following the appointment or election of a Director or Directors at an Annual General Meeting or other General Meeting of members, or for a meeting of the Directors at which a Director is appointed to fill a vacancy in the Directors, it is not necessary to give notice of the meeting to the newly-elected or appointed Director or Directors for the meeting to be duly constituted, if a quorum of the Directors is present.
4.
 - a) Questions arising at any meeting of the Directors and/or committee of the Directors shall be decided by a majority vote.
 - b) In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman does not have a second or deciding vote in addition to the vote which he may be entitled as the Chairman.
5. A resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors and placed with the minutes of the Directors is as valid and effective as if regularly passed at a meeting of Directors.
6. The Board of Directors shall keep proper minutes of their proceedings and all acts done in pursuance of anything appearing by such minutes to be resolved upon or authorized by the Board of Directors within the meaning of these rules.

PART 7 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The **President** is the Chairperson of the Board and shall:

- a) Preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Directors.
 - b) Supervise the other officers in the execution of their duties.
 - c) Apply and enforce all By-Laws and Special Operating Rules of the Society.
 - d) Appoint a member of the Board of Directors to all committees.
 - e) Be responsible for the approval of all accounts, bills, or commitments against the Society before payment, acceptance or delivery. The President of the Society is empowered to make decisions on any single emergency expenditure of funds, without approval of the Board or membership up to the amount of \$10,000.00.
 - f) Watch over the assets and records of the Society.
 - g) Perform such other acts and duties as may be incidental to his office and may properly be required of him by the Board of Directors.
 - h) Sign the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and may delegate any of his duties that he deems expedient.
2. The **Immediate Past President**'s term of office shall be a maximum of two (2) years. Following that term, should the incumbent President be elected to a further term(s), the Immediate Past President's position will be filled by a member who shall be designated as a "Member-at-Large" and who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two year term. Duties of the "Member-at-Large" will be designated by the President.
- The Immediate Past President will:
- a) Be eligible to act on any committee.
 - b) Be a voting member of the Board of Directors.
 - c) Perform such other acts and duties as may be delegated him by the President.
 - d) Generally assist the President.
3. The **First Vice-President** shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in the absence or disability of the President, shall act in his stead.
4. The **Director of Coaching** shall assist the President and the Board of Directors in the discharge of their duties. He/she shall promote and direct the development of coaching for all levels of softball. A prerequisite to be nominated for this position is the individual is a Competition Introduction certified NCCP softball coach with a minimum of two years coaching experience.
5. The **Vice President of Finance** shall be responsible for the supervision of the accounts and records of the Society as in these By-Laws are provided. A prerequisite for this position is that the individual holds a recognized accounting designation. The Vice President of Finance shall:
- a) Keep such financial records, including books of accounts, as are necessary to comply with the Society Act.
 - b) Render financial statements to the Directors, members and others when required, in consultation with the Independent Treasurer.
 - c) Carry out policies formulated by the Board of Directors as required.
 - d) Be responsible for the deposit of all receipts of cash and or cheques in the bank or depository of the Society, and for the drawing of cheques for payment of the liabilities and expenditures of the Society; such cheques **shall be signed by any two people designated by the Vice-President of Finance or the President, which will only include the Board of Directors or Staff.**
 - e) Be responsible, at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, for duly certifying the voting strength of the meeting from time to time.
 - f) Take direction generally from the President.
- The fiscal year end of the Society shall be April 30.
6. The **Minor Director** shall promote and direct the game of softball in the minor divisions and shall oversee playoffs and tournaments in these divisions.
7. The **Senior Director** shall promote and direct the game of softball in the senior divisions and shall oversee playoffs and tournaments in these divisions.
8. The **Umpire-in-Chief** shall promote and direct the training and provision of umpires for all levels of softball and promote, direct and supervise the game of softball. A prerequisite to being nominated for the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief's position is that the individual hold a current, minimum Level 4, B.C. Umpire's ticket.

PART 8 – SEAL

1. The Seal of the Society shall be in the custody of the Society's law firm.
2. The Seal shall be affixed to such instruments as may be required to be sealed, by the Vice-President of Finance and either the President or Vice-President.

PART 9 – BORROWING POWERS

1. The Society shall exercise any borrowing powers conferred upon it by the Society Act with the approval of seventy-five (75) percent of the Board of Directors holding office at that time. However, debentures shall not be issued without the sanction of a special resolution.

PART 10 – AUDIT

1. The Accounts of the Society shall be annually examined and the correctness of the balance sheet and account book shall be ascertained by a firm of auditors so appointed by the Board of Directors.
2. The auditor shall be remunerated for his services at such sum as he (the auditor) and the Board of Directors shall mutually agree.

PART 11 – ACCOUNTS

1. The Board of Directors shall cause true accounts to be kept of all the receipts, credits, payments, assets, and liabilities of the Society and all other matters necessary for showing the true state and condition of the Society and the accounts shall be kept in such books and in such a manner as the Board of Directors shall deem fit and to the satisfaction of the auditors. The book of accounts shall be kept at such place or places as the Board of Directors shall appoint and shall be open to the inspection of members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting of the Society or by a special resolution of the voting members of the Society.

PART 12 – BY-LAWS

1. Amendments shall be made by recommendation only by members or by Directors.
2. A Parliamentary and Rules Committee will be struck no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting whose function will be to clarify motions prior to the distribution of motions to the voting delegates.
3. A Notice of Motion to amend By-Laws must be forwarded in writing to the Provincial Office thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting and the Provincial Office shall forward copies of all Notices of Motion to the members prior to the Annual General Meeting.
4. In order to be considered, all Motions submitted to the Annual General Meeting must be in the form prescribed and include the section, number and page number of the motion in the current handbook. A sample motion form will be included in the Handbook.
5. Resolutions pertaining to By-laws that have not been received at the registered offices of the Society within the thirty (30) day requirement may be debated and voted on at an Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting if the introduction of the resolution receives 75% approval of the voting delegates then in attendance.

PART 13 – RULES OF ORDER

1. The Society shall own and have present at all meetings of the Society “Roberts Rules of Order” and all items not covered by these By-Laws shall be governed by these rules.

PART 14 – PERMANENT EMPLOYEES

1. The President may appoint any paid employee with the approval of the Directors and any employee so appointed shall be paid a salary approved and determined by the Directors. The employee(s) will be directly responsible to the President of the Society.
2. Employees of the Society shall not be granted a vote or hold office at Society meetings.

PART 15 – LOGOS, TRADEMARKS AND PUBLICATIONS

1. No one is allowed to use the Softball B.C. name or logo, or conduct activities under the auspices of Softball B.C., or represent themselves or their endeavours or goods under the auspices of Softball B.C. Board of Directors. Violation of this rule will be dealt with by the Softball B.C. Board of Directors.

PART 16 – DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

1. All documents of this Society, including Minutes and financial records shall be kept at the official address of the Society.

Be it resolved that: REVISION

SCHEDULE “A”

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

The name of the Society is: British Columbia Amateur Softball Association

The purposes of the Society are:

- a) To promote the game of softball and other associated sports and pastimes.
- b) To hold and arrange softball and other matches and competitions, and to offer and grant, or contribute towards the provisions of prizes, awards and distinctions on a provincial level.
- c) To subscribe to, become a member of, and cooperate with other associations, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of this Society.
- d) To make, adopt, vary, and publish Rules and Regulations, By-Laws, Conditions, and Special Operating Rules, for the regulation of the said game or otherwise, and to take all such steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable, for the enforcing of such Regulations, By-Laws, Conditions and Special Operating Rules.
- e) To promote, support or assist in all or any such athletic contests or sports for which any property of the Society may be available or which may be determined on or approved by the Society.
- f) To raise, use investment and reinvest money to support the activities of the Society, provided, however, that no property, funds or income of the Society shall inure to the private profit of any member, club or person. This purpose was previously unalterable.

SCHEDULE “B”
BY-LAWS
OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA
AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

PART 1 - INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 In these bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires,
- a) “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Society;
 - b) “Act” means the Societies Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;
 - c) “Registered address” of a member means the address as recorded in the register of members.
- 1.2 The definitions in the Act on the date these bylaws become effective apply to these bylaws.
- 1.3 Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa; and words importing a male person include a female person and corporation.
- 1.4 The Society shall have present at all meetings of the Society a copy of “Roberts Rules of Order” and all items not covered by these By-Laws or by the Act shall be governed by those rules.

PART 2 – MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 The Society has the following category of Member:
- a) Individual Member – Individuals who have agreed to abide by and adhere to the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, and rules (or, if the individual is under the age of 18, who have had a parent or guardian agree to abide by the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, and rules on behalf of the individual) including:
 - i. Participants
 - ii. Umpires
 - iii. Coaches
 - iv. Managers
 - v. Directors of recognized associations or leagues
 - vi. Other individuals approved by the Board
 - b) Association/League Member – An association or league that is recognized by the Society and has agreed to abide by the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
 - c) Director Member – Any individual who is a Director with the Society and has who agreed to abide by the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations
 - d) District Member – A recognized District of the Society that has agreed to abide by the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
 - e) Honorary Life Member – Any individual approved by Special Resolution of the Board who has contributed greatly to the development or promotion of the Society and who has agreed to abide by the Society’s By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.
- 2.2 A candidate member may apply to the Society for membership and unless such application shall be declined by the Board within ninety (90) days of the date of receipt of the application, that person shall be a member effective on the date of such receipted application. The form of application and prescribed membership fee shall be as approved from time to time by the Board.
- 2.3 There shall be annual membership dues which shall be determined by the Board from time to time, set for each separate playing level and/or other membership category.
- 2.4 A member in good standing:
- a) Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other membership restrictions or sanctions imposed;

- b) Has paid the prescribed annual membership dues in the current fiscal year;
 - c) Has complied with the By-laws, policies, and rules of the Society; and
 - d) Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the Society, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board
- 2.5 A Member shall cease to be a Member of the Society:
- a) On failure to pay before the fiscal year end of the Society, the prescribed annual membership dues and other assessments set from time to time by the Board including player registration fees and insurance;
 - b) On being expelled;
 - c) On delivering a written resignation to the Registered Office of the Society; or
 - d) On death or dissolution
- 2.6 A Member may be expelled by a resolution of the Board passed at a meeting of the Board, provided that:
- a) Notice of a resolution for expulsion shall be given to the Member, accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion.
 - b) The Member who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at a meeting of the Board before the resolution is put to a vote.

PART 3 – MEETING OF MEMBERS

1. The Society will hold meetings of Members at such date, time, and place as determined by the Board within the Province of British Columbia.
2. An Annual General Meeting must be held once every calendar year.
3. A General Meeting of the Members may be called at any time by Ordinary Resolution of the Board or upon the written requisition of ten percent (10%) or more of the Members, in the form described in the Act, for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Society that does not fall within the exceptions listed in the Act or is otherwise inconsistent with the Act
4. Written or electronic notice of the date of a meeting of the Members will be given to all Members in good standing, Directors, and the Auditor (if any) at least seven (7) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting. Notice will contain a reminder of the right to vote by proxy, a proposed agenda, any Member Proposals, reasonable information to permit Members to make informed decisions, nominations of Directors, and the text of any resolutions or amendments to be decided. If the Society has more than 250 Members, it may deliver, at least seven (7) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting, notice to Members who have provided an email address to the Society. Notice will also be considered to have been given to Members if it is published, throughout the period commencing at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting, on the Society's website.
5. Every meeting of the Members, other than an Annual General Meeting, is a General Meeting.
6. The President, or in his absence, the First Vice-President, or in the absence of both, some member of the Board, shall preside at all meetings of the Members.
7. A quorum at any Annual General Meeting or General Meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the voting members. No proxy shall be allowed at any Annual General Meeting or General Meeting.
 - a) No business, other than the appointment of the Chairperson or the adjournment or termination of the meeting, shall be conducted at a time when a quorum is not present.
 - b) If at any time there ceases to be a quorum present, business then in progress shall be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated.
8. Members will have the following voting rights at all meetings of the Members:
 - a) Individual Members do not have a vote.
 - b) Association/League Members do not have a vote.
 - c) Director Members have one vote each.
 - d) District Members are entitled to appoint Delegates who have one vote each.
 - e) Honorary Life Members do not have a vote.
9. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting shall not have a casting or second vote in addition to the vote which he may be entitled to as a Member. The proposed resolution shall not pass.

10. Each of the Society's District Members may have up to eight (8) voting delegates at meetings of the Members. Districts are only entitled to voting delegates if they have duly registered teams of the same category as the vote held. The district boundaries will be as per the official map kept in the business office of the Society.
11. District Members will appoint in writing (inclusive of electronic notice) to the Society, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting of Members, the name(s) of the Delegate(s) who will represent the Member. Delegates must be at least eighteen years of age, of sound mind, and be acting as the Member's representative. District Members may appoint Delegates in each of the following roles:
 - a) Senior Coordinator
 - b) Senior Fastpitch Men's Representative
 - c) Senior Fastpitch Women's Representative
 - d) Minor Boys / Mixed Teams Representative
 - e) Minor Girls / Mixed Teams Representative
 - f) Slo-Pitch Coordinator
 - g) Umpire-in-Chief
 - h) Minor Coordinator
12. If appointed by a District Member, Delegates must be appointed for the following terms:
 - a) One year:
 - i. Senior Fastpitch Men's Representative
 - ii. Senior Fastpitch Women's Representative
 - iii. Minor Boys / Mixed Teams Representative
 - iv. Minor Girls / Mixed Teams Representative
 - b) Two years:
 - i. Senior Coordinator
 - ii. Minor Coordinator
 - iii. Slo-Pitch Representative
 - iv. Umpire-in-Chief

Delegates appointed for two year terms have more responsibilities and are required to serve on committees of the Society.

All business conducted at a meeting of the Members is Special Business except the following, which must be conducted at an Annual General Meeting:

- The consideration of the financial statements;
- The report of the Directors;
- The report of the auditors, if any;
- The election of Directors;
- The appointment of the auditor, if required
- Such other business as, under these bylaws, ought to be transacted at an Annual General Meeting, or business which is brought under consideration by the report of the Directors issued with the notice convening the meeting.

A meeting of the Members may be adjourned from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

Where a meeting is adjourned for ten (10) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.

Except as provided in these By-Laws, it is not necessary to give notice of the adjournment or of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting.

PART 4 – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- 4.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Immediate Past President or Director-at-Large, President, First Vice-President, Director of Coaching, Vice-President of Finance, Minor Director, Senior Director and Umpire-in-Chief.
- 4.2 The First Vice-President, Vice-President of Finance, and Umpire-in-Chief shall be elected for a two (2) year term on the odd-numbered years. The President, Minor Director, Senior Director and Director of Coaching shall be elected for a two (2) year term on the even-numbered years. In the event of the vacancy of the Immediate Past President, a Director-at-Large shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two-year term.
- 4.3 Any member of the Board may, by notice in writing, resign at any time and on acceptance by the remaining members of the Board of the office shall become vacant.

4.4 Elections:

- a) Directors shall retire from office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting for the Society at the termination of their term of office.

- a) Separate elections shall be held for each office to be filled.

Nominations shall be in writing, accompanied by a resume, thirty (30) days in advance of published date of the Annual General Meeting. If no written nominations are received for a position, nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Any election may be by acclamation; otherwise it shall be by secret ballot.

If a Director wishes to let his or her name stand for another position on the Board before his or her term of office expires, he must resign his position before the election. The notice of intent to resign must be received by the Board sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. However, if unsuccessful in election to the new position, the Director may let his name stand for election to his previous position, if that position has not already been filled.

All nominations to be circulated to the members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

- 4.5 The Members may, by Special Resolution, remove a Director before the expiration of the Director's term of office and may elect a successor to complete the term of office.
- 4.6 Should a vacancy occur on the Board, the remaining Directors shall continue to act notwithstanding such vacancy and the acts of such remaining Directors shall be valid. The Board may fill not more than two (2) such vacancies by the appointment of an active voting member of the Society to each vacancy. Such appointees shall hold office only until the first Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the Society, following the date of such appointment.
- 4.7 A Nominating Committee will consist of a chair and two additional members of his/her choice, and that committee shall announce the names of prospective candidates to the Members.
- 4.8 A Director must not be remunerated for being or acting as a Director, but a Director may be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by the Director while engaged in the affairs of the Society.
- 4.9 To be eligible to serve as a Director, an individual must:
 - a) Have the power under law to contract
 - b) Have not been convicted of an offense involving fraud in the past five years
 - c) Have not been declared incapable by a Court in Canada or in another country
 - d) Not have the status of an undischarged bankrupt
 - e) For the Vice President of Finance position, hold a recognized accounting designation
 - f) For the Umpire-Chief, hold an active Level 4 BC Umpire's certification, and
 - g) For the Director of Coaching, be an NCCP Competition Introduction certified softball coach with a minimum of two years' experience
- 4.10 The three (3) voting delegates to the Canadian Amateur Softball Association's Annual Meeting shall be designated by the President of the Society.
- 4.11 Except as otherwise provided in the Act or these By-laws, the Board has the powers of the Society and may delegate any of its powers, duties, and functions.
- 4.12 The Board is empowered to:
 - a) Make policies and procedures or manage the affairs of the Society in accordance with the Act and these By-laws;

- b) Make policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members, and have the authority to discipline these individuals in accordance with such policies and procedures;
 - c) Make policies and procedures relating to the management of disputes within the Society and deal with disputes in accordance with such policies and procedures;
 - d) Approve or reject recommendations from Advisory Councils and Committees that are appointed by the Board to recommend changes to the Society's rules and operations;
 - e) Appoint, on an annual basis, an independent auditor;
 - f) Employ or engage under contract such persons, including a Senior Manager, as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Society;
 - g) Determine registration procedures, recommend membership dues, and determine other registration requirements;
 - h) Enable the Society to receive donations and benefits for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Society;
 - i) Make expenditures for the purpose of furthering the purposes of the Society;
 - j) Borrow money upon the credit of the Society as it deems necessary in accordance with these By-laws; and
 - k) Perform any other duties from time to time as may be in the best interests of the Society.
- 4.13 The Board may employ or contract a Senior Manager who shall have the title of "Executive Director". When employed or contracted, the Board will delegate to the Senior Manager the responsibility to manage the day-to-day operations of the Society in accordance with Board policies and direction, and subject to any limits established by the Board.
- 4.14 The Board may create Advisory Councils and Committees and may delegate to such groups the power to recommend Rules and Regulations governing all Members and covering players, districts, age limits, championships, trustees of trophies, umpires, and all other relevant and incidental matters necessary to the operation of the Society. Advisory Councils and Committees created by the Board for this purpose will have terms of reference approved by the Board.
- 4.15 The Board will create the following Advisory Councils:
- a) Minor / Youth
 - b) Senior / Adult
 - c) Umpire

PART 5 - PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS

5.1 Meetings of the Board of Directors:

- a) The Board may meet at such places as they see fit for the dispatch of business, and may adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings
- b) The Board may from time to time fix the quorum necessary for the transaction of business and unless so fixed the quorum shall be a majority of Directors then in office.

The President shall be Chairperson at all meetings of the Board; but if at any meeting the President is not present, the Directors present may choose another Director to be Chairperson of the meeting.

A Director may at any time, on the request of a Director, convene a meeting of the Board.

- 5.2 For the first meeting of the Board held immediately following the appointment or election of a Director or Directors at an Annual General Meeting or other General Meeting, or for a meeting of the Board at which a Director is appointed to fill a vacancy in the Board, it is not necessary to give notice of the meeting to the newly-elected or appointed Director or Directors for the meeting to be duly constituted, if a quorum is present.

5.3 Voting at meetings of the Board:

- a) Questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority vote.
- c) In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson does not have a second or deciding vote in addition to the vote which he or she may be entitled as the Chairperson.

- 5.4 A resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors and placed with the minutes of the meeting of the Board is as valid and effective as if regularly passed at a meeting of the Board.

- 5.5 The Board shall keep proper minutes of their proceedings.

PART 6 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

6.1 The **President** is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and shall:

d) Preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Board.

Supervise the other officers in the execution of their duties.

Apply and enforce all By-Laws, policies, and rules of the Society.

Appoint a member of the Board to all committees.

Be responsible for the approval of all accounts, bills, or commitments against the Society before payment, acceptance or delivery. The President of the Society is empowered to make decisions on any single emergency expenditure of funds, without approval of the Board or the Members up to the amount of \$10,000.00.

Watch over the assets and records of the Society.

Perform such other acts and duties as may be incidental to the office and as may properly be required by the Board.

Sign the minutes of all meetings of the Board, and may delegate any duties as necessary.

6.2 The **Immediate Past President's** term of office shall be a maximum of two (2) years. Following that term, should the incumbent President be elected to a further term(s), the Immediate Past President's position will be filled by an individual who shall be designated as a "Director-at-Large" and who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two year term. Duties of the "Director-at-Large" will be designated by the President. The Immediate Past President will:

e) Be eligible to act on any committee.

Be a voting member of the Board.

Perform such other acts and duties as may be delegated by the President.

Generally assist the President.

6.3 The **First Vice-President** shall assist the President in the discharge of duties, and in the absence or disability of the President, shall act in the President's stead.

6.4 The **Director of Coaching** shall assist the President and the Board in the discharge of their duties. He or she shall promote and direct the development of coaching for all levels of softball.

6.5 The **Vice President of Finance** shall be responsible for the supervision of the accounts and records of the Society. The Vice President of Finance shall:

f) Keep such financial records, including books of accounts, as are necessary to comply with the Act.

Render financial statements to the Board, members and others when required, in consultation with the appointed auditor.

Carry out policies formulated by the Board as required.

Be responsible for the deposit of all receipts of cash and or cheques in the bank or depository of the Society, and for the drawing of cheques for payment of the liabilities and expenditures of the Society

Be responsible, at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, for duly certifying the voting strength of the meeting from time to time.

Take direction generally from the President.

6.6 The **Minor Director** shall promote and direct the game of softball in the minor divisions and shall oversee playoffs and tournaments in these divisions. The Minor Director shall chair the Minor Advisory Council.

- 6.7 The **Senior Director** shall promote and direct the game of softball in the senior divisions and shall oversee playoffs and tournaments in these divisions. The Senior Director shall chair the Senior Advisory Council.
- 6.8 The **Umpire-in-Chief** shall promote and direct the training and provision of umpires for all levels of softball and promote, direct and supervise the game of softball. A prerequisite to being nominated for the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief's position is that the individual hold a current, minimum Level 4, B.C. Umpire's ticket. The Umpire-in-Chief shall chair the Umpire Advisory Council.

PART 7 – SEAL

- 7.1 The Seal of the Society shall be located at the Society's head office.
- 7.2 The Seal shall be affixed to such instruments as may be required to be sealed, by the Vice-President of Finance and either the President or Vice-President.

PART 8 – FINANCES AND RECORD KEEPING

- 8.1 The fiscal year end of the Society shall be December 31st.
- 8.2 The Society may exercise, by Special Resolution, any borrowing powers conferred upon it by the Act.
- 8.3 The Accounts of the Society shall be annually examined and the correctness of the balance sheet and account book shall be ascertained by an auditor so appointed by the Board.
- 8.4 All cheques of the Society shall be signed by any two people (staff or Directors) as designated by the Vice-President of Finance or the President to be signing authorities.
- 8.5 The auditor shall be remunerated for services rendered.
- 8.6 The Board will approve financial statements (evidenced by signature of two or more Directors) of the Society of the last fiscal year of the Society. The statements must be for the period ending not more than six (6) months before the Annual General Meeting. A copy of the Annual Financial Statements will be provided to any Member requesting a copy of the Financial Statements. The Financial Statements will include:
- a) The financial statements;
 - b) The auditor's report (if any);
 - c) Remuneration paid to any Directors including the exact amount and for what purpose;
 - d) Remuneration paid to any employee or contractor of the Society, identified by position or title, who received \$75,000 or more from the Society and the exact amount of the remuneration and (for contractors) the nature of the service performed, and
 - e) Any further information respecting the financial position of the Society.
- 8.7 All documents of this Society, including minutes and financial records shall be kept at the head office of the Society.
- 8.8 The necessary books and records of the Society required by these By-laws, by the Act, or by applicable law will be necessarily and properly kept. The books and records include, but are not limited to:
- a) The Society's certificate of incorporation;
 - b) The Society's Constitution and By-laws;
 - c) A register of Directors (including contact information);
 - d) Written consent of each Director to act as a Director;
 - e) Written resignation(s) of any Director(s);
 - f) Disclosure of any conflict of interest by any Director or the Senior Manager (when employed or contracted);
 - g) A register of Members (including names and contact information);
 - h) The minutes of meetings of the Members;
 - i) The resolutions of the Members from any meeting of the Members;
 - j) Annual Financial Statements, with the applicable auditor's report (if any);
 - k) The minutes of meetings of the Directors (including attendance);
 - l) The resolutions of the Directors;
 - m) The in-camera minutes of meetings of the Directors; and
 - n) Adequate accounting records for each of the Society's financial years, including a record of each transaction materially affected the financial position of the Society
- 8.9 Access to Books and Records by Members and Directors – Access to books and records by Members and Directors is permitted as follows:

- a) Directors have access to records described in 8.8a) to 8.8n); and
- b) Members have access to records described in 8.8a) to 8.8j), though the Directors may restrict access to the record described in 8.8g) if the Directors are of the opinion that the access would be harmful to the Society or to the interests of one or more Members.

8.10 Access to Books and Records by the public – Access to books and records by the public is permitted as follows:

- a) The public does not have access to records described in 8.8a) to 8.8i) or to records described in 8.8k) to 8.8n)
- b) The public may request access to records described in 8.8j) by submitting a request to the Society and paying a fee of \$10.00. The records will be delivered by email to the individual making the request within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the fee.

8.11 The Society may discard a record if the record is no longer relevant to the activities or internal affairs of the Society, after ten years have passed since the record was created or, if the record has been altered, since the record was last altered.

PART 9 – BY-LAWS

9.1 These By-laws may be amended, revised, repealed or added to:

- a) By Ordinary Resolution of the Board. Any By-laws amendments will be submitted to the Members at the next meeting of Members and the voting Members may confirm or reject the By-laws amendment by Special Resolution; or
- b) By a Member in the form of a Member Proposal. Member Proposals that amend the By-laws will be submitted to the Members at the next meeting of Members and the voting Members may confirm or reject the By-laws amendment by Special Resolution.

9.2 A Member Proposal, submitted to the Society at least seven (7) days before notice of the meeting of the Members is sent to the Members, must include the proposal itself, the names and signatures of at least 5% of the voting Members, and, optionally, a statement of support for the proposal (consisting of fewer than 200 words). A Member Proposal may not be substantially similar to Member Proposal that was proposed at a meeting of the Members in the past two calendar years.

9.3 A Parliamentary and Rules Committee will be struck no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting whose function will be to clarify motions prior to the distribution of motions to the voting delegates.

9.4 By-laws amendments take effect when the bylaw alteration application is filed with BC Registry Services.

PART 10 - PERMANENT EMPLOYEES

10.1 The President may appoint any paid employee with the approval of the Directors and any employee so appointed shall be paid a salary approved and determined by the Directors. The employee(s) will be directly responsible to the President of the Society, or designate.

10.2 Employees of the Society shall not be a Director and may not be granted a vote at meetings of the Members or meetings of the Board.

PART 11 - LOGOS, TRADEMARKS AND PUBLICATIONS

11.1 No one is allowed to use the Society's name or logo, conduct activities under the auspices of the Society, or represent themselves or their endeavors or goods under the auspices of the Board.

PART 12 – DISSOLUTION

12.1 In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society, the liquidators appointed shall cause all assets of the Society available for distribution to be transferred to an organization or organization, situated in British Columbia and devoted to the advancement of similar or like objects as this Society. Such organization shall be chosen by majority vote of the members attending the first meeting called by the liquidators.

Amendment #1: (C. Young/C. Kreiger)

Part 4 – Directors and Officers

4.14 The Board shall create Advisory Councils and Committees and may delegate to such groups the power to recommend Rules and Regulations governing all members and covering players, districts, age limits, championships, trustees of trophies, umpires, and all other relevant and incidental matters necessary to the operation of the Society. Advisory Councils and Committees created by the Board for this purpose will have terms of reference approved by the board.

Amend to Add:

When the council provides written, recommendation additions/deletions/revisions to special operating rules for the board of director's consideration, and the board does not accept the recommendation, as written, the following steps will be taken:

1. The board shall provide, in writing, reasons for not approving the recommendation. This is to be communicated to the council through their board representative within 14 days of the board's decision.
2. The council will have the authority to amend the recommendation, or provide further written information intended to clarify the advisory council's rationale/intent for the propose addition/deletion/revision. The response from the advisory council is to be presented to the board, either in person or electronically, within 45 days.
3. The council may re-submit proposed changes two times only during a calendar year.

Rationale: To ensure the Board is transparent in providing reasons why a recommendation has not been approved, and to give the advisory councils or committees reasonable opportunity to either clarify or amend the proposal. The advisory council will further have the option of presenting the information in person or electronically to the Board.

Amendment #2: (G. Timm/K. Dennedy)

(Amendment to Amendment #1)

4.14 The Board may create Advisory Councils and Committees and may delegate to such groups the power to recommend Rules and Regulations governing all Members and covering players, districts, age limits, championships, trustees of trophies, umpires, and all other relevant and incidental matters necessary to the operation of the Society. Advisory Councils and Committees created by the Board for this purpose will have terms of reference approved by the voting delegates' discipline (Umpires, Senior and Minors) by way of ordinary resolution. For clarity, only the Minor Delegates will vote on the approval of terms of reference applicable to the Minors.

When the council provides written, recommendation additions/deletions/revisions to special operating rules for the board of director's consideration, and the board does not accept the recommendation, as written, the following steps will be taken:

1. The board shall provide, in writing, reasons for not approving the recommendation. This is to be communicated to the council through their board representative within 14 days of the board's decision.

2. The council will have the authority to amend the recommendation, or provide further written information intended to clarify the advisory council's rationale/intent for the propose addition/deletion/revision. The response from the advisory council is to be presented to the board, either in person or electronically, within 45 days.

3. The council may re-submit proposed changes two times only during a calendar year.

Rationale: To ensure the Board is transparent in providing reasons why a recommendation has not been approved, and to give the advisory councils or committees reasonable opportunity to either clarify or amend the proposal. The advisory council will further have the option of presenting the information in person or electronically to the Board.

AMENDMENT: CARRIED

Amendment #3: (C. Kreiger/W. Gaherty)

8.1 currently reads: The fiscal year end of the Society shall be December 31st.

Amend to read:

8.1 The fiscal year end of the Society shall be April 30th.

AMENDMENT: CARRIED

Amendment #4: (C. Young/M. Kreiger)

8.9 currently reads: 'Access to Books and Records by Members and Directors – Access to books and records by Members and Directors is permitted as follows:

a) Directors have access to records described in 8.8a) to 8.8n); and

b) Members have access to records described in 8.8a) to 8.8j), though the Directors may restrict access to the record described in 8.8g) if the Directors are of the opinion that the access would be harmful to the Society or to the interests of one or more Members.'

Amend to read:

a) Directors have access to records described in 8.8a) to 8.8n); and

b) Members have access to records described in 8.8a) to 8.8 l) though the directors may restrict access to the record described in 8.8g) if the Directors are of the opinion that the access would be harmful to the Society or in the interests of one or more Members.

Rationale: To provide the Members access to the minutes and resolutions from the Board of Director's meetings, thereby creating greater transparency of proceedings.

AMENDMENT: CARRIED

MOTION NO. 1 AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

‘To Amend the Special Operating Rules’

OPERATING RULES: Requires at least fifty (50%) percent majority of votes cast.

Abstentions not given a negative vote.

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2

Special Operating Rule

SUBMITTED BY: District 6

MOVED BY: Roxy Abernethy

Seconded by: Wendi Bordelay

REFERENCE: Article 3 – Residence Rule – 3.1 a) Canadian Citizen

WHEREAS:

3.1 a) i) To be eligible to complete in a Provincial Championship, a player, coach and manager must be a citizen of Canada by the official residency date for the year of competition.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Be revised to read:

a) Canadian Citizens

i) To be eligible to compete in a Provincial Championship:

a) with a Rep A team or with a Rep B team a player, including all pickups, must be a citizen of Canada by the official residency date for the year of competition;

b) with a minor C team a player, including pickups, must reside in the Province of BC and attend a registered education institution where they reside by the official residency date for the year of competition;

c) with Rep A and Rep B teams or Minor C teams, a coach and manager including all pickups must be a citizen of Canada by the official residency date for the year of competition.

b) Landed Immigrant Status.....*and the balance stays the same.*

RATIONALE:

To ensure that everyone who would like to play softball can play including the growing number of international students who come to Canada to attend school and to reinforce Softball BC's policy of being all-inclusive.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

TABLED UNTIL AFTER MOTION NO. 27

MOTION TO LIFT FROM TABLE: MOVED BY C. KREIGER/ SECONDED BY W. BORDELAY

CARRIED

MOTION LIFTED FROM TABLE

AMENDMENT: (R. Abernethy/W. Bordelay)

AMENDMENT #2: (G. Timm/R. Abernethy)

3.1 a) i) To be eligible to complete in a Provincial Championship, a player, coach and manager must be a citizen of Canada by the official residency date for the year of competition.
EXCEPTION: Minor A, B, C players, coaches and managers must be, on the official date of registration, a resident of BC, a landed immigrant or in BC on a work or study visa.

ii) remains the same

b) Landed Immigrant Status.....*and the balance stays the same.*

AMENDMENT #2: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDMENT: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 3

Special Operating Rule – Minor

SUBMITTED BY: District 7

MOVED BY: Kyle Dennedy

Seconded by: Daryl Tarr

REFERENCE: Article 12.2 o)

WHEREAS:

OVERTHROWS – applicable to Minor Categories

i) All runners will be awarded 2 bases on a first throw by an infielder and the 2 bases will be governed from the base the runner(s) occupied at the time of the pitch.

ii) On a second play, or succeeding play by an infielder (i.e. double play), the two bases will be governed by the position of each runner at the time of the final throw.

iii) On throws by an outfielder, the 2 bases will be awarded by the position of the runners at the time of the throw. NOTE: The award is governed by the lead runner.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

DELETE 12.2 o) as written in its entirety.

REPLACE with:

o) OVERTHROW: A play in which a ball is thrown from one fielder to another, resulting in the ball going beyond the boundary lines of the playing field or becoming blocked.

(1) All runners, including the batter-runner, shall be awarded two bases.

(a) The award will be governed by the position of the runners when the ball left the fielder's hand.

(b) If two runners are between the same bases, the award is based on the position of the lead runner.

RATIONALE:

Article 12 is 'Minor Softball', so there is no need for the redundancy of stating that the following rule on overthrows is applicable to Minor Categories.

As currently written, the article does not define an 'overthrow' as the ball going out of playable territory, so could be construed as any throw over-shooting its target.

The current rule creates confusion where there need not be such. In practice, on a first throw by an infielder, the majority of the time there would be no difference in bases awarded should the award be governed by the runners' positions at (a) the "time of the pitch" or (b) the "time the ball left the fielder's hand". Subsections (i) and (ii) are in potential conflict, as it is possible for a second (or succeeding) play to be the first throw by an infielder (e.g. chasing and tagging a runner is the first play, and throwing the ball to a base is the second play). Should this happen to be a situation where the award would be different between (i) and (ii), there is no clear way to determine which would take precedence.

Treating all throws the same (and governing base awards on the position of runners at the time the ball leaves the fielder's hand), is simple, unambiguous, and most of the time results in the same base awards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 4**Special Operating Rule – Minor**

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors

MOVED BY: Greg Timm

Seconded by: Phil Ransome

REFERENCE: Page 55, Article 12.3 a) iii)

WHEREAS:

Minor Team Registration: Minor team registration is complete on the date when.....
The Form may list a maximum of fifteen (15) players and four (4) coaches; EXCEPTION 17 players for U19C plus 4 coaches.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADDITION:

Plus one Approved Minor Apprentice Coach paired with the rostered Mentor Coach.

Apprentice Coach is a minor rostered player that will help to Coach in ages below their own and in classifications lateral to or below their own. Apprentice Coaches are approved prior to the start of the season through an application process so they may fully participate in the processes of the team for the season's entirety.

RATIONALE:

To encourage our minor players to give back to the game by sharing their enjoyment and knowledge of the sport. Minor Apprenticeship Coaches are paired with an Approved Mentor Coach who meets the NCCP requirements of the team they are coaching for the season.

Both coaches are approved through the Director of Coaching and the Minor Director. They will be given a letter granting the Minor Apprenticeship Coach permission to attend all Functions of

a Head Coach including District Championships and Pre-Provincial meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 5

Special Operating Rule – Minor

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors

MOVED BY: Lavaughn Larson

Seconded by: Chris Young

REFERENCE:

Page 56 Article 12.3 a) iv)

WHEREAS:

Minor Final Registration Deadline: Minor Final Registration be as follows:

(a) Online deadline for 'A' team registration shall be April 1st of the current year with all payments due by April 15th.

(b) Online deadline for all other Minor team registration shall be May 15th of the current year with all payments due by June 1st.

© Any changes necessary after May 15th are to be sent to the Softball BC Office to be approved by the Minor Director.

Such changes shall be processed by the office only once per week.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Minor final registration deadline: Minor final registration be as follows:

(a) Online deadline for 'A' team registration and Executive roster to be uploaded and marked as confirmed by the Registrar shall be April 1st of the current year with all payments due as specified on the Softball BC invoice.

(b) Online deadline for all other minor team registration including Executive rosters to be uploaded and marked as Confirmed by registrar shall be May 10th of the current year with all payments due as specified on the Softball BC invoice.

© Any changes after April 1st for 'A' teams and after May 10th, for all other minor teams, including executive rosters, are to be sent to the Softball BC office to be reviewed by the Minor Director. Such changes shall be processed by the office only once per week. Changes after June 1st considered for extreme circumstances only.

RATIONALE:

The current dates in the handbook are the dates that Minor Coordinators are expected to have all rosters approved. Not all Associations are following this as it is not stated in the handbook. This is resulting in registrations dragging on from April 1st into July. The deadline should reflect when the Associations are expected to have their rosters uploaded and confirmed. Currently the dates for payment cannot be followed as often times with the scattering of registrations coming in, the office is unable to process invoices in a timely manner. With this wording it gives Associations time to get cheques signed and sent off to Softball BC according to the invoice date.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 6

Special Operating Rule – Minor

SUBMITTED BY: District 6

MOVED BY: Roxy Abernethy

Seconded by: Carlyle Kreiger

REFERENCE: Page 57 Article 12.3 b) vi) and Page 84 Article 14.8 m)

WHEREAS:

With the exception of U18 aged players who have met all obligations for the season, a Minor aged player who has not, or will not attain the age of 19 years in the current calendar year, is ineligible to play against a senior team or any team registered in a senior league unless;

a) a written consent form from a parent or guardian is received by the District Coordinator not later than Jun 10th of the current year and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

U19 aged players in all classifications as third year birthdates may play in either Minor or Senior programming.

Second year birthdates may only be utilized as call-up players in Senior 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 birthdates may not be used as call-up players or register in Senior Programs. Once minor obligations are complete for the season, all U19 players are eligible to participate in Senior programs including as pickups, if proof of minor participation is confirmed and parental consent form is approved.

Call up requirements:

(a) a written consent form from a parent or guardian is received by the District Coordinator not....

RATIONALE:

To protect the minor program first and to give time for true senior aged players to be found and recruited back into the game.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

AMENDMENT: (R. Abernethy/L. Cutt)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

U19 aged players in all classifications as third year birthdates may play in either Minor or Senior programming.

~~Second year birthdates may only be utilized as call-up players in Senior 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 birthdates may not be used as call-up players or register in Senior Programs. Once minor obligations are complete for the season, all U19 players are eligible to participate in Senior programs including as pickups, if proof of minor participation is confirmed and parental consent form is approved.

Call up requirements:

(a) a written consent form from a parent or guardian is received by the District Coordinator not....

AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 7

Special Operating Rule – Minor

SUBMITTED BY: District 6

MOVED BY: Roxy Abernethy

Seconded by: Ramon Lawrence

REFERENCE: Page 60 Article 12.3 xii)

WHEREAS:

The District Minor Coordinator after a proper investigation or review of any circumstances provided....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The District Minor Coordinator after conducting their own investigation or review of any circumstances provided shall inform the Minor Director who will conduct a thorough investigation of the team and make a decision to reclassify or not reclassify the team in question. The Minor Director shall inform the team and the District Minor Coordinator of their decision. Reclassification can be done any time up to but not including the date of the team's participation in a Provincial Championship.

RATIONALE:

Asking the District Minor Coordinator to make a decision on reclassifying one of their own teams always ends up with hard feelings all the way round and do not foster a good relationship with their district associations. District Minor Coordinators are elected to act as a liaison between their minor teams and the Directors of the Society No District Minor Coordinator should be put in the position of reclassifying one of their own teams.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 8

Special Operating Rule – Minor

SUBMITTED BY: District 14

MOVED BY: Chris Young

Seconded by: Rob Hartford

REFERENCE: Page 63 Article 12.4 b) iv) b)

WHEREAS:

Teams from Districts that do not have teams in the same classification to pick up from, be allowed to pick up from any District in the Province.....

NOTE: Page 42 Definitions
Category – i.e U14, U16
Classification – i.e. A, B, C....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
REVISION

Teams from Districts that do not have teams in either the same classification in a lower category or teams in the same category with the same or lower classification are allowed to pick up from any District in the Province.

RATIONALE:

Teams are by passing very capable players in their own areas with the hopes of ‘recruiting’ players to their teams the following season. Teams representing their own District should be from the District. This will force Districts to work to create better/more players instead of looking to everyone else’s backyard. You never know what can come from a player given an opportunity they didn’t know was there.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
None

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 9

Special Operating Rule – Minor

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors

MOVED BY: Wendi Bordelay

Seconded by: Bill Yerdon

REFERENCE: Page 62, Article 12.4 b iv) a)

WHEREAS:

The winning teams, host team and any pro-rated team of a District (A, B, C Classification), will be permitted the addition of three (3) pickups from their own District or Replacement Players to a full complement of 15 players....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
DELETE ‘or replacement players’

RATIONALE:

As per the definitions on Page 43 it states:
Replacement Players – For U12C Girls Regional Championships Only

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 10**Special Operating Rule – Minor****SUBMITTED BY: District 6****MOVED BY:** Roxy Abernethy**Seconded by:** Wendi Bordelay**REFERENCE:** Page 63, Article 12.4 b) ix)**WHEREAS:**

ix) Players, including pickups, will be allowed to participate in more than one Minor Provincial in the same year. EXCEPTION: Players registered on a Minor Mixed Orthodox team may also register on a team in a Minor Fastpitch category and are eligible to participate in each respective provincial championship. Pickup players for each method of pitch shall only be eligible if registered in the particular method of pitch. NO CROSSOVER PICKUPS.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**REVISION**

ix) Players, including pickups, will be allowed to participate with their own team at Provincial Championships if a berth is earned. Plus may be used as pickup with another team in one other Provincial Championship only. NO player may be a pickup more than one time a season.

EXCEPTION:....**RATIONALE:**

With a 1+1 rule there is increased chance for other players to participate in Provincials.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**None****WITHDRAWN****NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 11****Special Operating Rule – Minor****SUBMITTED BY: District 14****MOVED BY:** Chris Young**Seconded by:** Rob Hartford**REFERENCE:** Page 63 Article 12.4 b) ix)**WHEREAS:**

ix) Players, including pickups, will be allowed to participate in more than one Minor Provincial in the same year. EXCEPTION: Players registered on a Minor Mixed Orthodox team may also register on a team in a Minor Fastpitch category and are eligible to participate in each respective provincial championship. Pickup players for each method of pitch shall only be eligible if registered in the particular method of pitch. NO CROSSOVER PICKUPS.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**ADDITION**

ix) Players, including pickups, will be allowed to participate in more than one minor provincial in the same year (maximum of 2). Exception: players registered on a Minor Mixed Orthodox team may also register on a team in a Minor Fastpitch category and are eligible to participate in each respective provincial championship. Pickup players for each method of pitch shall only be eligible if registered in the

particular method of pitch. NO CROSSOVER PICKUPS.

RATIONALE:

A chance for other players to participate in provincials.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 12

Special Operating Rule – Minor

SUBMITTED BY: District 7

MOVED BY: Lavaughn Larson

Seconded by: Jeff Snowdon

REFERENCE: Page 66, Article 12.8 vii) Provincial Championship Format

WHEREAS:

For all categories and classifications, if the home team is leading after completion of 6 ½ innings, whether the time limit, if one applies, has been reached or not, the game will end and the score will revert back to the last completed inning.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

DELETE 12.8 vii) entirely

RATIONALE:

Teams competing at Provincials should have the opportunity to complete the final inning whether time has expired or not.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 13

Special Operating Rule – Minor

SUBMITTED BY: District 15

MOVED BY: Scott Wheatley

Seconded by: Murray Spier

REFERENCE: Article 12.8 ix)

WHEREAS:

ix) all ties are to be broken by extra innings. The Tie Breaking Rule shall start at the top of the 8th inning or when time has expired. The Tie Break Rule shall be applied in all games except the final game.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Ties to be allowed in round robin games.

RATIONALE:

Numerous extra innings can at times be necessary to break a tie during round robin games at a provincial. Lengthy delays can create scheduling nightmares for organizers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 14**Special Operating Rule – Minor****SUBMITTED BY: District 14****MOVED BY:** Chris Young**Seconded by:** Rob Hartford**REFERENCE:** Page 69 Article 12.8 b) i)**WHEREA**

i) Win/loss/tied record: (2 points for win, 1 for at tie, 0 for a loss), if still tied,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

DELETE – 1 for a tie

CHANGE TO READ: Win/loss/tied record: (2 points for win, 0 for a loss), if still tied then,

RATIONALE:

There are no ties in any of the games.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 15**Special Operating Rule – Minor****SUBMITTED BY: District 14****MOVED BY:** Chris Young**Seconded by:** Rob Hartford**REFERENCE:** Page 68, Article 12.8 x) d) and Page 69 Article 12.9 b) 1)**WHEREAS:**

In the U12C and U14C categories (both boys and girls), pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 4 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning). The pitching limit rule is suspended in extra-inning games when the time limit has been reached or in the top of the 8th inning.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

REVISION – CHANGE TO READ

In the U12C and U14C categories (both boys and girls), pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 3 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning). The pitching limit rule is suspended in extra-inning games when the time limit has been reached or in the top of the 8th inning.

RATIONALE:

Most games only go to 4 innings within the time limit and it is still a development period for these players. It should encourage coaches to develop more pitchers. Having been at the U12C tournament and seeing that some teams use only one pitcher for all the games.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 16**Special Operating Rule – Minor****SUBMITTED BY: District 14****MOVED BY:** Chris Young**Seconded by:** Rob Hartford**REFERENCE:** Article 12.8 x) d)**WHEREAS:****BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

ADD – page 68 12.8 d) i)

In the U12A and U12B girls categories, pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 3 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning). The pitching limit rule is suspended in extra-inning games when the time limit has been reached or in the top of the 8th inning.

RATIONALE:

Having been present at the U12A/B provincials most games only went to four innings, and the teams only used one pitcher to pitch all of their games so there is no development of pitches. These players are still developing physically and are only going to burn out before they move onto higher categories. To confirm with the development stream of SBBC the pitchers should be restricted to only 3 innings per game. It is to make coaches train more than one pitcher for their team. This is still a development phase of the game.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

AMENDMENT: (C. Young/C. Kreiger)

In the U12A and U12B girls categories, pitchers will be limited to a maximum of **4** innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning). The pitching limit rule is suspended in extra-inning games when the time limit has been reached or in the top of the 8th inning.

AMENDMENT: CARREID
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 17**Special Operating Rule – Minor****SUBMITTED BY: District 11****MOVED BY:** Phil Ransom**Seconded by:** Jessica Culbertson**REFERENCE:** Page 72, Article 13.2 BC Summer Games g)**WHEREAS:**

Maximum Age: Players who turn 16 years of age in the year of the BC Summer Games (2nd year U16).

Eligibility Restrictions: Respecting the age restriction, only players currently registered with Softball BC at the U14 or U16 categories, as selected by the Zone coach, are eligible to compete in the BC Summer Games. Athletes and coaches must reside within the geographical boundaries of the Zone, and under no circumstances will cross-association participation be permitted....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

CHAGE TO READ

Maximum Age: Players who turn 16 years of age in the year of the BC Summer Games (2nd year U16)

Eligibility Restrictions: Athletes and coaches must reside within the geographical boundaries of the Zone, and under no circumstances will cross-association participation be permitted....

Delete: Respecting the age restriction, only players currently registered with Softball BC at the U14 or U16 categories, as selected by the Zone coach, are eligible to compete in the BC Summer Games.

RATIONALE:

Making players eligible only if they register with a U14 or U16 category restricts inclusion by all age appropriate athletes. It further penalizes non-urban zones who, because of the smaller number of registered teams, place U16 age athletes on teams categorized as U18 in order to give them a team to play on. Zones with smaller registered number of players and fewer teams will have an opportunity to include all age appropriate players and therefore field more competitive teams.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 18

Special Operating Rule – Senior

SUBMITTED BY: District 6

MOVED BY: Suzy Parker

Seconded by: Deb Tidy

REFERENCE: Article 14.7 c) iii)

WHEREAS:

Article 14.7 c) iii) needs to be revised, and whereas Provincial Championships need a format to follow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

14.7 c) iii) be revised to read – Provincial championship format for all Senior Women categories. All teams will play a 2 game round robin series with all teams advancing into a double knockout championship round. This format will follow as laid out in the Softball BC Handbook with a single knockout final. Hosts must guarantee that games will start no earlier than 4:00 pm on Friday and that the final championship game will be scheduled for no later than 4:00 pm on Sunday.

RATIONALE:

Teams were not happy with the changes that were put in place and requested that the old format of 2 games R/R and a double knockout format be put back in.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 19

Special Operating Rule – Senior

SUBMITTED BY: District 6

MOVED BY: Suzy Parker

Seconded by: Deb Tidy

REFERENCE: Article 14.10 b)

WHEREAS:

In Master Women's Fastpitch the minimum age will be 35 years of age in the year of the event.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

CHANGE TO READ:

14.10 b) In Masters Women's Fastpitch, the minimum age will be 30 years of age.

RATIONALE:

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 20

Special Operating Rule – Seniors

SUBMITTED BY: District 8

MOVED BY: Harv Wiens

Seconded by: Terri Boizard

REFERENCE: Page 84, Article 14.10 g)

WHEREAS:

DESIGNATED RUNNER – Master's Fastpitch Only

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

14.10 g) DELETE Master's Fastpitch Only

RATIONALE:

This change will allow the designated runner to be used in all levels of senior fastpitch.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 21

Special Operating Rule – Seniors

SUBMITTED BY: District 8

MOVED BY: Harv Wiens

Seconded by: Terri Boizard

REFERENCE: Article 14.14

WHEREAS:

Senior Men's Fastpitch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete the word Men's

Will now read Senior Fastpitch

RATIONALE:

This change will allow rules to be applied to both genders as required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 22

Special Operating Rule – Seniors

SUBMITTED BY: District 8

MOVED BY: Harv Wiens

Seconded by: Terri Boizard

REFERENCE: Article 14.14, Page 90

WHEREAS:

Pitcher's will be allowed to start with the front foot (pivot foot) only on the pitchers plate.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

14.14 revised to read: Pitcher's will be allowed to start with the front foot (pivot foot) only on the pitchers plate. Men only.

RATIONALE:

It is only in the men's game where the pitcher is allowed to start.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23

Special Operating Rule – Seniors

SUBMITTED BY: District 8

MOVED BY: Harv Wiens

Seconded by: Terri Boizard

REFERENCE: Article 14.14

WHEREAS:

New Section

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD to 14.14

The team may designate one player as a runner. The player will be called the Designated Runner (DR). The following rules apply to the DR:

i) the decision to use the DR Must be made on the starting line-up card.

- ii) if used, the DR Must be listed on the last offensive spot on the lineup card (10th if not using a DP or 11th if using the DP).
- iii) The DR may run for one (1) player per inning and may do so each time that player becomes a runner in the inning. Each inning the DR may run for a different person.
- iv) the DR may not bat.
- v) the DR may not enter the game on defense.
- vi) the DR may be substituted for/by a player who has not been in the game.

RATIONALE:

As the Senior game is in a time of crisis (men's) the chance of having specifically a pitcher or catcher injured while running the bases would hurt the team.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 24

Special Operating Rule - Senior

SUBMITTED BY: District 2

MOVED BY: Carlyle Kreiger

Seconded by: Jennifer Goepel

REFERENCE: Page 90, Article 15.3 – Footwear

WHEREAS:

Footwear – no metal cleats allowed in all categories of slo-pitch.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

CHANGE TO READ:

Article 15.3 – Equipment

a) Footwear – No metal cleats allowed in all categories of Slo-Pitch

RATIONALE:

This article has been incorrectly titled; it should have broader applications than simply footwear.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 25

Special Operating Rule – Senior

SUBMITTED BY: District 2

MOVED BY: Marion Kreiger

Seconded by: Carlyle Kreiger

REFERENCE: Article 15.3, Page 90 – Equipment

WHEREAS:

15.3 Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Addition

b) Helmets

i) Helmets are mandatory for

- Batters

- On Deck batters

- Batter-runners

- Runners

- Catchers

Effect: Players shall be called out immediately under the following circumstances

1) Failing to wear a helmet when ordered to do so by the umpire

RATIONALE:

Increases the safety of the game and minimizes risk of both the participants and the association.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Potential liability claims against the PSO

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26

Special Operating Rule – Senior

SUBMITTED BY: District 6

MOVED BY: Suzy Parker

Seconded by: Deb Tidy

REFERENCE: Article 16.2 c), Page 95

WHEREAS:

The Senior Women's fastpitch provincial championship \$50 per team from entry fees is allocated to the host association to offset costs relating to the championship. No expense money is distributed to teams.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

16.2 Add to the Provincial Championship Entry Fees:

Senior A Women: \$470.00

RATIONALE:

In order to pay for prize money in the Senior A Provincials, teams will need to raise the entry fees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27

Special Operating Rule – Senior

SUBMITTED BY: District 6

MOVED BY: Suzy Parker

Seconded by: Deb Tidy

REFERENCE: Page 95, Article 16.2 c)

WHEREAS:

The Senior Women's fastpitch provincial championships \$50 per team from entry fees is allocated to the host association to offset costs relating to the championship. No expense money is distributed to teams.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

16.2 c) change to read:

Senior Women's Fastpitch Provincial Championships, \$50.00 per team from entry fees is allocated to the host association to offset costs relating to the championship. No expense money is distributed to teams. EXCEPTION: Senior A.

And that 16.2 c) add – i) at the Senior A Women's Fastpitch Provincial Championships \$100 per team from entry fees is allocated to the host club/association to offset cost relating to the championship, which includes \$50 per team to be put into prize money. Medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd will be given out but no prizes. Prize money will be given out as follows:

1st place: 50%

2nd place: 30%

3rd place: 20%

RATIONALE:**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None

CARRIED

MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Voting Strength: 63

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28 (C. Young/R. Hartford)

'to bring motion to the floor'

CARRIED

REFERENCE:

Page 68, Article 12.8 d)

Which Currently Reads:

In the U12C and U14C categories (both boys and girls), pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 4 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning). The pitching limit rule is suspended in extra-inning games when the time limit has been reached or in the top of the 8th inning.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: disciplinary actions/suspensions will be applied to coaches who do not follow the above rule at the discretion of the Softball BC Board Rep.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 29 (R. Lawrence/R. Abernathy)

‘to bring motion to the floor’

CARRIED

REFERENCE:

Page 69, Article 12.8 d)

WHEREAS;

U12B, U14B and U14C Girls Format:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

U12B, U14 B and U14C, U16 B and U16C, U19 B and U19C Format:

RATIONALE:

Allow teams that travel to provincials to have more fun and games even if not in the top 8.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 30 (L. Larson/K. Dennedy)

‘to bring to the floor’

CARRIED

REFERENCE:

Page 69, Article a (v)

WHEREAS;

With no exceptions: When the home team is leading after 4 1/2, 5 1/2 or 6 1/2 innings after the time limit has expired the score reverts back to the last completed inning....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete 12.8 a (v) in its entirety.

RATIONALE:

When the home team is winning in the bottom half of the final inning of a game, the inning is complete. Once the top half of the inning has been played, it should not be ‘un-played’ by reverting back to the previous inning. The home team should not be permitted to run up the score by batting in the bottom half of the inning if they have already won the game, however, the visiting team should not be deprived of any runs earned in the top half of the inning.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 31 (M. Spier/L. Larson)

‘to bring motion to the floor’

CARRIED

REFERENCE:

Page 62, Article 12.4 v)

WHEREAS;

With the following exception any team placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a provincial championship move up on classification if playing in the same category and have 6 or more returning players to the team in the following year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

REVISION: Any team placing 1st in a provincial championship moves up one classification, if playing in the same category and having 6 or more returning players to the team in the following year. As well, this move in classification must be approved by the District Coordinator.

RATIONALE:

In each and every category in minor and junior every year there are teams that are very good, good, mediocre and not so good. We see that continuously. There is such a thing as a very good B and C team which would deserve to win a provincial medal. However, we have again all seen many times that these teams when forced up a category do quite poorly. Many of the B and C players play other sports, are committed to their education and/or do not have the financial means to play B or A. They should not be forced to move up. This is no way fun or developmental for the players of that team. There has always been and will continue to be a significant skill difference in teams between A/B/C.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 32 (M. Spier/K. Dennedy)

‘to bring motion to the floor’

CARRIED

REFERENCE:

Page 64, Article 12.6

WHEREAS;

There currently is no section relating to this

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Addition of Exception

h) Any B or C girls team accepting registration of players from outside the District shall not at any time exceed the following limit of players from outside the district registered on that team:

U19 – Unlimited

U16 – 5

U14 – 4

U12 – none

This will be in effect now for C teams. Any player now on a B team roster will be grandfathered to that team only.

RATIONALE:

Many of us believe we should all strive to keep the players and coaches who live in a district to play in their home district. Otherwise any parent or coach, who does not get what they want, can simply start a team anywhere they want by taking players away from their home district – these situations causes considerable harm to may teams as they also take other players with them. It will help curtail any coach trying to assemble a handpicked team unfairly.

DEFEATED

New Business

(Moved by: J. Goepel Seconded by: C. Kreiger)

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEMBERS WHEREAS:

A: The Constitution of the Society Part 9 - Borrowing Powers state:

"The Society shall exercise any borrowing powers conferred upon it by the Society Act with the approval of seventy-five (75) percent of the Board of Directors holding office at that time. However, debentures shall not be issued without the sanction of a special resolution."

B: The Society may from time to time borrow money and grant security by way of debentures if its members authorize it to do so by special resolution;

C: The members of the Society wish to confer on the directors of the Society a general power to borrow money on behalf of the Society and to issue debentures and other loan and security and documents; and

D: Pursuant to a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement"), between from the Royal Bank of Canada (the "Bank") to the Society, the Society proposes to obtain credit facilities from the Bank.

"BE IT RESOLVED as special resolutions that:

1. A general power is hereby conferred on the Directors of the Society for the 12 months immediately following the date of this resolution, and the Directors are authorized to cause the Society to borrow money pursuant to any loan, credit or facility agreement and to issue debentures and any additional security, documents or agreements creating a mortgage, charge or security interest on any real or personal property of the Society with respect thereto.

2. The Directors of the Society be authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the borrowing contemplated in the Loan Agreement, including authorizing the granting, execution, and delivery of all documents required by the Bank, in such form and containing such terms, covenants, provisos and conditions as are satisfactory to the Directors including, without limitation, debentures, general security agreements and mortgages and any other loan security documents in favor of the Bank."

CARRIED

Notice of Motions to Softball Canada

Motions will be presented at the Softball Canada Congress in November

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1 (Moved by P. Ransome – Seconded by L. Cutt)

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Jake DeWitt P/T Affiliation: B.C.

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part Two Participant Eligibility and Residency

Article 1.1 Eligibility, e), page 236

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

e) Female players are not eligible to compete on male teams and male players are not eligible to compete on female teams

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

Revision, change to read

e) Male players are not eligible to compete on female teams

RATIONALE

In line with gender equity initiatives, nationally and within each province and territory, the right for a female of equal ability to compete on a male registered team should be automatic. Other sports not only allow this to happen, they encourage and promote females playing alongside their male peers. We believe this will not only promote our commitment to gender equity, but develop more opportunities for male registered teams to form and to promote the game itself

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

None to Softball Canada,

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NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2 (P. RANSOME/D. TARR)

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Jake DeWitt P/T Affiliation: B.C.

REFERENCE : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Part Four Canadian Championships, Article 1.3 c) ii) All Star Rosters, page 254

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

All Star Rosters b) The following provinces/territories have been allowed All Star status in all categories...

12. British Columbia (Senior, and U21 (U23 effective 2018) only)

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

Add U14 Male/U16 Male/U19 Male

RATIONALE

Due to decreasing registrations among male Fastpitch youth players, and in an effort to promote opportunities for male youth to play, Softball BC would select a provincial team at each category and provide resources for these teams to attend Canadian Championships. While BC has seldom been represented by youth male club teams, being able to choose players province wide to take part, with assistance from the PSO should result in better representation at Canadian Championships

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

None to Softball Canada, variable to BC depending on the location of Canadian Championships

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NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 3 (D. TARR/C. KREIGER)**Special Operating Rules**

Submitted by: Jake DeWitt _____ P/T Affiliation: Softball BC _____

Date: **September 21, 2017**

REFERENCE : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Special Operating Rules – Slo Pitch Article 2.7 Dress and Equipment, pages 246, 247, 248

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Dress and Equipment

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

To add to article 2.7 - Section d) Helmets

It is mandatory for all offensive players to wear an approved batting helmet. This includes the batter, batter-runner, runner, on deck batter, youth age players who coach at 1st and 3rd base coach's box

RATIONALE

To improve player safety given the tragic death of a batter-runner at a recreational slo-pitch game in BC, who was hit in the head with a thrown ball while not wearing a batting helmet

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

none

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British Columbia Amateur Softball Association

Election of Directors and Officers

In accordance with the Handbook of the Constitution: Part 5 – Directors

Position	In Nomination	From	Elected
1st Vice President	Connors, Jeannie	District 1	<i>Duncan, Graeme</i>
	Duncan, Graeme	District 9	
VP, Finance	Andrijaszyn, Zeone <i>As there were no other nominations for the position of VP, Finance by the deadline of September 21, 2017, it is proposed that Zeone Andrijaszyn be recognized in the position by acclamation</i>	District 5	<i>Andrijaszyn, Zeone</i>
Provincial Umpire-in-Chief	Brewer, David <i>As there were no other nominations for the position of Provincial Umpire-in-Chief by the deadline of September 21, 2017, it is proposed that David Brewer be recognized in the position by acclamation</i>		<i>Brewer, David</i>

New Directors take office after the 'Motion to Adjourn' the 2017 Annual General Meeting

RECOMMENDATIONS COMING OUT OF THE WORKSHOPS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minors

1. Separate the Pre-AGM document into sections when sending so it can be printed and/or shared by section.
2. Consider and research ID cards similar to other sports for minor players as an acceptable proof of verification of age and eligibility
3. Create a group to look at making a section of rules specific to only boys to eliminate all the 'exception to boys' in book.
4. Come up with a consensus on boys Provincial Format, currently all teams play together in Round Robin play and they are not clear which set of rules to follow during this portion of the Provincial.

Seniors

1. Have a Leadership Meeting in 2018.
2. Bring back Intermediate A & B categories for a 2 year trial basis.
3. Establish Senior Development Fund.
4. Change name from Senior to Adult.

Umpires

5. Establish a committee to review the criteria and process for the selection of the DUIC when there are multiple people interested in the position.
6. To review the criteria for umpire awards and rename the awards in honoured of umpires who exemplify the criteria of the award.
7. Add a new award aimed at the umpire who is new to the program called 'The Rising Star'.
8. Supply all members of Softball BC with the Insurance Matrix.

Announcements

President DeWitt requested that all bids for the 2018 Provincial Championships be turned in at the conclusion of the meeting.

END OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING