



2021 SOFTBALL MANITOBA AGM Division Operating Rules Motion Form



NOTICE OF MOTION

Minor Division Operating Rules

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

Minor Division Operating Rules - Page M14 #13 and M15 #7

Special Playing Rules for U-12A / U12-AA / U12-AAA

(In conjunction with Minor DOR 4A. INFORMATION FOR TEAMS ENTERING PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS)

As per current Softball Canada Official Rulebook

Special Operating Rules Page 249 – FP CC SORs - Age Categories & Distance Table

Age Category	Ball	Pitching Distance	Baselines
U12	11"	35'	55'

Note: U12 will be replaced with U13 in 2022.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Softball MB Provincial Championships - Special Playing Rules adapt the U12 A/AA/AAA Pitching Distance at 38 feet and use an 11" ball.

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

Change/Add to read:

Softball MB Provincial Championships Special Playing Rules adapt the **U13** A/AA/AAA Pitching Distance at 38 feet and use a **12"** ball.

RATIONALE

The U12 girls category in Manitoba has created our own pitching distance, (38 feet as compared to 35 feet pitching distance in other Provinces) due to the fact they don't travel for National or Western Canadian championships. Our pitchers at all levels have shown no negative effects from this change. As this group changes to 13U, the older pitchers would be using the 12-inch ball in the former U14 category. When our U12 teams travel to the U.S. for tournaments, they will use the 12-inch ball and teams marvel at the level of defensive play and offensive abilities the teams possess in the states. If our goal is to compete with U.S. teams why not put our athletes and teams in a position to develop with them.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Please return by *September 27, 2021* to Softball Manitoba via email to softball@softball.mb.ca.