

2021

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2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGENDA

Saturday, November 27, 2021 Virtual Meeting - Zoom

8:45 a.m. Registration 9:00 a.m. Call to Order

> Determination of Voting Delegates Identification of Non-Voting Delegates

Minutes of the 2020 AGM

President's Report Larry Giesbrecht

Executive Director's Report Don Klym
Registration Report Don Klym

Division Reports:

Adult Division
 Minor Division
 Officials Division
 Brady Woods
 Greg Boden
 Frank Fargey

Advisory Board Report Bev Neufeld

Development Reports:

High Performance Haylee O'Neill
 Games Committee Brady Woods
 Canpitch Greg Bouchard
 Tobacatch Hailey Unger

Competition Report Don Klym
Hall of Fame Report Les Newman
JBSC Financial Statements Monte Miller
Softball Manitoba Financial Statements Don Klym

Regional Director Voting Jason Robinson

New Business

For the Good of the Association

Adjournment



SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2020 MINUTES



SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



November 21, 2020 - Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Voting Delegates (24)			
Minor Division:	Greg Boden	Kristi Guilford	Al Bruneau
	Claire Anderson	Bev Neufeld	Chris Rempel
	Brett Turner	(Advisory)	Bobbi-Jo Guffei
	Helder Serpa	Noelle Cunningham	
Adult Division:	Brady Woods	Bob Lanoie	Mike Fennessy
	Lori Vandal	John Gribben	(Adv)
	Les Newman		Rafik Abi-Saleh
Officials Division:	Frank Fargey	Bruce Luebke	Mike Klassen
	(PUIC)	Terry Wolowiec	Tony Kuleza
	Val Pelleck (DUIC)	(Adv)	
Life Members:	None present	Invites= TKM & LM	
President	Larry Giesbrecht		

Non-Voting Attendees			
Observers:	Marci Halls- Stronciski Greg Bouchard	Gabrielle Konowalchuk	Scott Neiles
Staff:	Don Klym	Kendall Yasui	Monte Miller

Regrets: None.

1. Call to Order

- Called to order at 9:06 a.m. President Larry Giesbrecht welcomed/thanked the Membership.
- Don provided a quick outline of the day and agenda including handouts/agendas/rules of assembly/etc.
- Voting Delegates & Observers were provided the 2020 AGM Reports & the AGM Information Package.

2. Determination of Voting Delegates

- 24 Voting Delegates
- 4 Observers
- 3 Staff Members
 - 3. Minutes of the November 23, 2019 AGM see pages 2-7 of the 2020 AGM Reports

MOTION: Mike Fennessy / Bobbi-Jo Guffei "To adopt the minutes of the November 23, 2019 Annual General Meeting." Carried.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

5. President's Report – Larry Giesbrecht

• Complete Report – see pages 8 -10 of the 2020 AGM Reports.

Report included:

Larry thanked all in attendance and commended the Board of Directors and Staff. He acknowledged / commended all who participated in softball over the year – including participating in our Provincial Championships.

He followed up with his appreciation towards all the League Presidents, volunteers and their work performed over the past year – thanking all of the hosts, delegates and officials involved in our Provincial Championships and congratulated our Award Winners, Coaches and Athletes along with our Development team (Clinicians and UDC) and Advisory Board.

6. <u>Executive Director's Report – Don Klym</u>

- Complete Report see pages 12-15 of the 2020 AGM Reports.
- Registration 50% drop from 2019 (COVID-19). Softball MB Registrar Report see pages 13 and 19 of the 2020 AGM Reports.
- Marketing/Sponsorship Updates (Sponsors included Worth-Rawlings, Kahunaverse, Goldeyes, MB Lotteries, Awards & More and Perimeter Air). Thank You for coming through and honoring your sponsorship with product.
- Development Updates and thanks to those responsible for successfully running Regional Skills Development Academy, Canadian Sport Center work, Coach Development, High Performance, Games, CANpitch, CANcatch, the NCCP, NOCP, Skills, Timbits programs, Bilateral Development and High Performance – the 2020 MB Games (cancelled) and 2021 CSGs.
- Officials Acknowledgements/thanks to Frank Fargey and the rest of the Umpire Development Committee and the successful programs they are responsible for – including the NOCP, On Field work and short & long term planning. (2022 Blue Con, etc.)
- Competition Update Acknowledgements/thanks to the Hosts, Committees, Field Crews, Officials and Delegates who successfully ran our Provincials in 2020 and a brief, hopeful look at 2021 – including seeking out a host for the U19 Male-Female WCSCs and a 'All the Best' to Brandon as 2021 U14 Girls Canadian Championship.
 - 2020 Challenges and Successes The obvious challenge was COVID as it had Softball Manitoba juggling Major Health Concerns and an instant flip to our Annual Budget. COVID arrived with little warning and pressed us into immediate survival mode just to keep a pulse within our Sport. Once our Sport's pulse was somewhat stable we then faced the task of figuring out our 'Return To Play' protocol and procedures and from there had to educate our Leagues, Teams, Coaches, Players, Officials, Facility Managers and Spectators on the 'Dos and Don'ts' of Competition. Returning to Play in mid-June was an immediate positive experience for 95% of those back on the diamonds but an ongoing challenge came from the remaining 5% of Coaches, Players and Parents (and The Media) who continued to question Softball Manitoba and the Return to the Game. The outstanding success was our reaction to COVID and our decision to Play Ball (2020 League Play and the 2020 Softball Manitoba Provincial Championships). These only happen with the incredible cooperation and commitment Softball Manitoba received from ALL of our Membership in keeping our ball in play during a World Pandemic. Softball Manitoba is indebted to Softball Canada, the P/Ts (Thank You Softball BC), Sport MB, Sport Law, the MB Health Authority and our Board and Staff for the strenuous hours put in building our Return To Play document for final approval. Eventually satisfied with a safe and detailed path back to competition and approved by the Province - there was more exceptional work put forward by our Board and Staff and our Officials Development Committee during the education process with our League Executives, Coaches, Players, Parents and Softball Facility Staff. And finally thank you to all of those Coaches, Players, Parents, Officials, Provincial Host Groups and Softball Facility Staff who followed through with our RTP guidelines throughout the 2020 Softball Manitoba competition season.

7. Board Division/Committee Reports

• Adult Division (SP & FP) - Brady Woods

Complete Report – see page 24-25 of the 2019 AGM Reports

Brady congratulated Scott, thanked the Staff and Board including his departing Directors and Advisory Committee member (Fred Bobrowski) and welcomed in new Advisory Board member Mike Fennessy. He also congratulated the Provincial winners and those teams attending Canadian Championships and discussed the successes of the past few years with hosting New Zealand and the Kiwi Cup.

Minor Division – Greg Boden

Complete Report – see page 26 of the 2019 AGM Reports.

Greg congratulated the successful Minor Competition participants and All-stars and thanked all who volunteered and officiated to run Minor events. He also thanked the Minor Directors, his Advisory Board member, the Board members, the JBSC staff and Softball MB Staff. He was pleased with the ongoing increase in participation (both in Provincials and Boys Development). Other discussion points included the benefits of Regionalization, upcoming Meetings concerning City

Other discussion points included the benefits of Regionalization, upcoming Meetings concerning City Boundaries for 'A' Organizations and ongoing planning with a new Category (brought on by WSA) that would fit between 'A' and 'B' (B+?) and work as a feeder system to build on our Minor 'A' Program.

Officials Division – Frank Fargey

Complete Report – see pages 27-29 of the 2019 AGM Reports.

Frank acknowledged the Office and National Office, his UDC members and Zone UICs for all their support and guidance this past season. He provided a quick review of the past year including our NOCP, the Blue Forum, Leagues and Special Competitions, the 2019 Blue Convention and MB's 18 reps in Montreal, special acknowledgements to Travel Umpires and continued increases in registration.

• Ponytail Softball Report - Bobbi-Jo Guffei

Complete Report – see page 32 of the 2019 AGM Reports.

Year 5 = an extended season into July and August. There were 124 players participated in 2019. in U11 and U13. Four tournaments, attended by all teams, were held in La Salle (2), Portage La Prairie, and Virden. Increased Communication throughout (Officials included) will be our number 1 objective as we begin to plan season 6.

2019-20 HP – Regional Softball Development Academy
 Page 33 of the 2019 AGM Reports
 Greg Bouchard & Hailey Unger (for Haylee O'Neill)

Greg noted that the Academy just added Glen Bruce to instruct sprinting/running and how the Academy creates an aligned talent development path that raises the standard of softball skills in Canada and prepares athletes to compete at National Championships, Canada Games, NCAA/NAIA/JuCo/CIS, Junior WNT and the Senior WNT. Sessions cover Pitching, Catching, Hitting, Fielding and Mental Performance. Clinicians include current and former National and Provincial Team Athletes and Coaches: 100 athletes were accepted into the Academy. It will run with pitchers/catchers attending on Fridays and position players attending on Saturdays. (November 2019 – April 2020).

Games Programs (2019 WCSGs/2020 MB Games/2021 CSGs) – Brady Woods

Page 34 of the 2019 AGM Reports

Brady congratulated the 2019 Team and Coaching Staff on their Gold Medal Performance and discussed the current changes to the CSG Policy following the Head Coach/Team/Program exit Interview and latest Games Executive Meeting. Also provided was an update on the 2020 MB Games – 6 Teams and Head Coaches in place with most teams already identified. Updates of the MB Games can be found on the Softball MB website.

Brady also discussed the state of the 2021 Canada Summer Games programs commencing with Head Coach Identification and Program Planning and Budgets.

- CANpitch Report Greg Bouchard Complete Report see page 35 of the 2019 AGM Report. The 2019 CANpitch clinic season saw an increase to 521 participants as compared to 421 participants in 2018. Many positive reviews were received from players, parents and coaches regarding the Clinicians and the Program as a whole.
- TOBACatch (CANCatch) Report Greg Bouchard for Hailey Unger Complete Report – see page 35 of the 2019 AGM Report.

Former National Team catcher (Hailey Unger) has drafted up 2 excellent stages of Catching Development Programs (TOBACatch & TOBACatch Advanced). The TOBACatch Program covers Stance, Shifting, Receiving, Framing. Blocking, Throwing, Bunts Catcher's Responsibilities. Content of TOBACatch Advanced includes everything in Program 1 at an advanced level plus works on Passed Balls, Plays at Home, Pop ups, Catching various pitches, Calling a game, and various defensive Drills for catchers.

We successfully piloted the clinic stages throughout the winter as part of Softball Canada's Regional Development Softball Academy – MB Chapter. An Instructor's Clinic was completed in October-2019 to develop Regional Clinicians and share the program throughout the Province.

• Competition Committee – Don Klym

Complete Report – see page 36-39 of the 2019 AGM Report.

There were 19 Provincial Championships held this year in the province for a total of 226 teams competing in those events. Congratulations to all Provincial medalists as well as all participants. To all the teams who represented our sport and province at Western Canadian and Canadian Championships. Congratulations goes out to the U16 Westman Magic for taking the Gold at the Western Canadian Softball Championships.

Thanks to all the organizers, volunteers, Softball Manitoba Delegates and Provincial UIC's for all their hard work in ensuring that our Provincials run smoothly. And thank you to the JBSC Staff and MSSTL volunteers for successfully hosting the U14 Girls Western Canadian Championship.

Hall of Fame – Les Newman

Complete Report – see page 40 of the 2019 AGM Report.

Written Report provided by Les. Report included a successful review of the Induction Banquet, The Hall and future plans and thank-you to the Committee members and the Board for their help and support. Larry added in the Board's congratulations to all past inductees and on to the 2019 Inductees.

• Facilities Committee - Monte Miller

JBSC Park Report – see page 42-43 of the 2019 AGM Report Book

Report included the Year in review, feedback regarding upgrades on the Facility and projects from the past year, League and Tournament Participation, Weekend Competition and the day-to-day operation of the Park. Thank-Yous went out to the City of Winnipeg, the Facility staff, Leagues, Sponsors, Tournament support, Larry and the Board and the Softball MB staff for a job well done in 2019. Following the Report Larry updated the membership on the current status of the Lease and upcoming project requests including a Manager's Office and a solution to the longstanding water issue – including drilling a well and/or adding a water pond to draw from.

MOTION:

Val Pelleck / Al Bruneau

"To accept the 2019 Softball Manitoba Division and Committee Reports".

Carried

8. John Blumberg Softball Complex Financial Statements Report

• John Blumberg Softball Complex Financial Statement – Monte Miller / Don Klym JBSC Financial Statement was part of the AGM Information Package (pages 18-23). were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION:

Greg Bouchard / Brendan Penner

"To accept the 2019 John Blumberg Softball Complex Financial Statements".

Carried

9. Softball Manitoba Financial Statements Report

Softball Manitoba Financial Statement – Don Klym

Softball MB Audited Financials were part of the AGM Information Package (pages 2-17). Don reviewed the audited financial reports, Sport Manitoba Grants Report, Bingo and Budget Report and provided a review on the Sport Manitoba Integrated Funding Framework.

MOTION:

Greg Bouchard / Brendan Penner "To accept the 2019 Softball Manitoba Audited Financial Statement".

Carried

10. Appointment/Nominations for Softball Manitoba Division Directors

• The 2020 Board is listed on page 44 of the 2019 AGM Report.

11. <u>Softball MB By-Laws, Division Operating Rules and Softball Canada Constitution, By-laws and SORs</u>

- Softball Manitoba's changes to the Minor Division Operating Rules were part of the Softball Manitoba Information Package. (pages 27-38). Updates will be done in the 2020 Softball Manitoba Information Handbook and will be posted on the Softball Manitoba Website.
- Softball Manitoba's proposed changes to their Constitution, By-Laws and General Operating Rules included in a separate handout. All 12 Motions carried. Updates will be done in the 2020 Softball Manitoba Information Handbook and will be posted on the Softball Manitoba Website.

Changes to	Constitution & Bylaws	
Motion 1	B.Woods/G.Bouchard	Carried
Motion 2	C.Anderson/B.Woods	Carried
Motion 3	T.Wolowiec/B.Lanoie	Carried
Motion 4	C.Anderson/V.Pelleck	Carried
Motion 5	L.Vandal/M.Fennessy	Carried
Motion 6	M.Fennessy/L.Vandal	Carried
Motion 7	L.Vandal/M.Fennessy	Carried
Motion 8	B.Luebke/A.Bruneau	Carried
Motion 9	I.Vandal/A.Bruneau	Carried
Motion 10	B.Woods/B.Lanoie	Carried
Motion 11	B.Woods/M.Fennessy	Carried
Motion 12	B.Lanoie/A.Bruneau	Carried

Softball Canada's changes to their Special Operating Rules and Proposed Rule Changes were
part of the Softball Manitoba Information Package (pages 39-49) and were reviewed at the
Divisional Breakout Meetings. Updates will be done in the 2021-2022 Softball Canada Official
Rulebook and will be posted on the Softball Manitoba Website.

12. New Business

None

13. Adjournment

MOTION:	Frank Fargey	
	"To Adjourn."	
	•	Carried.

14. Authorization

Submitted December 4, 2020

Don Klym – Executive Director

Larry Giesbrecht - President

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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I believe I started my President's Report last year with "What can anyone say about the events of 2020 aside from WOW!", all I can say is that I spoke too soon. We were again faced with the challenges of programming being suspended due to Public Health Orders (PHO's), programming being allowed to start under restrictions, balancing Provincial Championships with PHO requirements and the return to school to name but a few. Our Softball community worked diligently through all the challenges to provide our membership with an opportunity to play in a safe and supportive environment.

There are so many people that had a hand in providing the opportunity to play again this year, I want to take a minute to thank everyone and if I have omitted anyone, please accept my apologies in advance.

I want to thank our Board of Directors for the long hours they have put in to address the numerous changes and adjustments that had to be made to timelines, schedules, venues, and operating rules to ensure that we were able to have a full season that once again ended with being able to host Provincial Championships.

Thank you to our office staff, Don, Leigh, and Kendall for everything they did to ensure we had the administrative support and assistance needed to navigate through the program requirements needed for Sport Manitoba, Provincial and Federal programs. The work they do to ensure we stay on track with administrative and regulatory requirements, program and development plans and ensuring the resources needed to assist and promote our sport often goes unnoticed, it goes unnoticed because they do it so well.

Thank you to the members of our Umpires Division for the work you did in getting your Blue Crew ready for the season and for working with us in developing the Return to Play documents. Thank you for all the work in getting Umpires to games in a season that saw fewer Umpires available. Thank you to our Advisory Board members for their assistance and support, your experience and dedication is appreciated.

Thank you to the Hall of Fame Committee for your continuing support in recognizing those that have helped build our sport.

Thank you to the League Presidents, coaches, players, umpires, parents and all the other volunteers that played a role in getting us back on the field and keeping us safe. In developing a "new normal" for our sport we need the cooperation and active participation of everyone if we want to continue to play, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Thank you to our Provincial Host Committees for the work they put in to ensure the tournaments took place while navigating any challenges they were presented.

Thank you to Monte Miller and his staff at JBSC who not only had to prepare their facility to open under the guidelines of the Provincial Health Orders but had to continue to deal with the issues surrounding facility infrastructure and lease agreements. We have been able to initiate some productive meetings with the City of Winnipeg to address irrigation, lease agreements and planning to repair the damage that has occurred because of the drought conditions of the past three years.

Thank you to Sport Manitoba for their on-going support and assistance with sport governance and grant opportunities.

The number of participants playing this year was once again impacted by COVID and the resulting late start, our development committees are working on strategies to provide more opportunities for clinics to be held to not only develop our current pool of athletes but to introduce the sport to more athletes.

Thank you to our major sponsors, Rawlings, Worth, Home Run Sports/Kahunaverse and Awards and More for their continued support.

In closing I just want to say that I look forward to continuing to work with our Softball community to rebound from the challenges of 2021 and to continue to find ways to work towards offering the opportunity to play Softball to a greater audience. Our Board of Directors are among the best volunteer group in the province and are truly dedicated to finding ways to improve how we operate, I encourage everyone to take the time to speak with your representatives and share some thoughts about both our successes and possible improvements. Keep up the good work everyone and lets all work to keep each other safe.

Cheers,

Larry Giesbrecht President Softball Manitoba





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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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❖ REGISTRATION

♦ 2017 – 2021 Registration Trends. Softball Manitoba registered 240 teams in 2021. Here is an overview of the last 5 years of registrations at Softball Manitoba:

DIVISION	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Plus/minus from 2020
MINORS	363	387	405	227	186	-41
FAST PITCH	57	46	42	42	34	-8
SLO-PITCH	109	102	81	50	33	-17
TOTAL TEAMS	529	535	528	319	253	-66
UMPIRES	225	230	244	135	140	+5

2021 Classification	Female	Male	Coed	2021 Players	F	М	Total
Minor Teams	170	16		Timbits	140	83	223
Fast Pitch Teams	12	5		Minor	2058	197	2255
Slo-Pitch Teams			33	Fast Pitch	274	151	425
Orthodox	4		13	Slo-Pitch	119	343	462
Umpires	51	89	140	Total	2591	778	3365

MARKETING – PROMOTING SOFTBALL MANITOBA

- Annual Awards Annual Awards (Player, Coach, Team, Official and Volunteer Awards & Recognition).
- Catch The Action Information Booklet Annual Booklet highlights what Softball Manitoba is all about.
- ♦ **Database** Our Database RAMP (includes all our players, coaches and umpires) has improved access to our membership significantly. Improvements include online registration, production, and opportunities.
- ◆ Facility The John Blumberg Softball Complex 7 diamonds (6 lit)
- Fit Communications Local business specializing in helping Sport market their products and services to women and girls.
- ◆ League Promotion (SC CD) Leagues still make use of Softball Canada's Communication Kit (How to promote Softball in your Community CD) at shopping centers and Community Clubs.
- ◆ Media Conferences/Releases to announce Hall of Fame Inductees, hosting Major events, etc.
- Softball Canada Ads This has been a great Marketing Tool and viewed by many of our Membership.
- Softball MB Hall of Fame and Museum Annual Induction Dinner. Museum open May-Sept.
- ♦ **Sponsorship Promotion** Major Sponsors are rewarded with signage in all 7 outfields at JBSC and are included on Travel T-shirts and Development Camp T-shirts. Major Sponsors include Worth-Rawlings, Home Run Sports and Awards & More. These 3 and our secondary sponsors are promoted in our Information Handbook, Website, Major Events, Provincials and Coach and Umpire Clinics
- Travel Team Recognition T-shirts, Pins and Travel Funding for Provincial Winners and Travel Teams.
- Softball Manitoba Website Features the most up to date information for our Membership, connection to our online Ramp registration and is a place for our Membership to share important Softball information/news.

*** COMPETITION**

- ♦ In 2021 Manitoba hosted/participated:
 - Softball MB hosted 16 Provincial Championships (13 Minor / 3 Adult).
 - 115 teams participated in our Provincial Championships. (as compared to 139 in 2020)
- In 2022 Manitoba is scheduled to host:
 - The U15 Male and Female Western Canadian Fast Pitch Championships. (Location TBD in October)
- In 2023 Manitoba is scheduled to host:
 - The World Police and Fire Games Softball Competition at the John Blumberg Softball Complex July 27 to August 6, 2023.

*** COACH DEVELOPMENT**

- NCCP Coach certification requirements were flexible for the 2021 season as COVID prohibited us from hosting any NCCP clinics. Online components such as Respect in Sport, Foundations of Coaching Softball, and Make Ethical Decisions online evaluation were still required. Moving forward, some NCCP clinics will be online and will require LF's to be certified in online delivery.
- ♦ Softball Canada Comp Development Training Softball MB along with Softball Canada and Coaching Manitoba hosted a Competition-Development NCCP clinic to upgrade our Male CSGs Coaching Staff. Thank You to the 2 Softball Canada Learning Facilitators (M. Renney & M. Loehndorf for their work here.
- ♦ Respect in Sport Respect In Sport is an online training course for Coaches designed to assist them in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment and bullying in sport. Softball Manitoba made this mandatory for all coaches registered with our Provincial Sport Organization. Coaching Manitoba is working with a new program that introduces Respect in Sport designed to educate Parents. Coaches who certified prior to 2016 had to re-certify in 2021 (certification renewal requirements every 5 years). Coaching MB is also assisting our Association in aligning a Coach Screening Process for 2022-23.
- ♦ International Coaching Webinar December 2020 Two of our past college players (K. Yasui & S. Shotton), now 'AAA' Coaches and Softball MB Clinicians hosted a webinar with 3 college softball coaches across the U.S. The webinar was open to our membership, and over 50 people attended. The purpose was to provide basic information about recruiting, directly from college coaches of various divisions. The webinar was overall well-received and has inspired plans for future webinars of the like.
- ♦ Softball MB Next steps in Coaching Future coach development should surpass NCCP clinics and online modules. From experience co-facilitating the Competition-Introduction NCCP clinic, coaches clearly enjoyed and would benefit from more hands-on technical skills training. Softball MB intends to organize a coach clinic similar to the gym portion of the Comp-Intro clinic. Clinician(s) would instruct the foundations of each aspect of the game, entirely hands-on in a gym. (All levels). Plans for future coach development also include addressing the psychological and cultural aspect of coaching

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

- Regional Skills Development Academy This fall, Manitoba is rolling out the 4th Regional Skills Development Academy in the country. RSDA Manitoba will run for 12 weeks between November and April. The academy includes defensive, offensive, pitching and catching instruction as well as Sport Psychology. We annually have 100 athletes registered and a waitlist has been established. The 2020 RSDA Manitoba Chapter was unfortunately cancelled last minute due to Covid-19.
- ♦ Junior Women's National Team Camp Dan Joly (National Team Coaching Staff) worked with 3 of our instructors and 21 athletes for a full day this summer All went well and it was an outstanding opportunity for our elite athletes. Thank You SC.
- CANPitch 2021 The 2021 CANPitch program had to deal with the Provincial lockdowns and RTP protocols which greatly affected our programming for the training season. Clinics included a spring and summer clinic, Team training between October of 2020 to April 2021. Currently at 4 'trained' CP instructors with a Clinician Training scheduled for October 2021 in 2 of our Rural Regions.
- ◆ TOBACatch 2021- We offer 2 excellent stages of Catching Development Programs (TOBACatch & TOBACatch Advanced). The TOBACatch Program covers Stance, Shifting, Receiving, Framing. Blocking, Throwing, Bunts Catcher's Responsibilities. Content of TOBACatch Advanced includes everything in Program 1 at an advanced level plus works on Passed Balls, Plays at Home, Pop ups, catching various pitches, Calling a game, and various defensive Drills for catchers.
- General Skill Camps With COVID limiting Competition in Early summer Softball MB ran 2-day clinics across the Regions throughout MB. Each of the clinics were two-days and each location had 20 participants. Target group was U12 A players. Foundational skills such as throwing, baserunning, hitting, infield, and outfield were covered.
- Sport Manitoba Softball Bilateral Development Program The BDP is a Sport Manitoba program we are involved with to develop coaches, officials and athletes in the Inner City and remote areas of Manitoba. This past year's projects included a week-long event in Norway House (Northern MB) that started with an Officials Clinic and then followed by our Male Provincial Championships (15 teams / 4 Age Categories). Other events included forming a working relationship with staff from the Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Rec Council (MASRC). Here efforts to improve how Softball Manitoba honors the 5 sports-related items on the Truth and Reconciliation Council's Call to Action as well as working with MASRC to conduct all-Indigenous player development, led by all-Indigenous coaches. We are already seeing success with Oji-Cree Softball and Pimicikamak Thunder Softball and our objective is to continue to assist as we can from the outside anyway possible beginning with removing barriers such as racism and cultural sensitivity and increasing development at the introductory level as well as connecting with Indigenous women willing to coach (past AAA players or NAIG softball coaches).

♦ HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS / PROVINCIAL GAMES TEAMS

Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games – Female Program

Coaches in place. Roster Selection including Alternates is completed. Tryout process and Team ID took place over 5 days. Winter Camp 2021 Nov – April will include Strength & Conditioning Skills & Positional Practice. If all goes well they hope to compete in 3 tournaments and League play prior to the Games.



Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games - Male Program

Our Male Program is underway – Coaching Staff in place and roster / Program revolving around a core team up North (In the Bubble). Requested to add Overage players.

❖ OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT

- National Officials Certification Program In 2021 Manitoba certified 140 Officials (an increase of 5 officials). A L3 NOCP Clinic was held virtually conducted over 4 weekends by Softball MB Clinicians and SC ODC Members (F.Billingsley & S.McLaren). Softball MB L4-5 and L2-3 NOCP clinics were also successfully conducted online.
- Non-Certification Officials Programs Softball MB's 1st Female Umpire Forum took place in May-2021. Our DUIC (V.Pelleck) initiated the National Women In Umpiring Group – the virtual forum allowed female umpires across the Province to share insights on items specific to their group.
- Softball Canada Planned to host a SC National Umpire School in May but unfortunately had to cancel it due to COVID.
- Plans for 2022 Target Areas/Plans for Increasing #s of Officials includes Adult, Female and Indigenous groups. Also planning to work with Baseball MB on dual recruitment and High School Phys Ed programs. Plus, Overall increased Training of Official Clinicians throughout the Province.
- Blue Convention 2022 This will be hosted by the Softball MB UDC in Winnipeg, April 14-17, 2022.
 Organizing begun in 2018 and the group is currently fundraising and continues to make this a successfully planned event.

2021 SOFTBALL CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES

- ♦ CHALLENGE: COVID had Softball Manitoba juggling Major Health Concerns (more than in 2020) along with constant budget, date, and location changes (Provincial Championships) throughout the year. Our Sport's state was NEVER stable throughout the Year − so we again faced the task of updating our 'Return To Play' protocol and procedures and from there had to educate our Leagues, Teams, Coaches, Players, Officials, Facility Managers and Spectators on the 'Dos and Don'ts' of Competition. Returning to Play in late July was both a negative and positive experience but a high % of our Membership appreciated the fact that we fought to get them back on the diamonds − even if played began and resumed for only 6 weeks.
- ♦ SUCCESS: Our successes revolve around the commitment shown by our League Executives, Provincial Host Committees & Facilities, All Volunteer Groups, our superb Sponsors and of course the Players and Coaches. Together they started and restarted the season 3 or 4 times to an eventual 'opening pitch' in July and closing with our Provincials in September. The Softball Season in MB is a success with the incredible commitment from our Membership and their cooperation with our Board, Softball Canada, Sport Law, Sport MB and Softball MB and all Other Partners.
- ◆ 2022 GOALS & OBJECTIVES Softball Manitoba's Plans in the upcoming year(s) include:
 - 1 year Plan Improved Governance within the Association. Total Review/Rebuild on our Handbook including By-Laws & Operating Rules with Sport Law.
 - 2 Year Plan Regional Director Model. Board planning expansion to improve Regional Representation and Communication. A Director assigned by the Region to represent the Region. Board Composition would be President + 9 Regional Directors.
 - 3 Year Plan Major Improvements at the John Blumberg Softball Complex. Starting with a new City of Winnipeg Lease and the required budget, repair, and maintenance to host safe competitions ranging from Grassroots to World Events.

Outcomes TBD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Klym Executive Director



THE CANADA GAMES SPORT FOR LIFE CENTRE



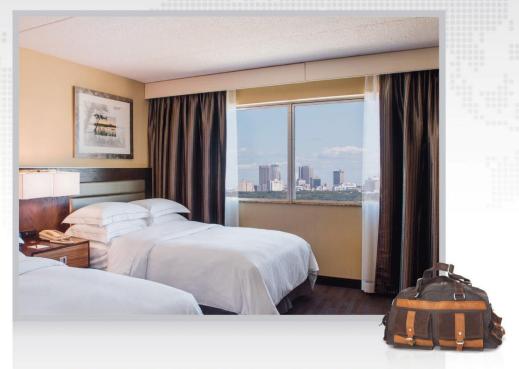
Softball Manitoba is more than happy to be a tenant of The Canada Games Sport for Life Centre. The Center is a 200,000 square foot renovation / build-out situated in Winnipeg's Downtown.

The Complex houses the following:

- ♦ 60+ Provincial Sport Organizations That collectively serve over 190,000 athletes, 100,000 program participants, 25,000 volunteers, coaches & officials.
- ♦ Education and Training Space Classrooms, meeting rooms, theatre, and conference centre all located primarily on the lower level.
- ◆ Sport Resource Centre The Paul Robson Resource Centre for Leadership and Coaching brings together the educational resources of provincial sport organizations, Sport MB, and the sport science and medical communities. The Resource Centre offers new educational programming to sport and community leaders, students, and athletes.
- Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame Dedicated to celebrating, preserving, and showcasing the history and heritage of sport excellence and achievement in Manitoba, the Hall of Fame inspires our next generation.
- ◆ Sport Manitoba Clinic The Sport Manitoba Clinic is outfitted with state of the art equipment that supports a wide spectrum of patients of all ages, for both sport and nonsport injuries. This includes: workplace injuries, repetitive strain injuries, recreational participants, and amateur and high performance athletes. Appointments available with a sport medicine physician, chiropractor, physical therapist, athletic therapist, massage therapist, dietician, or sport psychologist.
- Other Sport Manitoba and Partner Organizations Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council, Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association, Special Olympics Manitoba, KidSport, Kids Help Phone and the office of the MBJHL.
- Qualico Training Centre is a 120,000+ sq ft training complex featuring:
 - Training track for sport and community use
 - Strength, conditioning, and testing areas
 - Aerobic training centre
 - Plyometric testing area
 - Multi-purpose area, including three full convertible court spaces, and areas for individual sports (including retractable batting practice stations for softball and baseball), fitness conditioning, and workshops

These features are offered throughout the building. The second floor is primarily defined by its court space, the third floor is our Performance Centre and the top floor is our Fitness centre. The Main floor is an indoor parade open to the public. The Centre provides seamless transition between training, coaching, testing, and therapy. The sport expertise, fitness, training, and coaching provide programming for local schools, community groups, amateur sport teams, elite athletes and those that live or work downtown. Now that it is up and running, the Canada Games Sport of Life Centre will be used by 400,000 people every year on-site and by thousands more online.





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REGISTRATION REPORT

REGISTRATION

TEAM REGISTRATION COMPARISON (10 YEARS)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Teams	521	530	503	539	534	529	535	528	319	250
Minor Girls	293	287	291	312	308	310	310	316	172	172
Minor Boys	5	10	4	26	23	21	20	27	25	15
Minor Mixed	48	62	62	48	48	32	57	62	30	0
Women's Fast Pitch	18	16	23	14	18	28	16	18	10	10
Men's Fast Pitch	16	9	0	9	5	6	4	6	8	4
Orthodox Fast Pitch	34	33	24	27	28	21	26	18	24	17
Women's Slo-Pitch	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Men's Slo-Pitch	25	30	22	23	28	34	26	17	6	0
Co-Ed Slo-Pitch	81	82	76	80	75	76	75	63	44	32

2021 FEE STRUCTURE (all fees includes GST):

CATEGORY	TEAM REGISTRATON FEE				
Timbits	\$15/player				
Minors	\$25/player				
Adult Fast Pitch & Slo-Pitch	\$25/player				
Senior Slo-Pitch	\$15/player				
Deleted Players	\$2/player				

2021 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FEES (all fees include GST):

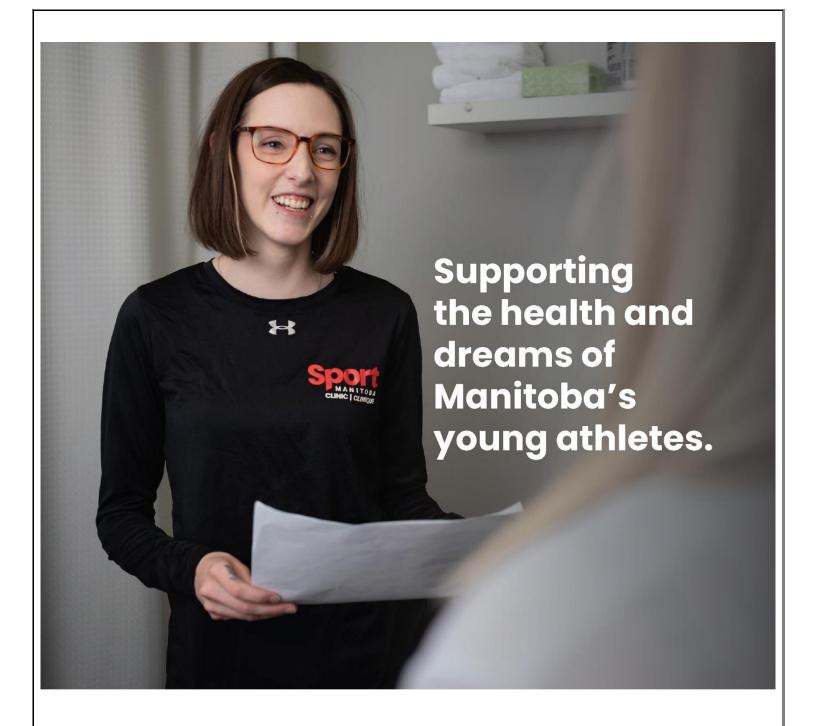
TEAM REGISTRATON FEE	CATEGORY
\$350.00	Minor A Girls & Boys
\$350.00	Minor AA Girls
\$350.00	Minor AAA Girls & Boys
\$350.00	Adult Fast Pitch & Slo-Pitch
\$200.00	55+ Slo-Pitch

UMPIRE REGISTRATION COMPARISON (5 YEARS)

YEAR	NO. REGISTERED				
2021	140				
2020	143				
2019	244				
2018	230				
2017	225				

2021 UMPIRE REGISTRATION FEES (all fees include GST):

LEVEL	FEES
I & II Under 21	\$70.00
I & II Over 21	\$110.00
III, IV & V	\$135.00



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DIVISION REPORTS

ADULT DIVISION REPORT 2021



The Adult Division like many dealt with a very challenging year. Covid-19 has been a challenge for all and like many, adult recreational activity was greatly affected, especially with the pause in play during May and June.

Overall membership within the Adult Division was down in teams from 123 (2019) to 92 (2020) to 67(2021) overall. Fast Fitch fell from 42 to 34 teams, our greatest loss came from Slo-Pitch down 23 teams this year. The drop in Slo-Pitch can be directly linked to the reduction of teams through Blumberg Slo-Pitch leagues because of Covid-19.

We hosted three Adult Senior 55+ Provincials, Competitive, Recreation A and Recreation B. Congratulations to Maulers on taking first and Eastman on taking second in the Competitive Division, Rock Lake taking first and Northwest Outlaws taking second in the Recreation A Division and Ichabods taking first with Charleswood Hawks taking second in the Recreation B Division.

Thank you to Don, Leigh and Kendall for all the support this year.

Brady Woods / Bob Lanoie Softball Manitoba Adult Division Directors



MINOR DIVISION REPORT 2021

We come to the end of the 2021 softball season with hope of a full return to spectators, tournaments and complete schedule of championships in 2022.

Although there were no competitions at the Canadian nor Western Canadian level in 2021, Softball Manitoba successfully hosted provincial championships at every A and AAA category. Extra procedures and safety measures were required, but players, coaches, officials and communities were happy to have the provincial action take place.

On behalf of Softball Manitoba, thank you to every volunteer and official who hosted, worked or officiated throughout the season including the Manitoba Championships. Similar to last year, volunteers rose to the forefront. On top of regular duties, these critical roles had the added responsibility of abiding to the Province of Manitoba Health Guideline. Everyone's contribution to this year's softball season and provincial championships are valued and greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank the current board for their support over the past softball year. Along with your commitment to the growth of the sport of softball in Manitoba, your support is greatly appreciated. The vision of engagement and representation throughout the province, and the goal to have each region commit to development of softball in their area does not come without effort at the board and regional/grassroots levels. The dividends to our sport in future years outweigh the short-term challenges that always accompany change.

Don, Leigh, and Kendall - Unbelievable!!! Thank you. The smoothness and efficiency in the office makes our positions as members of the Softball Manitoba board a lot easier through the year. You all contribute immensely to the success of our sport. Thank you.

Here's to a "more normal" 2022 softball season.

Sincerely in Softball,

Greg Boden Minor Division Chair



OFFICIALS DIVISION UIC REPORT 2021

With my fifth year as UIC in the books, I would like to report, that despite the two-month delay because of the pandemic, we had a successful season thanks to the UDC's dedication and commitment to the game. They prepared the umpires under existing Return to Play guidelines and fulfilled all Softball Manitoba obligations.

Some very key people I would like to acknowledge and thank that helped make this year a success are:

Softball MB

Leigh Decker, Kendall Yasui and Don Klym

Softball Canada

Donna Ozarko and Jeff Whipple

UDC Members

Val Pelleck DUIC

Terry Wolowiec Slo-Pitch DUIC
Bruce Luebke Education Officer
Mike Klassen Fundraising

Al Bruneau Mentorship/Recruitment
Brad Degraeve Travel Coordinator
Tony Kuleza Administration

Earl Cheasley

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Registration/Clinics

For the first time in Softball Manitoba's Umpire Program, we conducted our Level 3 clinic virtually using the TEAMS format. Typically, the Level 3 clinic is held in a classroom and gymnasium setting over two days. In the virtual version, 20 participants were gathered for three hours on four consecutive Sunday mornings. The virtual format also allowed for several members of the Umpire Development Committee to serve as instructors. At the same time, many guest instructors stopped by, including Softball Canada ODC members Frankie Billingsley and Scott McLaren and NDU Jeff Whipple.

Softball Manitoba's first Female Umpire Forum occurred in late May. Initiated by Provincial DUIC Val Pelleck as part of the National Women in Umpiring Group, the forum included great conversation and allowed female umpires from across the province to meet and share insights on items specific to their group. This forum was virtual.

Softball Manitoba's Level 4-5 and Level 2-3 recertification clinics were also held virtually for the first time. Umpires were given two options for attending, and two instructors were provided for each three-hour session.

Unfortunately, Manitoba was slated to host a Softball Canada National Umpire School in mid-May but the event had to be canceled due to the restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Level 1 clinics were held in person in each region following the RTP guidelines.

Softball Canada hosted their annual level 4 theory clinic as well as the Instructor/Evaluator clinic online in the spring of 2021. Softball MB had participants in both clinics.

Congratulations goes out to Jayme Menard and Troy Schwartz on successfully completing the level 4 online clinic and Craig Brandt on completing the online I/E clinic.

Great job blue - onto the next goals!

2021 Umpire Registration Summary

Softball Manitoba had 140 registered umpires in 2021, up a little from 2020. The pandemic was still the cause of our low registration numbers. Recruitment and retention is a big priority for the UDC this off season.

Level 1-2 (under 21) = 63 Level 1-2 = 14 Level 3-5 = 63

Blue Forum

This year's blue forum was to be replaced by a Softball Canada Mechanics clinic to be held in April in Winnipeg. This event was postponed due to Covid-19 and will be rescheduled for the spring of 2022.

Leagues, Provincials & Special Competitions

Most leagues in the province started the first week of May, were delayed for 2 months and resumed July 1st until the middle of September. Provincials were held in August and September - thanks to all umpires, UIC's, delegates and hosts for making these a success.

Western and Canadian Travelling Umpires

All travelling assignments cancelled due to Covid-19. The UDC looks forward to assigning championships in 2022.

Blue Convention 2022

Hosted by the Softball MB UDC, April 14-17, 2022, @ the Delta Hotel downtown Winnipeg. A great opportunity for umpires of all ages and of all levels to be taught and learn from some of Canada's most elite umpires and advance their umpiring skills and knowledge to another level.

Special Acknowledgments

Thanks to Earl Cheasley for his contributions to the Umpire Development Committee for the past numerous years. Your time and dedication that you gave to the committee will not go unnoticed. The UDC and Softball MB would like to thank you for the countless time, hard work and passion you gave to help make the education officer portfolio, clinics and provincial supervising assignments that were assigned to you run as smooth as they did. We hope to see you around the diamond soon. Earl received a years of service recognition award at the umpire's appreciation lunch.

2021 Umpire Awards and Appreciation Lunch

Officials annual awards and lunch took place in Portage La Prairie this year. The UDC hosted a BBQ at the Ukrainian Shelter at Manitobah Republic Park. Always well attended, the UDC took the opportunity to hand out awards, blue convention gift certificates and some Softball Manitoba swag.

More Recognition

Softball Canada also started a pin recognition program in 2019 awarding pins of 5,10,15, 20 and 25+ years of service, given to all officials in attendance, listed in the Softball Manitoba umpires handbook.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the UDC annual awards listed below will not be handed out this year. They will return in 2022

- Wayne Deschouwer Softball MB Umpire of the Year
- Ellery Scatch Outstanding Northern Umpire of the Year
- Regional Grassroots Umpire of the year

TO CONCLUDE

With all the RTP protocols and guidelines, delayed and extended season, it was another successful season on and off the diamond for all umpires and the UDC despite these challenging times. From hosting virtual clinics and reminding our umpires on the existing RTP protocols set last year, to having provincials in August and September, we answered the bell when called upon. 2022 will be a busy off season for the UDC as recruiting and maintaining officials will be priority number one.

To finish, a great big thanks to Leigh, Kendall and Don. All the work done for our group certainly does not go unnoticed.

Larry, Don and the board, thanks for all the support throughout the season. The relationship the umpires have with Softball Manitoba is second to none in the country. The UDC and I thank you.

Finally, thanks to the UDC for all your hard work done this season, looking forward to a normal 2022!

Play ball,

Frank Fargey Manitoba U.I.C.







COMMITTEE REPORTS



2021 SOFTBALL MANITOBA HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Unfortunately, Softball Manitoba had to cancel last year's RSDA due to COVID.

This upcoming year, the Regional Softball Development Academy will be 10 weekends with 90+ athletes. Registration is now closed. Registration shows good representation from all AAA organizations. We hope to be incorporating a volunteer coach aspect into the academy where we have new, young female coaches instruct alongside academy clinicians to gain knowledge and experience – this will be dependent on Covid restrictions.

The 2021-22 Academy will run on the following dates with pitchers/catchers attending on Fridays and position players attending on Saturdays.

Pitchers/Catchers	Position Players
November 12, 26	November 13,27
December 3, 17	December 4, 18
January 14, 28	January 15, 29
February 11, 18	February 12, 19
March 4, 18	March 5, 19

There will be additional classroom sessions throughout the winter that are done via zoom.

Respectfully,

Haylee O'Neill RSDA-MB Lead





2021 GAMES COMMITTEE

The Female and Male Programs look to hit the ground running as we head into the fall training program.

On the women's side with the team already chosen and paused due to Covid-19, the athletes will be taking part in both fall and winter camps. The summer schedule is being finalized and we look forward to an extremely competitive summer leading into the Canada Summer Games.

Women's Roster:

- Talia Bartel Blumenort
- Janique Balcaen Winnipeg
- Annabeth Carlberg Winnipeg
- Abbi Conrad Swan Lake
- Kate Cornbough Winnipeg
- Emily Doyle Winnipeg
- Rayna French LaSalle
- Olivia Goderis Swan Lake
- Erin Greaves Winnipeg
- Alexa Guilford Crystal City
- Danika Nell Boissevain
- Lexie Nelson Carman
- Hope Ransome Winnipeg
- Kate Sigurdson Winnipeg
- Janaya Watt Winnipeg

Alternates

- Lindsey Gundrum Swan Lake
- Gaby Delores Winnipeg

On the men's side our coaching staff of David Muswaggon, Faron Asham and Anthony Keeper took a number of the athletes to the U23 Rawlings Grand Slam event held in Saskatoon to gain some experience. The coaching staff will be looking to round out and finalize the roster over the coming months.

Thanks to Kayla, Don, Leigh and Kendall for their support of the Games Program.

Yours respectively,

Brady Woods Games Committee Chair



2021 CANPITCH YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2021 Canpitch program had to deal with the Provincial lockdowns and return to play protocols which greatly affected our programming for the training season.

Clinics included a spring and summer clinic conducted by Greg Bouchard. Several team trainings took place between October of 2020 to April 2021. Urban AAA team pitching clinics included the Manitoba Angels, Manitoba Thunder, and Winnipeg Lightning programs from Winnipeg. Rural AAA team pitching clinics included the Interlake Phillies, Eastman Wildcats and Central Energy.

Westman provided individual and team Pitching clinics throughout the training season.

Our current fully trained clinicians include, Greg Bouchard, Cara Miller, Sarah Shotten, and Mike Ryan. A clinician training session is scheduled for October 16-17, 2021 in the Westman and Parkland regions.

Our program needs to improve our instruction in our indigenous communities. Our upcoming clinician's clinic in October may be able to address this area by training clinicians working with our indigenous communities.

Greg Bouchard
Master Pitching Instructor – Manitoba

2021 TOBACATCH PROGRAM UPDATE

As expected, the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions significantly impacted Tobacatch activities throughout this past year. Unfortunately, Tobacatch did not certify any new coaches and the 2020-2021 Softball Canada Regional Skills Development Academy of Manitoba was cancelled over the winter, resulting in no Tobacatch training being conducted with athletes. No new coaches were trained by Softball Manitoba in Competition Introduction, which uses the program's principals during the catching instruction of the course. Softball Saskatchewan requested Hailey Unger present at their annual coaching seminar, though due to Covid-19 restrictions, the event has since been cancelled.

Once Provincial restrictions were lifted, 10 athletes were trained throughout the summer using the Tobacatch program.

Plans for the 2021-2022 year include holding two in-person Tobacatch training sessions; one in December and the other in June 2022. Next steps will also include training and certifying three regional Tobacatch instructors. The Softball Canada Regional Skills Development Academy will also be training 21 athletes over 11 weekends from November 2021 - March 2022.

Hailey Unger Director of Catching Development



2021 COMPETITION REPORT

With a two-month season delay, setting the Competition Calendar was no easy feat. After multiple drafts, and very understanding members of the Softball community, we were able to host 16 Provincial Championships with a total of 113 teams participating. Congratulations to all Provincial medalists as well as all participants.

Special thanks to all the organizers, volunteers, Softball Manitoba Delegates and Provincial UIC's for all their hard work in ensuring that our Provincials run smoothly. We could not do it without your passion for the sport.

Manitoba was scheduled to host the U19 Male and Female Western Canadian Fast Pitch Championships and the U14 Girls Canadian Championship. Both were cancelled due to Covid-19.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Klym

The following table shows the numbers of teams participating in Provincial Championships.

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
MINORS					
Boys	15	25	20	16	12
Girls	83	95	178	171	159
TOTAL	98	120	198	187	171
FAST PITCH					
Men					
Women			12		
Co-ed					
TOTAL	0	0	12	0	0
SLO-PITCH					
Men					
Women					
Co-ed					
Seniors	15	10	15	12	11
TOTAL	15	10	15	12	11
TOTAL	113	130	225	199	182

2021 PROVINCIAL RESULTS

2021 SOFTBALL MANITOBA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS							
CATEGORY	LOCATION	# OF TEAMS	CHAMPION	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE		
U10 A Girls	East St. Paul	9	Balmoral	Virden	Brandon Heat		
U10 Open Boys	Norway House	5	Cross Lake Red Sox	Cross Lake Expos	Norway House		
U12 A Girls	Buhler	12	Virden	Brandon Heat	La Salle (MacDonald)		
U12 AAA Girls	Stonewall	8	Central Energy	Westman Magic	Eastman Wildcats		
U12 Open Boys	Norway House	4	Norway House	Cross Lake Eagles	Cross Lake Vikings		
U14 A Girls	Steinbach	17	Bonivital West	Winkler	Brandon GVAC		
U14 AAA Girls	Steinbach	8	Westman Magic	Eastman Wildcats	Central Energy		
U14 Open Boys	Norway House	4	Norway House	Cross Lake Giants	Cross Lake United		
U16 A Girls	La Salle	10	Hamiota	Brandon Heat	La Salle (MacDonald)		
U16 AAA Girls	Brandon	6	Westman Magic	Smitty's Terminators	Winnipeg Lightning		
U16 Open Boys	Norway House	2	Norway House	Cross Lake Blue Jays			
U19 A Women	Brandon	7	Winkler	Bonivital East	Hamiota		
U19 AAA Women	Portage	6	Smitty's Terminators	Central Energy	Manitoba Thunder		
Senior 55+ SP	JBSC	5	Maulers	Eastman			
Senior 55+ SP Rec A	JBSC	5	Rock Lake	Northwest Outlaws			
Senior 55+ SP Rec B	JBSC	5	Ichabods	Charleswood Hawks			
TOTAL # OF TEAMS		113					













HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM REPORT 2021



President's Report

I personally want to thank Softball Manitoba, Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame and Museum Inc Executive, Board of Directors and Volunteers for their continued dedication and enthusiasm during the past year. We continue to discuss, review and resolve issues in promoting the game of softball.

The organization is slowly progressing in adopting computer technology which will benefit the members and interested parties. We are discussing a virtual museum and or location that provides a fresh atmosphere and memorabilia display.

The Nineteenth and Twentieth Annual Induction Ceremony and Banquet to be held in Brandon and Winnipeg were postponed. The event has been rescheduled at the Victoria Inn, Brandon on May 7th, 2022. The Board wants to thank the Selection Committee, Volunteers, and Sponsors who have continued supporting the agency.

The Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame and Museum Inc is encouraging participation on the board. We welcome referrals and ideas to accomplish the goal.

Sincerely,

Murray Blight President





JOHN BLUMBERG SOFTBALL COMPLEX FACILITIES REPORT



JBSC FACILITIES REPORT 2021

For the second year in a row, the opening of the John Blumberg Softball Complex was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, where last year we were only "slightly delayed" in opening the complex (mid-June instead of the normal mid-May) the 2021 season saw us mandated to remain closed under the Provincial Health Orders (PHO) for all of May and June. Unfortunately, due to the shutdown, we lost our last two experienced ground crew staff to other employment opportunities, and we had to rely on summer student staff who were inexperienced in the day-to-day operations of the complex. After the easing of restrictions for Outdoor Sports Facilities under the PHOs, we were finally allowed to open and host league games starting on July 5, 2021.

The returning leagues from 2020 included the Manitoba Premier Softball League (formerly known as the Manitoba Ladies Super Softball League) with no apparent reduction in team numbers; the Winnipeg Orthodox Softball League (up from 7 teams to 8 teams); the Blumberg Slo-Pitch League (down from 21 teams to 16 teams); and the Manitoba Senior Slo-pitch Tournament League (up from 10 teams to 11 teams). The Winnipeg Men's Slo-pitch League did not participate this year due to lack of teams; The Crestview Men's Fastball League (consisting of 6 teams) played 13 "double header" games out of the complex, due to contract issues at their normal fields. This league will most likely play back on their home fields next year and will not require slots at Blumberg. Due to the severely late start of the season, the timing of the Crestview Men's Fastball League bookings, the MPSL bookings and the Orthodox/Slo-pitch playoffs, for the second year in a row we chose not to host a Blumberg Fall Ball League.

The pandemic/provincial health orders and/or organizer concerns also saw the following events cancelled that JBSC has previously hosted:

- The International Classic Tournament run by the MPSL.
- The "All-Nighter" Slo-pitch Tournaments hosted by SPN.
- No Manitoba Senior Slo-pitch Tournaments were held again this year due to organizer concerns.
- The Hittin' for Hooters Breast Cancer Charity tournament was cancelled over the concerns of the organizer.
- The annual "QX104 FM Slo-pitch 4 a Wish" tournament was once again cancelled due to organizer concerns and due to travel restrictions of the musicians who were scheduled to play at the concert on the last night of the tournament.
- The Toronto Blue Jays (Jays Care Foundation) event.
- Three local tournaments were cancelled by JBSC due to schedule conflicts with our regular leagues.

JBSC only hosted the following Provincials in 2021:

• The 55+ and up Slo-Pitch Provincials (Aug. 25 & 26).

There were no large events hosted at JBSC in 2021.

During the May/June shutdown, the JBSC staff took the opportunity to do some extra fieldwork and machinery maintenance. Some of the projects were as follows: Fencing was repaired around Holenski Field, all along the third base line on Diamond 6 and around various backstops in the complex; An unused gate at the end of Diamond 6 was removed and replaced with solid fencing to alleviate potential safety and security issues; A large amount of gravel was brought in to fill in low spots around the main hub paths and on other walkways/areas of the complex;

The infield of Diamond 5 was worked up and extra Red Ball Diamond Aggregate (RBDA) was spread around for a more solid base; Extra RBDA was purchased and shipped in to use for fall and/or spring 2022 maintenance of our other infields; All machinery was cleaned and maintained this year to above normal standards.

This past year was extremely hot and dry again and that has detrimentally affected the quality of the complex's outfields. The outfields have been stressed over the past three summers due to no mechanical irrigation and/or natural water source. The condition of both the outfield grass (and the infield RBDA) was so poor this year that it was determined that it would be best if other facilities hosted provincials normally held at JBSC.

Other issues affecting the outfields and adding to the safety concerns of teams (another reason the provincials were moved) was due to an infestation of gophers/ground squirrels (who have dug a multitude of holes in all the outfields except on diamond 6) and a grasshopper infestation which affected the grass that we did have remaining in our outfields. Further, the outfields are so dry that they have started to "sink" in comparison to the infields, leaving a ridge between the infield and the outfield.

Central Control at the city has been very good again this year and has been quick to respond to our requests for infrastructure items. They will once again assist with shut down (waterlines) of the complex, in conjunction with the JBSC staff.

There were no major projects undertaken this year at JBSC. However, we have been in contact with T Evans Electric regarding several of our light standards that have a number of bulbs burned out in the light bars for our overhead field lighting. They have indicated that they can purchase similar bulbs and bring in a crane to replace all burned out units as required. This may take place in the fall of 2021 or the spring of 2022 and would be considered a "major project" in either of those years. Other major projects that will be required in the upcoming years will be extensive fencing repairs to diamonds 1 through 4, 5 and H; possible irrigation upgrades at the water source and to all underground sprinkler systems.

In regard to overall league issues, they were, for the most part, the same as last year in regard to breaches of our Park Policy "rules and regulations". For the second year in a row, it was agreed between JBSC and one league President that a 3rd party security company would be hired for their games to man the gate, do cooler checks and monitor the league participants/fans for any inappropriate behavior.

JBSC was able to secure \$7,000 from the Manitoba Bridge Grant program. This program was set up to provide support for seasonal businesses affected by public health restrictions. JBSC was unable to obtain funding from the Red River Coop "Community Spaces Program" application submitted in February. JBSC applied for the Canada Community Revitalization Fund in July and is currently awaiting a response from the Federal Government on approval/denial. We were able to secure funding again this year for a Green Team member to assist with ground crew work. Our student placement worked from July 5 to Sept 8, 2021.

On behalf of the John Blumberg Softball Complex, I would like to express my/our appreciation and thanks to everyone who worked, volunteered or supported the complex in 2021.

- Don Smart and his field maintenance crew for their care and upkeep of the diamonds and the complex.
- Lori Vandal and her crew for their hard work related to all thing's food & beverage, as well as scheduling of gate crew and general assistance within the complex.
- Don, Leigh and Kendall in the Softball Manitoba office for their wealth of knowledge and prompt assistance to our requests.
- Larry Giesbrecht for his guidance, knowledge, humor and assistance this season, which was another tough year for the complex.
- To the Green Team Organization for their continued support and to our Green Team member Dustin Morden this year for helping out.
- To the City of Winnipeg for providing repair and maintenance to JBSC.
- A huge thank you to all the leagues and their board members/executive listed at the beginning of this report who supported JBSC in 2021. Thank you all for your commitment to our complex and to the sport of softball.
- Last but not least, thank you to every single player, coach, manager, spectator and fan who came through our gates to make a severely shortened year the best it could be in 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monte Miller John Blumberg Softball Complex – Facility Manager



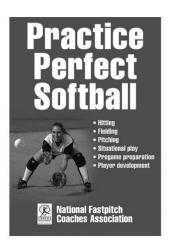
SOFTBALL MANITOBA 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS			
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Tuesday, January 25	Room 5	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	
Tuesday, April 26	Room 5	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	
Tuesday, September 25	Room 5	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	
Tuesday, October 25	Room 5	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	

2022 DIVISIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING			
DIVISION	DATE	ROOM	TIME
Officials	Sunday, October 16	Conference Centre 145 Pacific Ave	10:00 am – 4:00 pm

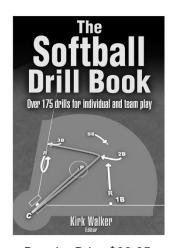
2022 SOFTBALL MANITOBA AGM & AWARDS PRESENTATION		
Saturday, November 26	Conference Centre 145 Pacific Ave	9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.

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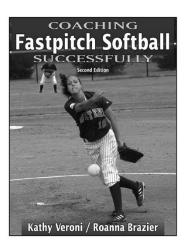




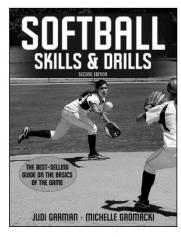
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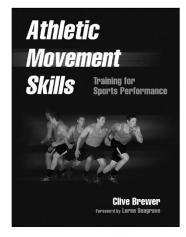
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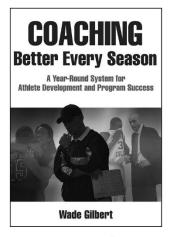
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RURAL DIRECTOR	Kristi Guildford	Nov. 2020 to Nov. 2022
URBAN DIRECTOR	Claire Anderson	Nov. 2019 to Nov. 2021
URBAN DIRECTOR	Al Bruneau	Nov. 2020 to Nov. 2022

ADULT:

ADULT CHAIR	Brady Woods	Nov. 2019 to Nov. 2021
FP DIRECTOR	Bob Lanoie	Nov. 2020 to Nov. 2022

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PROVINCIAL UIC	Frank Fargey	Annual Appointment
DEPUTY PUIC	Val Pelleck	Annual Appointment

ADVISORY BOARD:

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INTERLAKE REGION	TBD	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2022
NORMAN REGION	TBD	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2022
NW ONTARIO REGION	TBD	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
PARKLAND REGION	TBD	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
WESTMAN REGION	TBD	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
WINNIPEG NORTH REGION	TBD	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
WINNIPEG SOUTH REGION	Al Bruneau	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2022

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MINOR DIVISION

TOP MALE PLAYER – U10
Ashley Flett-McKay – Norway House

TOP MALE PLAYER – U12 Ethan Gamblin – Norway House Cubs

TOP MALE PLAYER – U14 **Hubert Clarke – Norway House Blue Jays**

TOP MALE PLAYER – U16/19 OPEN – EDGAR STEVENSON MEMORIAL AWARD Allan Wesley – Norway House

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U12 'AAA'

Callie Franklin – Westman Magic & Taylor Wall – Central Energy

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U16 'AAA'
Hope Ransome – Winnipeg Lightning

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U19 'A'

Aviendah Plett – Bonivital West Blue

TOP MINOR TEAM – EUGENE MICHALOW MEMORIAL AWARD

Central Energy U19 'AAA' Women

TOP COACH STAFF – MINOR CATEGORY – BILL SADONICK MEMORIAL AWARD

Westman Magic U14 'AAA' Girl's

Faron Asham

ADULT DIVISION

TOP MALE PLAYER – WAYNE GILBERT MEMORIAL AWARD

Tyrome Spence – Peguis Redmen & Anthony Keeper Jr. – Pimicikamac Thunder

VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO GRASSROOTS SOFTBALL
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Kevin McLennan - Westman

2021 BURSARY WINNERS

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	2022 MINOR E	AST PITCH PROVINCIALS	
Category	Classification	Date	Location
U11	A GIRLS	TBD	Buhler
011	BOYS	July 14-17-2022	Cross Lake
U13	AAA GIRLS	July 21-24-2022	Brandon - ANSC
	AA GIRLS	TBD	Brandon - ANSC
	A GIRLS	July 8-10, 2022	Buhler
	BOYS	July 14-17-2022	Cross Lake
U15	AAA GIRLS	July 28-31-2022	La Salle – Caisse CC
	AA GIRLS	TBD	JBSC
	A GIRLS	July 15-17-2022	Winkler
	BOYS	July 14-17-2022	Cross Lake
U17	AAA GIRLS	July 14-17-2022	Friedensfeld
	AA GIRLS	TBD	Brandon - ANSC
	A GIRLS	TBD	Steinbach – AD Penner
	BOYS	July 14-17-2022	Cross Lake
U19	AAA GIRLS	TBD	JBSC
	AA GIRLS	TBD	JBSC
	A GIRLS	July 14-17-2022	Cross Lake
	BOYS	TBD	Buhler
	2022 ADULT F	AST PITCH PROVINCIALS	
SENIOR	M/F	TBD	TBD
INTERMEDIATE	M/F	TBD	TBD
	2022 ADULT S	LO-PITCH PROVINCIALS	
SENIORS	55+ COMP/RED	TBD	JBSC
ADULT	COMP/REC	TBD	TBD
	2022 WESTERN C	CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	
U13	M	TBD	Saskatchewan
U15	M/F	TBD	Manitoba
U17	M/F	TBD	Alberta
U19/U20	M/F	TBD	British Columbia
U23	M/F	TBD	Saskatchewan
OPEN FP	M/F	TBD	Alberta
MASTERS	MALE	TBD	British Columbia
1145		DIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	2 1 24
U15	FEMALE	AUG 3-7	Sask, SK
1147	MALE	AUG 3-7	Wilmot, ON
U17	FEMALE	AUG 17-21	Montreal, QC
1140	MALE	AUG 10-14	Sask, SK
U19	WOMEN	JULY 26-31	Fredericton, NB
U20 U23	MEN WOMEN	JULY 27-31 TBD	Carbonear, NL OPEN
U23			
OPEN	MEN WOMEN	AUG 2-7 AUG 17-21	Carp, ON Regina, SK
OPEN	MEN'S/MASTER MEN'S	AUG 17-21 AUG 31 – SEPT 4	St. John's, NL
SLO-PITCH	WOMEN	AUG 31 – SEP1 4	Surrey, B.C.
3LU-FIIUN	MEN	AUG 7-13 AUG 7-13	Surrey, B.C.
		AUG 7-13 ADA SUMMER GAMES	Surrey, b.C.
U19	WOMEN	AUG 6-13	Niagara, ON
U22	MEN	AUG 6-13	Niagara, ON Niagara, ON
UZZ	MEN	AUG 14-21	iviayara, UN

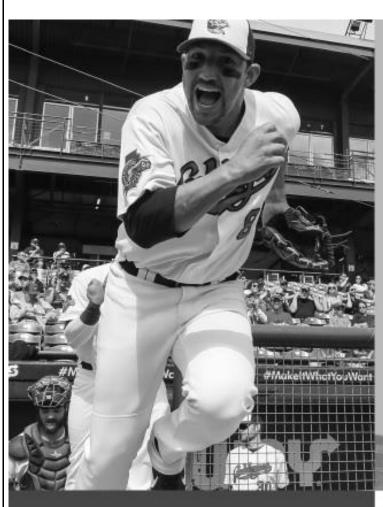
2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RULES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1. The voting members for each Division at the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be as follows: There will be a total of 28 voters for all association general and special meetings. Any life members eligible to vote will be in addition to the 28 voters. The votes shall be allocated as follows: Minors (13) - two (2) rural and two (2) urban elected Board of Directors, one (1) Advisory Board Member, eight (8) members at large (4/4 Split UR). Adult (8) – two (2) elected Board of Directors, one (1) Slo-Pitch Advisory Board Member, one (1) Fast Pitch Advisory Board Member, four (4) members at large. Officials (6) – one (1) appointed Board Member, one (1) Advisory Board Member (vacant in 2021), one (1) urban and one (1) rural, two (2) members at large. President (1) – one.
- 2. A Quorum at any General Meeting shall be a simple majority at all times of the voting delegates in good standing attending the General Meeting. Each voting member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the General Meeting. No proxy votes shall be allowed at any meeting.
- 3. At the discretion of the Chairperson, non-voting delegates in attendance at the General Meeting, provided they are members in good standing with the Association, shall have the right to address the meeting.
- All remarks should be addressed to the chair. Chairman is judge of relevancy. The chairman may limit discussion on any motion.
- 5. No other business than the adjournment or termination of the meeting shall be conducted at a General Meeting at a time when a quorum is not present. 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.
- All questions shall be decided by a simple majority vote, except in the case of amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and General Operating Rules.
- 7. An abstaining vote shall not be counted either "for" or "against". They simply have decided not to vote and therefore, their vote does not count.

- Constitution, By-Laws and General Operating Rules may be enacted, repealed, or amended at an Annual General Meeting by at least a two-thirds majority of votes cast by voting delegates.
- 9. The President (or Chair) shall vote only in the case of a tie.
- 10. Any question at a General Meeting shall be decided by a show of hands, except that:
 - the election of the President shall be made by secret ballot.
 - (b) a secret ballot shall be held upon request of five(5) voting delegates.
- 11. In even years, the position of President on the Board shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting. The President must receive a majority of all votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the voting procedure will be repeated with the candidate receiving the fewest votes being dropped from the ballot for the subsequent vote.
- 12. On the first ballot for the President's position, all approved candidates shall be granted a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Assembly.
- 13. Those members having the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting for President will be as follows:
 - (a) the President;
 - (b) the current Board of Directors;
 - (c) other Divisional Voting Members (as per #1);
 - (d) the Advisory Board;
 - (e) Life Members.
- 14. The maximum number of voting representatives will be a total of twenty-eight (28) plus the number of Life Members present at any General Meeting.
- 15. When a Notice of Motion has not been served as provided for in (16.02 of the 2021 Softball MB Information Handbook), the Notice of Motion may be brought to the floor at any Annual General Meeting by a unanimous vote of delegates present.
- At all meetings of the Association, items not covered by the Softball Manitoba Constitution and By-Laws shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order (Modified Version).

*Taken in part from the 2021 Manitoba Softball Association Information Handbook and 2021 Board Minutes.

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