

Softball Canada is once again planning a Master Men's Division at the 2022 Canadian Championships in conjunction with the Men's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship in St. John's NL August 31 – September 4.

The tournament will host 6-8 teams from across the country, with the possibility of expanding if necessary. Teams will be made up of the following (teams may be blended from other P/Ts as described below);

- Ontario
- Eastern ON / QC
- BC / AB / YT
- SK / MB / NWT
- Maritimes

Players must be 40 or older in the year 2022 to qualify and must be registered with their home Province/Territory. Rosters cannot have imports and must be signed off by the Provincial/Territorial Association. If a Province/Territory is sending a team, no player from that Province/Territory will be allowed to play with anyone else other than that Province/Territory.

For example, if both BC and AB are sending teams, their roster would be made up of strictly players from the home Province. No mixing of players would be allowed. However, if YT was not attending the championship both teams (AB & BC) could pull from YT with the permission of the YT office. If BC is sending a team(s), but AB is not, a team from BC could complement their roster with AB players providing the additional BC players are not available (again with the permission of both P/T offices). The intent of this rule is to <u>attract teams</u>, not to strengthen or handpick players.

This exciting tournament will begin Wednesday, August 31 where each team will play a minimum of four games throughout the week (could be more based on entries and playoffs). Entry fee for the master's side is set at \$600 for 2022. The Championship game will be held on Sunday, September 4th. As with all other Canadian Championships, Softball Canada's special operating rules will govern play.

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