



2022 SOFTBALL MANITOBA Division Operating Rules Motion Form



NOTICE OF MOTION – #1

Division Operating Rules

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

Minor Division Operating Rules – Registration Page M4 F. Fill Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

F. Fill Rule

1. The Fill Rule may only be used to add players to teams who do not have the minimum number of players to field a team. The purpose of the Fill Rule is to help ensure that each region is able to field a viable team. Effort must be made to recruit players in all regions. Special consideration will be given to areas that have adequate number of players but do not have pitchers or catchers.
2. The “fill” athlete must be a fully eligible player as defined by Softball Manitoba and have attended tryouts in their home catchment area, but not have been selected to their home region’s team.
3. No eligible athlete trying out for their home region can be displaced by a “fill” player from a different region.
4. The Softball MB Board of Directors will confer with relevant coaches and regional reps to determine the fill(s) based on availability, need and geographical proximity.
5. All “fill” players are to return to their home catchment area for tryouts the following year.
6. Once a “fill” player has been released from the team in their catchment area for 3 consecutive years, the player will no longer be considered “property” of their catchment.

Maximum Fill Players per Team:

Organizations/Teams applying through the Fill Rule may add a maximum of three (3) “fill” players to bring its roster up to eleven (11) players. Fill Rule numbers reflect Minor Division Operating Rule 3.F2. (Provincial Competition – Pick-Ups)

Fill Rule Tracking Information Required:

Fill Rule information required by Softball MB for processing requests is the direct responsibility of the Organization applying. Data received will be recorded and applied to decisions regarding Player Movement Requests. This information also provides the Association with a history on Player Movement (Registering Out of Region) plus overall aspects of Regional and Organizational Stability.

Organizations requesting player(s) through the Fill Rule must provide the following information:

- Number of players that attended tryouts and how many were released.
- How many are on their current roster.
- Releases from these player’s home region signed by League/Organization President.

The Player Release Form can be found on our website under FORMS.



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

Effective January 31, 2023

F. Fill Rule

1. **The purpose of the Fill Rule is to sustain a full capacity of teams at the AAA level** and to ensure that each region is able to field a viable team. Effort must be made to recruit players within home regions. Special consideration will be given to areas that have adequate number of players but do not have pitchers or catchers.
2. The Fill athlete must be a fully eligible player as defined by Softball Manitoba and have attended tryouts in their home catchment area, but not have been selected to their home region's team.
3. Fill athletes cannot displace a regional athlete who has demonstrated the capacity to compete or develop to a competitive AAA level of play.
4. All Fill players are to return to their home regional for tryouts in the following year.

Maximum Fill Players per Team:

Organizations/Teams applying through the Fill Rule may add a maximum of **FOUR (4)** Fill players to bring its roster up to **twelve (12)** players.

Decision Making Authority:

Decisions to release AAA players from a home region/catchment is the responsibility of the AAA Organization President. It is their responsibility to take into consideration how the release of an athlete impacts the programs and development of the teams in their region.

Fill Rule Tracking Information Required:

Organizations requesting player(s) through the Fill Rule must provide the following information to Softball Manitoba:

- Completed release form signed by the League/Organization President requesting the release of the player and the League/Organization President releasing the player.

The Player Release Form can be found on our website under FORMS.

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RATIONALE

The Fill rule provides support to sustaining a full capacity of teams at the AAA level. Decisions to release AAA players is the responsibility of the AAA Organizations. It is their responsibility to take into consideration how the release of an athlete impacts the programs and development of the teams in their region for a one-year period. These changes shifts the decision making from Softball Manitoba to AAA Organizations for teams and players within their region and supports a more fluid application of the policy.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☐ Carried ☐ Amended ☐ Withdrawn ☐ Defeated

Please return your completed form to Softball Manitoba via email to softball@softball.mb.ca