



2022 SOFTBALL MANITOBA General Operating Rules Motion Form



NOTICE OF MOTION - #4

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors **Division Affiliation:** Minor Division

Date: October 28, 2022

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

General Operating Rules (Page 7): Article 7 The Border Rule – Provincial Championships.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Softball Manitoba has adopted The Border Rule and is part of the same agreement that Softball Saskatchewan has with Softball Alberta. The rule is as follows:

The Border Rule – or - Boundary Border Rule – (applies to Players that reside within 40 km of the border) that allows players who are residents of Saskatchewan (and Northern Ontario) to apply to us to play in a neighboring Province. The players must apply by May 15th. Once Softball Manitoba receives the application it will check with the neighboring Province (Saskatchewan) to see if they would allow the player to register with them. Players who reside in Manitoba who do not apply to play in a neighboring Province would be suspended should we find they have registered in another Province. This rule applies to adult players as well as minor players. This rule can also work in the reverse manner allowing Manitoba players that reside within 40 km of the border to apply to play in Saskatchewan.

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

That The Border Rule as written be deleted in its entirety.

RATIONALE

Saskatchewan has removed all references to border/boundaries and now require all athletes, regardless of age, to complete an Inter-Provincial Transfer request that is reviewed by Softball Saskatchewan's Board of Directors. In order to avoid confusion Softball Manitoba's Board of Directors is recommending that we follow the same process in order to ensure Manitoba athletes are provided opportunities to play within their Province and communities.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☐ Carried ☐ Amended ☐ Withdrawn ☐ Defeated

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