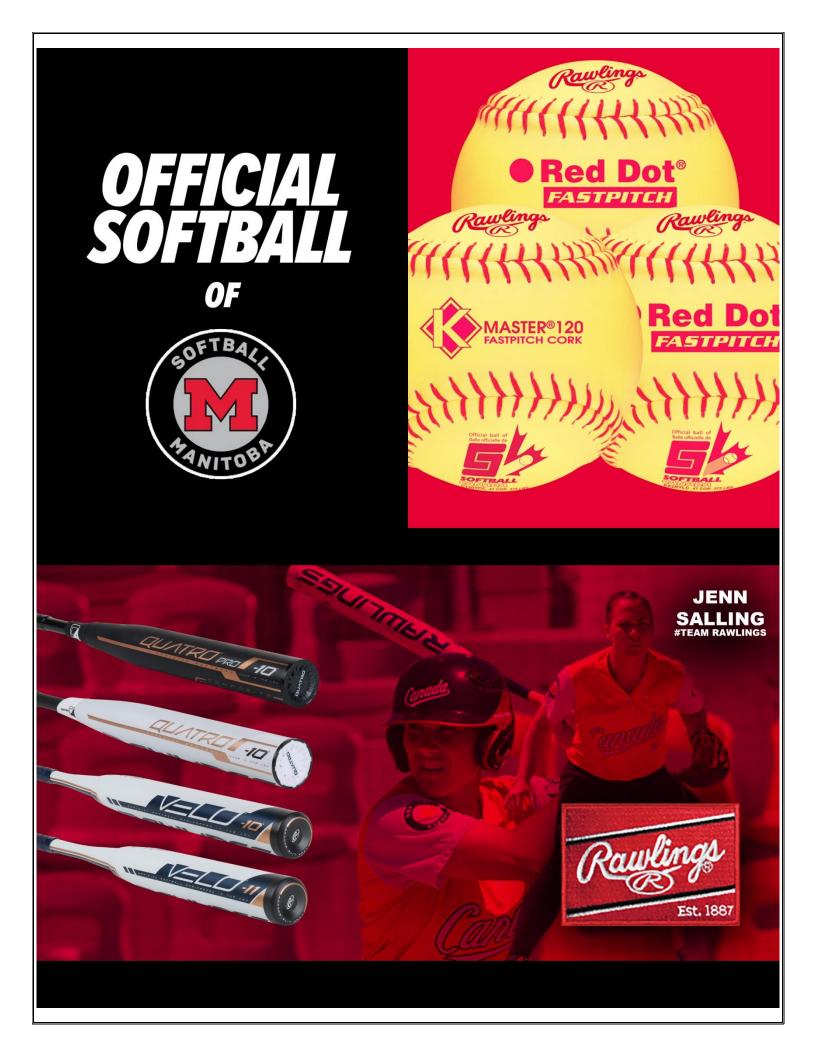


# 2022

# AGM



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# 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGENDA

# Saturday, November 26, 2022 Sport Manitoba Conference Center 145 Pacific Avenue, Winnipeg

- 8:45 a.m. Registration, Coffee, Donuts & Muffins
- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order
  - Determination of Voting Delegates
  - Identification of Non-Voting Delegates
  - Minutes of the 2021 AGM
  - President's Report
  - Executive Director's Report
  - Regional Reports:
    - o Central
    - o Eastman
    - o Interlake
    - o Norman
    - o Northwest Ontario
    - Parkland
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    - Winnipeg North
    - Winnipeg South
  - Officials Report
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    - o CANPitch
    - o TobaCatch
  - Competition Report
  - Hall of Fame Report
  - JBSC Financial Statements
  - Softball Manitoba Financial Statements
  - Amendments to Bylaws, GOR, DOR
  - Regional Director Voting
  - Presidential Voting
  - Adjournment

Don Klym Don Klym Larry Giesbrecht Larry Giesbrecht Don Klym Regional Directors: Kristi Guilford Bob Lanoie Blaine Shewchuk **Brady Woods** Larry Giesbrecht Greg Boden **Bev Neufeld** Brady Woods Al Bruneau Frank Fargey Program Chairs: Brady Woods Greg Boden Greg Bouchard Hailey Unger Don Klym Les Newman Monte Miller Don Klym Larry Giesbrecht Larry Giesbrecht Brady Woods



# SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 2021 MINUTES



# SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 27, 2021 – Zoom



# Present:

VOTING DELEGATES	3
Larry Giesbrecht	

Greg Boden Claire Anderson Tara Conrad Marc Lyver Brady Woods Bob Lanoie Frank Fargey Bruce Luebke (Chair) Kristi Guilford Bev Neufeld Renee Danchuk Les Newman Lori Vandal Val Pelleck Terry Wolowiec Mike Klassen

Noelle Cunningham Al Bruneau Daphne Wiebe Candice Dueck David Muswaggon Mike Fennessy Rafik Abi-Saleh Brad DeGraeve

#### **OBSERVERS**:

Paul Fazio Erin Levesque Jon Reimer Ken Stewart Jeremy Lough

SPORT MB Pat Kirby SPORT LAW Jason Robinson

Blaine Shewchuk

Greg Bouchard

Dave Kodratuk

Steven Hopfner

Dwayne Henley Bobbi-Jo Guffei Dani Klassen Brenda Woods

SOFTBALL MB Don Klym Leigh Decker

#### 1. Call to Order

President/Chair (Larry Giesbrecht) called the meeting to order at 9.06 am.

The Chair welcomed the members and introduced Jason Robinson from Sport Law as the Voting Scrutineer. The Chair reminded the participants that, per our Rules of Procedure, speaking is limited to voting delegates only, unless prompted by the Chair.

#### 2. Rules of Procedure

**Chair** introduced the voting scrutineer for today's meeting - Jason Robinson from Sport Law. Jason was our voting administrator with all voting taking place on the online voting platform Simply Voting. Jason to assist the members in following our **Virtual Meeting Rules** (as distributed to the members) and our identified parliamentary procedure, which is **Robert's Rules of Order**.

#### 3. Determination of Voting Delegates

25 voting delegates in attendance.

**Chair:** Section 3.05 of the Softball MB Bylaws state, "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". I hereby declare that there is a quorum and that this Special Meeting of the Softball MB members is in session.

# 4. Identification of Non-Voting Delegates

As listed above.

# 5. Minutes of the 2020 AGM and 2021 SGM

**Chair** noted that a copy of the minutes from the November 21, 2020 members meeting, as well as a copy of the minutes from the October 12, 2021 members meeting, had been circulated to the members in advance of this meeting. While the 2021 SGM Minutes were not specifically referenced in the circulated agenda – they too were approved as per Softball MB procedure. If there any questions about this or objections to approving both sets of minutes, please raise those questions, or concerns now. **No questions.** No Objections.

With no objections by the members, the minutes of the November 21, 2020 AGM, as well as the minutes from the October 12, 2021 SGM are approved. There is no Business Arising from either of these minutes, aside from the Phased Implementation Plan for Board elections that was adopted at the SGM that we will address later in this meeting.

# 6. Reports

**Chair:** We will not be conducting verbal reports as these reports have already been provided in writing, but we can entertain any questions regarding the reports. The following Reports were circulated to the members in advance of this meeting:

- President's Report Larry Giesbrecht
- Executive Director's Report Don Klym
- Registration Report Don Klym
- Division Reports
  - Adult Division Brady Woods
  - Minor Division Greg Boden
  - Officials Division Frank Fargey
- Advisory Board Report
- 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

**Chair:** With no questions or objections by the members on these Reports – Softball MB notes the receipt of the 2021 Reports.

# 7. JBSC Financial Statements

**Chair** noted that a copy of the JBSC financial statements have been shared with the members in advance of this meeting. There were no questions from the Membership regarding the JBSC financial statements.

# 8. Softball MB Financial Statements

**Chair** noted that the Corporation is required to present the audited/reviewed Financial Statements to the members for the fiscal year preceding the meeting. The Softball Manitoba financial statements were shared on screen and Executive Director Don Klym spoke briefly to the statements. The members had no questions regarding the Softball Manitoba financial statements.

**Chair** noted that the members have received the Softball Manitoba financial statements.

# 9. Elections

Chair discussed/explained the following with the Membership:

At the October 12 Special Meeting, members adopted the proposed revisions to the Softball Manitoba Bylaws, which included changes to the Board composition as well as a Temporary Bylaw (Article 14) to assist with the transition from the current Board composition to the new Board composition. In accordance with Section 14.3 of the Temporary Bylaw, Softball MB will conduct the necessary elections and conclude this AGM with the following 8 Directors:

- President Larry Giesbrecht (serving to 2022)
- Central Director Kristi Guilford (serving to 2022)
- Eastman Director Bob Lanoie (serving to 2022)
- Winnipeg South Director Al Bruneau (serving to 2022)
- Elect six (6) new Regional Directors as follows:
  - Interlake Director one (1) year term.
  - Norman Director –one (1) year term Vacant
  - NW Ontario Director two (2) year term. Vacant
  - Parkland Director two (2) year term.
  - Westman Director two (2) year term.
  - Winnipeg North Director two (2) year term.

At this point Larry passed the gavel to Jason Robinson (AGM Parliamentarian) to serve as independent Chair for these Elections. **Elections Chair (JR) quote:** We will now elect the 6 Regional Directors.

#### Interlake Director – one (1) year term.

We have received the following valid nominations for the Interlake Director position:

• Blaine Shewchuk – new nominee

Blaine has accepted the nomination. In accordance with Section 5.07 of the SMB Bylaws, a Regional Director must receive a majority of all votes cast in order to be elected.

Vote Result was 26-0 in favor.

Congratulations to Blaine Shewchuk who will serve the next year as Regional Director for Interlake. **Norman Director – one (1) year term.** 

We have not received any valid nominations for the position of Norman Director position. As a result, the Board will look to fill this vacancy at an upcoming Board meeting and once it has done so, it will communicate the new Director to the members.

#### NW Ontario Director - two (2) year term.

We have not received any valid nominations for the position of NW Ontario Director. As a result, the Board will look to fill this vacancy at an upcoming Board meeting and once it has done so, it will communicate the new Director to the members.

#### Parkland Director – two (2) year term.

We have received the following valid nominations for the Parkland Director position:

• Greg Boden – incumbent candidate

Greg has accepted the nomination.

Vote Result was 25-1 in favor.

Congratulations to Greg Boden who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Parkland.

#### Westman Director – two (2) year term.

We have received the following valid nominations for the Westman Director position:

Bev Neufeld – new nominee

Bev has accepted the nomination.

Vote Result was 26-0 in favor.

Congratulations to Bev Neufeld who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Westman.

# Winnipeg North Director - two (2) year term.

We have received the following valid nominations for the Winnipeg North Director position:

Brady Woods

Brady has accepted the nomination.

Vote Result was 25-1 in favor.

Congratulations to Brady Woods who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Winnipeg North.

# Advisory Board Representative (Adult Fastpitch)

We shall elect the Advisory Board Representative (Adult Fastpitch) in the same manner as the Directors. The Board has endorsed the following nomination for the Advisory Board Representative position:

# • Brenda Woods

Brenda has accepted this endorsement. Brenda entering this spot (FP Adult Advisory Board rep) after it was vacant for

1-year so she has 3 years remaining to serve, should the members approve this election. Vote Result was 26-0 in favor.

Congratulations to Brenda who will serve the next three years as Advisory Board Representative - Adult Fast Pitch.

**Elections Chair:** That concluded the elections. JR destroyed all electronic election ballots and passed the gavel back to meeting Chair, Larry Giesbrecht.

President Giesbrecht thanked Jason and Congratulated the newly elected Directors.

#### 10. New Business

#### Notice of Motions #1 & #2

**President Giesbrecht** asked the members to please disregard "New Business Notice of Motions" number #1 and #2 in the AGM package, as they were formally elected the Directors and Advisory Board Representative by ballot – so these motions are not required.

# Notice of Motion #3 - Minor Division Operating Rules

**Chair Quote:** 'Motion #3 pertains to the <u>Special Playing Rules for U-12A / U12-AA / U12-AAA</u>. I will note to the members that this Notice of Motion was submitted late and that Section 16.02 of the Softball MB Bylaws state: "A Notice of Motion to amend the Constitution, By-Laws, General Operating Rules and Division Operating Rules must be forwarded in writing to the Executive Director thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting."

I will only allow this Notice of Motion to be entertained if we have unanimous consent by the voting members to consider it. This is permitted in Section 16.04 of the Softball MB Bylaws which states: "When a Notice of Motion has not been served as provided for in (16.02), the Notice of Motion may be brought to the floor at any Annual General Meeting by a unanimous vote of Delegates present."

I will therefore ask the members at this time <u>if there any objections</u> to moving forward with this motion. If there are no objections, this is akin to unanimous consent, and we will consider the motion. If any objections are raised, we do not have unanimous consent and the motion will not be considered at this meeting.

There were No Objections. Unanimous consent is achieved.

I refer the members to the Notice of Motion Form that outlines the rationale for the motion as well as the proposed new language within the bylaws.

# MOTION: (Greg Bouchard) On behalf of the CANPITCH DEVELOPMENT Committee I move the following:

MINOR DORS Page M14#13 and M15 #7 Special Playing Rules for U12-A / U12-AA / U12-AAA (In conjunction with Minor DOR 4A. Information for teams entering Provincial Championships) As per current Softball Canada Official Rule Book 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.

# CHANGE TO READ:

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

# Bruce Luebke seconded the motion.

CANPitch's Greg Bouchard discussed the Development and Competition benefits gained with the Motion.

The vote was called– 2/3 vote required. Vote was 21-4 in favor. **Motion Carried.** 

# (4) Softball Canada Rules Changes

**Chair:** For the benefit of the members, a brief report on the recent Softball Canada Rule Changes was provided.

Distributed by e-mail earlier. No questions were asked.

# (5) 2022-23 Coach Plan on Background Screening

**Chair:** Our final piece of New Business is related to an update on potential background screening for coaches. 2022-23 Coach Plan on Background Screening was briefly discussed. The Board will be considering this Plan and providing further updates to the members in the coming months.

# 11. For the Good of the Association

**Chair:** As is our past practice, we will now open the floor to any members who wish to share any positive announcements, informal observations or feedback with the association as a whole. Do any members wish to share For the Good of the Association?

- Great to be hosting a Canadian Championship in 2023. Thank You Softball Canada & Softball MB. (B. Luebke)
- Blue Convention 2022 Hope to See You all there! (F. Fargey)
- Thank You All for sticking with the Sport through 2 years of COVID and all the challenges that come with it. (G. Boden)
- Thank You Softball MB for all you have done these past 2 years giving our girls competition and development opportunities. (D. Kodratuk).
- Thank You for your support and trust in the rebuilding of our Board Structure and ongoing strengthening of the Regional Development Programs within our 'A' Leagues and 'AAA' Organizations. (L. Giesbrecht).
- JBSC. Increased support and interest from City of Wpg on future projects/proposals. (L. Giesbrecht).
- Thank You Membership for your patience with Softball MB and all the changes and 'reboots' we have done this past year. Strong Meaningful Thank-You to ALL of You ... Thank You Larry and the Board, Jason (Sport Law), Pat (Sport MB). Thanks to all our League and Organization Presidents and their assistants, Thank you to all our Volunteers especially our Provincial Hosts and their Committees, our Sponsors and all of our Umpires, Coaches and Players. A final thanks to our Development team, the JBSC Staff, and Softball MB co-staff members. What you have contributed to the betterment of Softball is All For the Good of the Association! (D. Klym).

#### 12. Adjournment

**Chair:** As we have concluded all matters of business on our agenda, I hereby declare that the meeting is adjourned. Thank you to all members for participating.

# Adjourned.

1. Authorization

Submitted December 4, 2020

Don Klym – Executive Director

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Larry Giesbrecht – President

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# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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Welcome back, it's good to see everyone as we return to in person meetings and a full season of Softball. It was great to see our registration numbers increase since the start of our pandemic seasons and I was encouraged to see the number of people out at the ballpark enjoying games and practices. Thank you for everything that you have done and, continue to do for our sport.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all of our athletes, coaches, officials, clinicians, parents and volunteers. Amateur sport relies on your time and energy to be successful.

I want to thank our Board of Directors for the work that they have put into the season and in working through our new governance structure. We continue to work on developing the working relationships between the various leagues and organizations (both Minor and Adult) and their Regional Directors.

Thank you to our office staff, Don and Leigh 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 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. This group has been working extremely hard to recruit and retain umpires so that we can continue to play games, tournaments and championships, I encourage everyone to continue to work to support our umpires both on and off the field.

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 our Provincial Host Committees for the work they put in to ensure the tournaments took place while navigating any challenges they were presented. Congratulations to the Host Committee from Stonewall on the success of the U15 Male and Female Western Canadian Championships.

Thank you to Monte Miller and his staff at JBSC. We continue to work with the City of Winnipeg to address concerns with the facility and its infrastructure but through it all Monte and his staff have continued to operate the facility and provide opportunities to have access to the ballpark.

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

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 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 (league, organization and Directors) and share some thoughts about both our successes and possible improvements.

All the best in the coming season.

Larry Giesbrecht President Softball Manitoba



# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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# **\* REGISTRATION**

 2018 – 2022 Registration Trends. Softball Manitoba registered 500 teams in 2022. Here is an overview of the last 5 years of registrations at Softball Manitoba:

DIVISION	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Plus/minus from 2021
MINORS	387	405	227	186	443	+257
FAST PITCH	46	42	42	34	32	-2
SLO-PITCH	102	81	50	33	35	+2
TOTAL TEAMS	535	528	319	253	500	+257
UMPIRES	230	244	135	140	168	+28

2022 Classification	F	М	Coed	2022 Players	F	М	Non- Binary	Total
Minor Teams	327	22	94	Timbits	1012	386	0	1398
Fast Pitch Teams	12	3	0	Minor	3049	318	3	3407
Slo-Pitch Teams	1	0	34	Fast Pitch	286	106	2	394
Orthodox	4	0	13	Slo-Pitch	106	353	1	460
Umpires	61	107		Total	4490	1163	6	5659

# **\* MARKETING – PROMOTING SOFTBALL MANITOBA**

- Annual Awards Annual Awards (Player, Coach, Team, Official and Volunteer Awards & Recognition).
- 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)
- **Media** Conferences/Releases to announce Hall of Fame Inductees, hosting Major events, etc.
- Softball Canada TV 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 Tshirts. 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 2022 Manitoba hosted/participated:

- Softball MB hosted 18 Provincial Championships (15 Minor / 3 Adult).

- 183 teams participated in our Provincial Championships (as compared to 115 in 2021).

# In 2023 Manitoba is scheduled to host:

- The U15 Female Canadian Fast Pitch Championship.

- The U17 Male and Female Western Canadian Fast Pitch Championships.
- The Senior Male & Female Western Canadian Fast Pitch Championships.

# **\* COACH DEVELOPMENT**

# • NCCP 2022:

- Community Softball Clinics – Seven clinics were held. 89 coaches were Certified. - Competition Introduction Softball Clinics – Four virtual clinics were held with a total of 38 coaches in attendance. We were able to hold more clinics (with smaller #s) by hosting "Hybrid" Comp-Intro clinics that were partially virtual and partially in-person. Three hybrid-on field clinics were held with a total of 32 coaches in attendance.

Competition Introduction On-Field Evaluations – 17 coaches were Evaluated.
 Competition-Development Softball Clinic – Softball MB collaborated with Coaching MB and Softball Canada to certify our Canada Summer Games Softball coaches (Male Program).

# • Female Apprentice Coach Program:

(\*New in 2022)

Through the assistance of Coaching MB, Softball Canada and Rawlings - Softball Manitoba put together and offered this program in response to demand for female coaches at all age categories/classifications. The program connected prospective female coaches with an existing female coach in their community. Apprentices received some equipment and reimbursement for a portion of coach certification courses. It was open to past/present female softball players (though playing experience was not a prerequisite). Host coaches were compensated for their expertise and time with some equipment & other resources. We accepted 10 female Host coaches and 10 female Apprentice coaches. Softball MB met via Zoom with the Hosts and Apprentices respectively to provide information and to hear what the participants' questions, concerns, and hopes were for the program. Pairings were acquainted via email and were to exchange contact info/team schedules/etc. and work out amongst themselves when they would meet. It was strongly recommended that Apprentices join their Host team for a minimum of 2 events per month (games, practices, team bonding, etc.). Based on feedback collected from participants at the end of the 2022 season, the program is hoped to continue in future.

# • Larissa Franklin Hitting Clinic for Coaches:

In February Softball Manitoba was lucky enough to have SC National Team Member Larissa Franklin in the building (along with her Tokyo 2020 Olympic Bronze Medal). Larissa shared her knowledge on slap hitting with 20 of our coaches.

# • Kaleigh Rafter Defense Clinic for Coaches:

In March we hosted a Coach Clinic on Defense. SC National Team Member Kaleigh Rafter worked with 16 of our elite coaches on Team Defense, Positional players' defensive responsibilities as well as share her experience as a Player and Coach with Team Canada.

# • Respect in Sport:

Respect In Sport is an on-line 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 RIS designed to educate Parents. RIS certification renewal is required every 5 years.

# • Coach Screening:

In 2022 Softball Manitoba implemented criminal record checks (valid for 3 years) as part of our registration process. Our Board and Staff were the first to complete it, followed by all coaches competing in Provincials leading to Westerns and Canadians, all Travel Umpires, all our Clinicians as well as Coaches on any teams applying for Travel Permits. In 2023 it will be a requirement for ALL Softball MB registered Coaches.

# • Long Term Player Development:

Softball Manitoba continues working on LTAD to better educate coaches on the principles of LTPD and ensure that we look at the development of athletes beyond winning a Provincial title.

# **\* PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

# • SC Regional Skills Development Academy:

The past Fall-Winter Manitoba hosted our final SC Regional Skills Development Academy which ran for 10 weeks between November and March. 86 athletes went through the program (19 pitchers/19 catchers/48 position players) that included defensive, offensive, pitching, catching instruction and Sport Psychology.

Softball Manitoba Regional Skills Development Academy: (\*New for 2023) This winter Softball MB will run our initial Regional Skills Development Academy for 12 weeks between January – April, 2023. Similar to Softball Canada's program, our academy will include defensive, offensive, pitching, and catching instruction as well as Sport Psychology. Three Classifications of Training were offered (levels included Grassroots, Competitive and High Performance) and open to the first 150 participants that registered.

# • 'AA' Softball Program:

# (\*New in 2022)

Softball MB has restructured its Minor Classifications adding the **'AA'** development program to bridge the skill gap between the 'A' (community club ball) and 'AAA' (HP-Travel). The vision is a competitive program for the select 'A' players wanting an extended season and a support system for 'AAA' organizations to maintain athlete numbers within their programs. 157 players went through the 'AA' program in 2022.

# • Canpitch:

Clinics included a spring and summer clinic then followed by Team training between October to April. Currently at 4 'trained' CP instructors. 207 participants went through the program in 2022.

# • TobaCatch:

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.

# • 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. Our objective is to continue to assist anyway possible beginning with removing barriers such as racism and cultural sensitivity and increasing development at the introductory level. Softball Manitoba worked with MASRC to help prepare for NAIG Softball tryouts and provided equipment and various clinicians to help evaluate the tryouts.

# • Inner City Programs:

Softball MB provides 2-day camps for school programs where students are introduced to softball through foundational skills and play games/scrimmage. Within this programming is SPIN – These are after school camps hosted by the City of Winnipeg. Softball Manitoba provides the clinicians and equipment attending various Inner-City locations throughout the City.

 Sport Manitoba Sports Camps: Every year, Softball participates in the Sport Manitoba Camps and teaches kids introductory skills to Softball right here in the Sport 4 Life Center.

# Winnipeg Newcomers Sport Association:

Softball Manitoba participates in the WNSA Softball sessions by working with kids of all ages who are newcomers to Canada – teaching kids and adults the basics of Softball.

# **\* OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT**

- National Officials Certification Program In 2022 Manitoba certified 168 Officials (an increase of 28 officials) but a far cry from pre-Covid numbers.
- Blue Convention 2023 This will be hosted by Softball Canada and the Softball MB UDC in Winnipeg, Spring, 2023. Organizing begun pre-covid and the group is currently fundraising and continues to make this a successfully planned event.

# **\* 2022 SOFTBALL CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES**

- CHALLENGES John Blumberg Softball Complex is starting to show its age at 34 years. Major Improvements are required at what used to be a World Class venue (including 6 lit diamonds). Repair and Maintenance Costs far outweigh any funding available from the City and/or Province. Balancing Minor Division Operating Rules between Grassroots programs/leagues AND Elite Leagues and Organizations so that BOTH levels can continue to grow at a productive rate.
- SUCCESS Our successes revolve around the commitment shown by our League Executives, Provincial Host Committees, our Volunteer Groups, our superb Sponsors and of course the Players, Coaches and Officials who continue to work hard in putting a good product on the diamond. Together their incredible commitment along with the cooperation of our Board, Softball Canada, Sport Law and Sport MB has doubled our Team Registration in 2022 and brought it back to the 500 level where it was prior to the Pandemic.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Klym Executive Director





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# REGISTRATION REPORT

# REGISTRATION

# **TEAM REGISTRATION COMPARISON (10 YEARS)**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Teams	530	503	539	534	529	535	528	319	250	510
Minor Girls	287	291	312	308	310	310	316	172	172	327
Minor Boys	10	4	26	23	21	20	27	25	15	22
Minor Mixed	62	62	48	48	32	57	62	30	0	94
Women's Fast Pitch	16	23	14	18	28	16	18	10	10	12
Men's Fast Pitch	9	0	9	5	6	4	6	8	4	3
Orthodox Fast Pitch	33	24	27	28	21	26	18	24	17	17
Women's Slo-Pitch	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Men's Slo-Pitch	30	22	23	28	34	26	17	6	0	0
Co-Ed Slo-Pitch	82	76	80	75	76	75	63	44	32	34

# 2022 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

# 2022 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FEES (all fees include GST):

<b>TEAM REGISTRATON FEE</b>	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
2022	168
2021	140
2020	143
2019	244
2018	230

# 2023 UMPIRE REGISTRATION FEES (all fees include GST):

LEVEL	FEES
I & II Under 21	\$80.00
I & II Over 21	\$120.00
III, IV & V	\$145.00

# Please note that all fees will be increasing in 2023.

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# **REGIONAL REPORTS**

# CENTRAL REGION

This year in the Central Region, we were fortunate to be back to more of a "normal" ball season than the one previous.

We were pleased to have some of our Central Region Alumni and older players holding clinics in the region.

- Jamie Odlum (along with a couple teammates from Minot State Jamie is formerly of Morden and Pilot Mound) hosted several skills clinics in the region in Winkler and Pilot Mound.
- Lexie Nelson and Alexa Guilford (U19 Central Energy and Team Manitoba teammates) held catching and pitching clinics in the region.
- U19 Central Energy team hosted several skills clinics that were open to all ages.

The Central Energy AAA Fastball club hosted their regular Sunday afternoon pitching clinics at Southport with Master Pitching instructor Greg Bouchard. Sarah Shotton also hosted pitching clinics in Winkler over the winter and we were pleased to have Emma Anderson running a catcher's clinic as well.

Our Central Region was also host to a few Provincial competitions:

- U15A Provincials were hosted in Winkler
- U15 AA Provincials were also hosted in Winkler
- U19 AAA Provincials were hosted in Portage la Prairie

Our Central Region was also pleased to host a couple of umpire certification clinics that saw some new umpires get certified as well as some others recertify. The umpire appreciation lunch and awards luncheon was also held in Portage la Prairie.

To cap off the year, we were proud to see some great finishes by many of our teams from the Central Region at all levels of competition. Our teams brought home Gold, Silver and Bronze medals from numerous Provincials as well as Western Canadian Championships.

Congratulations to everyone for a great season!

Kristi Guilford Central Director

# **EASTMAN REGION**

Successes:

- Hosted U17 AAA Provincial Championship at Friedensfeld Community Center
- Hosted weekly pitching clinics in Steinbach Jan-Mar 2022
- U13 AAA Wildcats earned Bronze at MB Provincials
- U15 AAA Wildcats earned Silver at MB Provincials and placed 6th at Nationals
- U17 AAA placed 5th at Westerns
- U19 AAA earned bronze at MB provincials

# Challenges:

- AAA tryout numbers remain low

- U19 AAA, not enough athletes to field a team from the Eastman region alone. Need to merge will another organization. This will be an issue moving forward, year after year and will need to be addressed to offer a sustainable U19 AAA program out of the Eastman region.

Bob Lanoie Eastman Director

# **INTERLAKE REGION**

2022 was an exciting season for the region, as registration numbers remain strong (316 registered players in 2022 vs 341 registered players in 2019). Highlights included:

- The Phillies organization held its inaugural AGM in late 2021, voting in its first board of directors. The Phillies board works closely with Interlake Minor Ball in the areas of softball development and high-performance initiatives.
- The region hosted weekly pitching clinics throughout Winter 2022 and held its inaugural Spring development camp (month of April) for Minors run by Phillies alumni.
- The Interlake region hosted its inaugural AA program in the U13 age category. The team played in two showcase tournaments and a AA provincials.
- The region hosted its inaugural U9 and U11 developmental leagues. Coaches held practices and arranged games on their own. It worked well for the communities this year.
- St. Andrews offered three Learn to Play levels for the 2022 season. This is a new grassroots program in the St. Andrew's community.
- U11 A Stonewall Blue Jays earned Bronze at MB Provincials
- The region hosted U15 AAA Western Canadian Championships at Stonewall
- U15 AAA/U17 AAA/U19 AAA teams all participated and placed 6th at Westerns

The regional organizations were proud to see many alumni players return and give back through participation at pitching and development camps, and dedication of their time to season long commitments coaching teams at the U13/U15/U17 A/AAA levels. Thank you!

Blaine Shewchuk Interlake Director

# **NORMAN REGION**

Minor Male Provincial Championships for U11, U13, U15 and U17 Open Boys were held in Cross Lake. Prior to the Provincial event, we held an Officials Clinic for the officials that were umpiring at the Minor Male Provincials.

Currently vacant spot for Director - Position to be filled Nov - 2023.

# NORTHWEST ONTARIO REGION

There has been ongoing communication with Dryden and Thunder Bay to continue their program growth. We hope to add Kenora and Rainy River Frist Nations to the 2023 Registration mix.

Currently vacant spot for Director – Position to be filled Nov - 2023.

# PARKLAND REGION

The Parkland Region registered a total of 9 teams for the 2022 season.

- U11 4 teams
- U13 3 teams
- U15 1 team
- U19 1 team

Discussions were held between Parkland and the Westman Softball Association regarding an interlocking schedule to allow Parkland teams to connect to a larger network of communities willing to play. Westman was very accommodating of the request but there was limited uptake by the Parkland communities. Hopefully 2023 will see success in the interlocking schedule.

A 7-week Pitching Clinic was held in Russell with fifteen pitchers attending the camp.

One Community Softball Coach Clinic was held in the region with 5 coaches completing this certification in the area. As well, Phil Fafard from Dauphin completed his Learning Facilitator Training and is now certified to deliver Community Softball.

Greg Boden Parkland Director

# **WESTMAN REGION**

Development was very successful within the Westman Area through Softball Brandon and Softball Manitoba. As well as many other softball opportunities within the area including, Oji-Cree Softball, TC 365 facility and the 222 program. The following clinics where held:

- General Skills Winter Clinic
   Dates: January March 2022
   Location: Henry Champ Gym and Brandon University Healthy Living Center
   85 athletes
- Spring Clinic
   Dates: April 23 27, 2022
   Location: Brandon Curling Club
   62 athletes
- Community Softball Coach Clinic Dates: April 23, 25, 27, 2022 Location: Brandon Curling Club 15 coaches
- Community Softball Coach Clinic Date: April 30, 2022 Location: Killarney School 12 Coaches
- Competition Introduction On-Field Coach Clinic Dates: April 30 – May 1, 2022 Location: Earl Oxford School 5 Coaches
- Softball Brandon Pitching Clinic
   Dates: May 24, 25, 31 and June 1, 2022
   Location: Steve Clark Field
   85 athletes

Development was very successful within the Westman Area through Softball Brandon and Softball Manitoba as well as many other opportunities existed for athletes within the area. Oji Cree and TC 365 facility as well as the 222 program.

Looking forward to the 2023 season.

Bev Neufeld Westman Director

# WINNIPEG NORTH REGION

The biggest positive we have seen this year is the collaboration between the A and AAA programs in the Winnipeg North Region. All organizations have been involved in moving development forward from A to AA to AAA. The Northeast region is presently made up of primarily NESA which is split between two boundaries. Which presents our biggest challenge to grow AA within Thunders Region. On the Northwest side Angels were successful in forming several AA teams and the collaboration between the Angels and Northwest has really unified all the Northwest side. A big shout out to Jeremy Lough, Jamie Bettens, Daphne Wiebe, Susan Lamboo, Dana Lovallo, Drew Howard and Sarah Shotton for their collaborative effort and commitment to development from A to AAA.

# East

The weather was our biggest challenge this year! Some positives were that our registration numbers were back up to pre-pandemic levels. We had all our teams playing under the North East Storm banner this year, meaning everyone U11 and up wore a North East Storm jersey rather than playing for a random community club in our area. Our goal is to create a brand that aligns with Thunder and build the program in our area. We had a lot of teams at the younger ages, especially U11, which bodes well for building the program for the future.

Also, we're working more closely with Thunder on our clinics. We had them provide clinicians for our Winter and Fall clinics with the goal to provide the best training for athletes at all levels. We hope to continue that relationship and build on it.

# West

The Angels are pleased with how the 2022 season went as a whole and where we think we are headed in the future. We listened when Softball MB asked AAA organizations to take a proactive approach to working with the AA and A centers in their area and feel we made great strides towards the future this past season. We hosted team selection for AA during the fall AAA evaluations and were able to identify keen players willing to practice over the winter and foster serious development to strengthen our program. This was evidenced by our recent fall AAA evaluations where we had over 100 players register for only 3 age categories.

As far as results go, we were also pleased with our performance as an organization. While our U17's fell a bit short of expectations both the U15 and U13 programs finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the province with our 15's gaining a birth at nationals. Both teams were the highest finishing city teams at provincials and has given our players experience and motivation to improve upon that this season. Not necessarily in wins and losses but equally as import to us was the fact that we had 12 different female coaches ranging from pitching coaches to current players assisting with our younger teams helping along the way. This female presence had a noticeable impact on our players and is part of our long-term sustainability goal of identifying female coaches to give back to the organization when their playing days are still going or recently completed. As we embark on the offseason, we have restructured our programming to build the athlete in the fall with a greater emphasis on strength and conditioning, then build the softball player in the new year except for pitching and catching. With a bunch of multi-sport athletes, we are pleasantly surprised to see the attendance at our workouts (90% of players) as this helps them with their other sports yet keeps them linked to their softball friends.

Thanks to Don and Leigh for all the support.

Brady Woods Winnipeg North Director

# WINNIPEG SOUTH REGION

Registrations at the 'A' level were still down to prior pandemic levels in the Winnipeg South Region. There was some interest generated to form teams for the "AA" category however there is not enough commitment and support to get it off the ground.

Congratulations to our Provincial Medalists:

- Macdonald U17 A Girls Silver
- Southdale U19 A Girls Gold
- Winnipeg Lightning U17 AAA Girls Gold
- Smitty's Terminators U19 AAA Women Silver
- Eastman Lightning U19 AAA Women Bronze

The Bonivital Softball Association have revived their board after several years of being in limbo and have elected Lucy Chura as President. Talks have taken place with Winnipeg Lightning and the WSWYSL to have shared camps over the off season to try to bolster the numbers in the area as well as to set up a "AA" program to be managed between the two organizations. The plan is to have Softball registration in the area be overlooked by both organizations as opposed to registration through the community clubs. One of the two main community clubs taking registrations is moving away from a convenor based program. Community clubs would still be responsible for field equipment and maintenance. Uniforms, personal equipment, coaching clinic and umpire fees would be supplied through registration fees. Dates and locations for these camps have been set.

The WSWYSA have also elected a new President, Bobbi-Jo Guffei. Thank you to Renee Danchuk for her many years of service and commitment to the sport at every level.

Al Bruneau Winnipeg South Director

# 2022 OFFICIALS DIVISION UIC REPORT

As I finish my second term and sixth season as UIC, I would like to report that it sure was exciting to finally get back to normal on and off the diamond. A great big thanks to the UDC, Zone UIC's and DUIC's. A great deal of work was put into recruitment and retention in the off season to try and get our numbers back to 2019. Some regions did struggle to assign all league assignments, but we were able to fulfill all Softball Manitoba and Softball Canada obligations to make it another successful season. Some very key people I would like to acknowledge and thank that helped make this year a success are;

# Softball MB

Leigh Decker and Don Klym

# Softball Canada

Donna Ozarko and Jeff Whipple

# **UDC Members**

DUIC
Slo-Pitch DUIC
Education Officer
Fundraising
Mentorship/Recruitment
Travel Coordinator
Administration
Jr Member/ Social Media
Jr Member

# Zone UIC's

Mack Walske Joyce Schroeder Bruce Luebke Tony Kuleza Tony Kuleza Val Pelleck

Central Eastman Westman Interlake Winnipeg East Winnipeg West

# 2022 Umpire Registration & Clinic Summary

Softball Manitoba had 168 registered umpires in 2022, a slight increase from 2021. The pandemic is still the cause of our low registration numbers. Recruitment and retention will remain a priority for the UDC this off season. We were able to go back to normal and have our level 1-2 clinics in person in all regions, recertification clinic was done virtually.

Level 1-2 (under 21) = 85 Level 1-2 (over 21) = 25 Level 3 = 34 Level 4T = 6 Level 4 = 13 Level 5 = 5

# Softball Manitoba Blue Forum

This year's blue forum was replaced by Softball Canadas' Mechanics clinic, held in Brandon late May. The clinic proved to be huge a benefit to our program, two 1-day clinics which saw 40 umpires attend. Each day saw the participants take in some classroom sessions and plate mechanics with a pitching machine, with Softball Canada ODC members Scott McLaren and Brent Chadwick who led both days in the morning. The afternoon saw the participants put what they learned into action and umpire games at ANSC. The umpires were able to be evaluated after working a couple innings. Thank you to the Westman umpires for hosting the successful event.

# Leagues, Provincials & Special Competitions

Back to normal brought back the regular start to our leagues and provincials. I would like to thank all regions who hosted a provincial or showcase weekend, and a great big thanks to all UIC's, DUIC's and Delegates who supervised and made each event successful.

# Western and Canadian Travelling Umpires

As mentioned, our umpires that travelled to a Western or Canadian really benefited by attending the Softball Canada mechanics clinic as all had successful championships. A special shout out to those that received Gold Medal plate assignments at their respective championship.

# Western Canadian Championships

Keenan Yaschyshyn, Morden - U15 Girls Stonewall, MB Steven Nay, Brandon - U17 Girls St. Albert, AB Joryn Buchanan, Crystal City - U19 Girls Richmond, BC

# **Canadian Championships**

Mack Walske, Morden - U17 Boys Saskatoon, SK Jordan Guberman, Winnipeg - U19 Women's Fredericton, NB Troy Schwartz, Winnipeg - U20 Men's Napanee, ONT

Congrats and great job, Softball Manitoba is very proud of you all!

# **On Field Special Acknowledgments**

Along with receiving the final plate assignment at their respective championship both Jordan Guberman and Troy Schwartz received Softball Canada Level 4 status. A great deal of work is put in to achieve this level, including attending and passing the Level 4 Theory clinic and then receiving a positive evaluation, working the WBSC 3 umpire system, at the U19 Women's or U20 Men's Canadian Championships. Congratulations on successfully completing your Fast Pitch Level 4 status. Onto the next goals as the future looks bright for both of these fine gentlemen.

# Off Field Special Acknowledgements

Some of our UDC members had an opportunity to be evaluated on instructing at clinics and evaluating umpires at provincials and Canadian Championships, all received positive evaluations. Congrats to Bruce Luebke who received his D rating as an evaluator at the U15 Canadian Championships.

# International Assignment

Huge Congratulations goes out to our Provincial UIC Frank Fargey who received his second international assignment. Frank's first assignment was in Nanjing, China in 2017. Frank has been awarded the Softball Canada Umpire Exchange Assignment with Softball Australia and will have the opportunity to umpire two Australian National Championships in January and February of 2023. The first event is the Men's being held in Canberra from January 24-29, followed by the U23 Men's in Melbourne from February 1-5. A great opportunity for Frank and Softball Manitoba.

# **Blue Convention 2023**

The Blue Convention is a major event for umpires organized by Softball Canada every three years. Officials of all levels from across the country (and internationally) meet to discuss a variety of topics and participate in a series of workshops to learn and improve their umpiring skills. Blue Con was to be in hosted in 2022 in Winnipeg but due to the pandemic, it will now be hosted by the Softball Manitoba UDC from April 6-8, 2023, at the Delta Hotel Downtown Winnipeg. The event attracts the top presenters from across the country and the world, discussing topics that are designed to attract both Fast Pitch and Slo-Pitch umpires. Thanks to Val Pelleck and Janet Forbes, Blue Con 2023 Co-chairs, for the hard work and patience put into this event.

# Ed Bitz Scholarship

Any umpire member of a Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Association who is registered with Softball Canada and who is entering the first, second year or subsequent year of a post-secondary educational institution is eligible for this scholarship. Congratulations goes out to our very own Kelsey Forrest who was one of the recipients and received the \$1000 scholarship from Softball Canada!

# 2022 Umpire Awards and Appreciation Lunch

The Officials Annual Awards and lunch took place in Portage La Prairie. 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 Con gift certificates and some Softball Manitoba swag.

# 2022 Softball Manitoba Umpire Award Winners

Home Run Sports Wayne Deschouwer Umpire of the year

Brad Degraeve - Westman

# **SC Level 4 Certifications**

Jordan Guberman - Winnipeg & Troy Schwartz - Winnipeg

# **Regional Grassroots**

*Central:* Mitchell Walske & Jaydyn Howard *Eastman:* Ryan Brandt & Peyton Robert *Interlake:* Emma Wirgau & Sierra Slatcher *Westman:* Brayden Deedman & Damien Mathys *Winnipeg:* Tyler Wiebe, Juliet Chura, Piper Hollywood & Madison Guthrie

# Provincial UIC DUIC Announcements

As mentioned, my term ended this year as UIC of the province. I'm very excited to announce that I will be returning for another term as UIC along with Fast Pitch DUIC Val Pelleck and Slo-Pitch DUIC Terry Wolowiec, as we were all reappointed at the latest Softball MB Umpires AGM.

# To Conclude

It was a great season for all our Softball Manitoba umpires on and off the diamond. From getting back to normal with our clinics, hosting the Softball Canada mechanics clinic, fulfilling our obligations with Softball Manitoba at Provincials and Westerns, to answering the bell for Softball Canada Nationals and the Canada Summer Games, the blue crew excelled. 2023 proves to be a busy season, as recruiting and maintaining officials will remain a big priority for all regions. We will be hosting Blue Con in April and we also have some elite tournaments coming to the province next summer, the U15 Canadians being hosted in Brandon, as well as the Senior Fast Pitch and U17 Westerns also being hosted in the province. There will be plenty of opportunities for our officials next season.

To finish, a great big thanks to Leigh and Don, all the work done for our group certainly does not go unnoticed. To Larry, and the Board of Directors, thank you for all the support throughout the season. The UDC and I thank you.

Finally, thank you to the UDC, Zone UIC's and DUIC's for all your hard work done this season looking forward to a busy 2023!

Play Ball!!!

Frank Fargey Softball Manitoba Provincial UIC



# **DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**



# 2022 HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

After 3 long years of preparation through all the challenges Covid presented, both teams were able to finally hit the field at the 2022 Canada Summer Games in Niagara, Ontario.

On the women's side, the desired result was not achieved and back to the drawing board we will go, to prepare our athletes for the 2025 Canada Summer Games in St. Johns NL. The women started the tourney with a tough 5-0 Loss to the eventual champion BC. They followed up with a convincing 10-0 win over NS. MB rounded out the round robin with wins over SK (3-0) and PEI (10-1) finishing second in Pool A earning them double life. MB drew a very good Quebec team in game one of the double life playoffs falling (8-5) to the eventual silver medalist. Falling to Saskatchewan (5-4) in the consolation bracket and (5-3) to Alberta in the placement game had Manitoba finish in 6<sup>th</sup> place overall.

On the men's side although finishing in  $8^{th}$  place may not seam as the desired result. The challenges faced by the boys just to attend the Canada Games is an achievement. The boys had big wins (7-0) over Alberta and (8-4) over NB, the team would fall to SK (10-2), QC (7-6), BC (7-0), ON (10-0), NS (9-0) and NL (10-0) finishing with a record of 2 wins and 6 losses to sit in  $8^{th}$  place.

# **High Performance – Academy**

We are excited to have the Academy make its return for the 2023 season under the tutelage of Nikki Marcoux. The program looks to take on a different shape, being broken down into three categories. Beginner, Intermediate and Elite. Over 150 athletes registered including 80 within the first couple hours of opening registration. The academy will start on January 8<sup>th</sup> with two sessions a week including strength and conditioning provided by Strive. The Elite program will look to travel down south in March and April.

Thanks to Don and Leigh for the guidance and administration of both programs.

Brady Woods High Performance Director

# 2022 AA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPORT

Softball Manitoba has restructured its Minor Classifications adding the 'AA' development program to bridge the skill gap between the 'A' (community club ball) and 'AAA' (HP-Travel). The vision is a competitive program for the select 'A' players wanting an extended season and a support system for 'AAA' organizations to maintain athlete numbers within their programs.

In 2022, we had seven U13 AA teams, and six U15 AA teams register with a total of 157 players in the 'AA' program. No 'Out of Region' players in 2022 will be Grandfathered into 2023. Agreement on Fill requests, etc. were for the 'year of' only (2022) so all players will return/tryout in their Home Region. Plans for 2023 include adding a U11 Age Category. Program requires better 'build' – including improved communication, direction and cooperation between 'A' and 'AAA' programs and resources.

Greg Boden AA Committee Chair

# 2022 CANPITCH YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2022 CANpitch program managed to get back to a somewhat normal training season. 207 students took part in recognized CANpitch instruction programs.

Clinics included winter, spring, summer, and fall clinics conducted by Greg Bouchard, Cara Miller, Sarah Shotten, and Mike Ryan. Several team trainings took place between October of 2021 through to April 2022. Every AAA program ran pitching training sessions throughout the Winter and Spring.

Our current fully trained clinicians include, Greg Bouchard, Cara Miller, Sarah Shotten, and Mike Ryan. CANpitch ran 3 clinician training and recruitment sessions in Brandon, Ste. Rose, and in Winnipeg.

Our program still needs to improve our instruction in our indigenous communities. Our Brandon training session included Patrick Leask who is heading the Oji-Cree softball program which gives us hope that our indigenous softball programs will receive quality pitching instruction.

A big thank you goes out to Don, Leigh, and Kendall, for continuing to support all our training programs over the years.

Greg Bouchard Master Pitching Instructor – Manitoba



# 2022 TOBACATCH PROGRAM UPDATE

TobaCatch completed one in-person training session in October of 2022, certifying 18 coaches. During the 2021/2022 Regional Skills Development Academy, 21 athletes were trained over the winter using the TobaCatch program.

Additionally, TobaCatch is being implemented with 8 athletes at Manitoba's first Softball Academy at Churchill High School.

Plans for the 2022-2023 year include holding one winter training TobaCatch training session in February. Next steps will also include training and certifying one regional TobaCatch instructor.

Hailey Unger Director of Catching Development



# **2022 COMPETITION REPORT**

There were 18 Provincial Championships held this year in the province. Congratulations to all Provincial medalists as well as all participants.

A huge Congratulations goes out to the athletes awarded as Allstars at the Canadian Championships.

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 couldn't do it without your passion for the sport.

And one last Thank You goes out to Kirt Swanson, Brenda Woods and the entire Host Committee for the hours you put in at the ball bark during the 2022 U15 Male and Female Western Canadian Softball Championships – Well Done!

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Klym

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

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
MINORS					
Boys	17	15	25	20	16
Girls	150	83	95	178	171
TOTAL	167	98	120	198	187
FAST PITCH					
Men					
Women				12	
Co-ed					
TOTAL	0	0	0	12	0
SLO-PITCH					
Men					
Women					
Co-ed					
Seniors	16	15	10	15	12
TOTAL	16	15	10	15	12
TOTAL	183	113	130	225	199

# 2022 PROVINCIAL RESULTS



2022 SOFTBALL MANITOBA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS								
CATEGORY	LOCATION	# OF TEAMS	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE			
U11 A Girls	Buhler	38	Morden	Virden	Stonewall			
U11 Open Boys	Cross Lake	5	Cross Lake Red Sox	Cross Lake Wolves	Cross Lake Warriors			
U13 A Girls	Buhler	24	Winkler	Hamiota	North East Storm Navy			
U13 AA Girls	ANSC	7	Westman South	Central Charge	Westman North Fury			
U13 AAA Girls	ANSC	8	Central Energy	Westman Magic	Eastman Wildcats			
U13 Open Boys	Cross Lake	4	Cross Lake Rebels	Cross Lake Cubs	Cross Lake Vikings			
U15 A Girls	Winkler	28	Imperial Photo	Keystone Dental	Winkler			
U15 AA Girls	ANSC	6	Central Charge	Eastman Blaze	Brandon Heat			
U15 AAA Girls	La Salle	8	Westman Magic	Eastman Wildcats	Manitoba Angels			
U15 Open Boys	Cross Lake	5	Cross Lake Giants	Norway House	Cross Lake Warriors			
U17 A Girls	Steinbach	12	Brandon Heat	Macdonald	Hamiota			
U17 AAA Girls	Friedensfeld	6	Winnipeg Lightning	Central Energy	Westman Magic			
U17 Open Boys	Cross Lake	3	Oji-Cree Warriors	Cross Lake Extreme	Norway House			
U19 A Women	JBSC	8	Southdale	Winkler	Roblin			
U19 AAA Women	Portage	5	Central Energy	Smitty's Terminators	Eastman Lightning			
Senior 55+ SP Competitive	JBSC	5	Barton's Bunch	Maulers				
Senior 55+ SP Rec A	JBSC	5	Tri-Clad	SW Coyotes				
Senior 55+ SP Rec B	JBSC	6	Nomads	Stealers				
TOTAL # OF TEAMS		183						











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## 2022 MAJOR RESULTS

CANADIAN CHAMPIO	ONSHIPS			
CATEGORY	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
		Cloverdale Fury (BC1)	Surrey Storm (BC2)	White Rock Renegades (BC3)
U15 FEMALE	Saskatoon, SK	7th Place - Westman M 8th Place - Eastman W 17th Place - Manitoba	/ildcats (MB2) Angels (BC3)	
		All-Star - Callie Hill		
		Fraser Valley 06 (BC1)	Langford Lightning (BC2)	Fraser Valley 05A (BC3)
U17 FEMALE	Montreal, QC	7th Place - Westman N 12th Place - Winnipeg 20th Place - Central Er	Lightning (MB1)	
U17 MALE	Saskatoon, SK	Chatsworth Longhorns (ON1)	Napanee Express (ON2)	New Hamburg Wilmont Thunder (ON3)
		8th Place - Oji-Cree W	arriors (MB1)	
		All-Star - Corson B		
U19 FEMALE	Fredericton, NB	Surrey Storm (BC1)	(ON5)	Missisauga Tigers (ON1)
		10th Place - Central Er		
		15th Place - Smitty's T		NP
OPEN MALE	St. John's, NL	DC Galway Hitmen	(ON2)	Niagara Stompers (ON3)
		11th Place - Peguis Re SIS Adrenaline	DC Home Run	One the Go/ADS/
		(BC1)	Sports/Miken	Route 22/RBI
FEMALE COMP SP	Surrey, BC		Ladybirds	Pandas (ON1)
		9th Place - Phoenix (M	IB1)	· · · ·
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CATEGORY	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
U15 FEMALE	Stonewall, MB	Central Energy (MB1) 6th Place- Interlake Ph	Calgary Adrenaline (AB1)	Winnipeg Lightning (MB2)
		Cross Lake Giants	Delisle Diamond	Cross Lake
U15 MALE	Stonewall, MB	(MB1)	Dogs (SK1)	United (MB2)
U17 FEMALE	St. Albert, AB	Okanagan Elite (BC)	Cloverdale Fury (BC)	River City Hornets (AB)
-	,	5th Place - Eastman Wildcats (MB2)		
		6th Place - Interlake Pl Ride Meadows	Cloverdale Fury	Elnora Eagles
U19 FEMALE Richmond, BC Rage 6th Place - Manitoba 8th Place - Manitoba				
SENIOR WOMEN	Blackfalds, AB	Central Energy (MB1)	Calgary Rogues (AB1)	Earl Grey Heat (SK1)
CANADA SUMMER G	SAMES		<u> </u>	
CATEGORY	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
U19 WOMEN		British Columbia 6th Place - Manitoba	Quebec	Ontario
U22 MEN	Niagara, ON	Ontario 8th Place - Manitoba	Nova Scotia	Saskatchewan



#### HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM REPORT 2022



#### **President's Report**

I personally want to thank the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame and Museum Inc Executive and Board of Directors for their dedication and enthusiasm during the past year. We collectively discussed, reviewed and resolved various issues in promoting the game of softball.

The 19th Induction Ceremony and Banquet was able to be held on May 7th, 2022, at the Victoria Inn, Brandon. Covid and perhaps other factors dictated the event attendance. The 20th Induction Ceremony will be held on May 6th, 2023. Site location to be confirmed.

The Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame Board Members personally thank the Selection Committee and Sponsors who assisted with the ceremony. Congratulations once again to the inducted teams and individuals.

Board Members are currently working with Manitoba Museums in promoting the history of softball. In the immediate future, interested parties will be able to find information about players and teams.

All the best in 2023!

Sincerely,

Murray Blight President



# JOHN BLUMBERG SOFTBALL COMPLEX FACILITIES REPORT



## **JBSC FACILITIES REPORT 2022**

For the third year in a row, the opening of the John Blumberg Softball Complex was delayed. However, this year it was not due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but rather to inclement weather. We were slightly delayed in opening the complex (post May long weekend instead of the normal late April/early May) due to lingering snow and some frozen pipe issues. As was the case last year, in 2022 we lost another experienced ground crew staff to other employment opportunities, and we had to again rely on summer student staff for the day-to-day operations of the complex.

The returning leagues from 2021 included the Manitoba Premier Softball League, again with no apparent reduction in team numbers; the Winnipeg Orthodox Softball League (down from 8 teams to 6 teams); the Blumberg Slo-Pitch League (down from 16 teams to 12 teams); and the Manitoba Senior Slo-pitch Tournament League (up from 11 teams to 13 teams, but only 11 played at JBSC). The Winnipeg Men's Slo-pitch League did not participate again this year due to lack of teams; The Crestview Men's Fastball League did not play at JBSC as expected and as reported last year "(would) most likely play back on their home fields next year...". Due to the late start of the season and ironically enough, rain out reschedules this summer, the timing of our regular league playoffs was pushed into late September, so for the third year in a row we chose not to host a Blumberg Fall Ball League.

Due to JBSC voluntarily shutting down 3 of our diamonds, we were unable to host the following events this year:

- The International Classic Tournament run by the MPSL.
- The "All-Nighter" Slo-pitch Tournaments hosted by SPN.
- Manitoba Senior Slo-pitch Tournament(s)
- The Hittin' for Hooters Breast Cancer Charity tournament
- The annual "QX104 FM Slo-pitch 4 a Wish" tournament

JBSC only hosted the following Provincials in 2022:

- The U19 A female fastball provincials (July 22-24)
- The 55+ and up Slo-Pitch Provincials (Aug. 9-11).

There were no large events hosted at JBSC in 2022

This past fall (2021) in conjunction with the City of Winnipeg, it was decided that JBSC should shut down all play on diamonds 3, 4 and 5 to address the concerns related to the condition of the complex's outfields on those diamonds. The outfields were to have been worked on over the summer and left to "rest" for anticipated play in the summer of 2023. Unfortunately, funding issues delayed that field work until this fall/next spring. On a positive note, the irrigation system/pump house located at the Assiniboine River has been upgraded and JBSC will have a water source for irrigation in 2023.

Parks and Open Space/Central Control at the city has been very good again this year and has been quick to respond to our requests for items that need repair or replacement at JBSC. 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 Parks and Open Space (and subsequently their general electrician at the city) in regard to several of our light standards that are malfunctioning in our overhead field lighting.

The work related to the lights is ongoing and will carry over to the 2023 season. As mentioned last year, other major projects that will be required in the future will be extensive fencing repairs to diamonds 1 through 4; continuing outfield repairs to diamonds 1 through 4, 5 and possibly H. New infrastructure projects that will need to be looked at in the future are: septic tank repair or replacement; water leakage repair to the umpires room in the main hub building; general repairs and painting of the outer "concession building" by diamonds 5-H; repair to the catwalk between the media tower and the main hub building; repair related to shifting and movement of floors in the hub building and the door frames of the "tower"; repair/replacement throughout the main pathways around the entire complex.

In September the Municipal Accommodations department of Planning Property and Development at the city conducted a full "Building Assessment" of JBSC.

In regard to overall league issues, they were, for the most part, the same as last year (and the years past) in regard to breaches of our Park Policy "rules and regulations". These included infractions related to bringing in outside alcohol and infractions related to bringing in pets/animals to the complex. There were no infractions related to participants/fans related to inappropriate behavior.

JBSC was able to secure \$10,000 from the Land Dedication Reserve (LDR) program. This funding was received from Planning, Property and Development Delegated Authority in consultation with Councilor Gillingham and Councilor Klein, who each contributed \$5,000. We will use this LDR funding for the outfield repairs. We were once again able to secure funding this year for a Green Team member to assist with ground crew work. Our student placement worked from mid-June to mid-Sept.

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 2022.

- 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 and Leigh in the Softball Manitoba office for their prompt assistance to our requests.
- Larry Giesbrecht for his guidance and assistance this season.
- To the Green Team Organization for their continued support and to our Green Team member Joey Haufak this year for helping out.
- To the City of Winnipeg, Parks and Open Space/Central Control.
- A huge thank you to all the leagues and their board members/executive listed at the beginning of this report who supported JBSC in 2022. 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 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monte Miller John Blumberg Softball Complex – Facility Manager



## SOFTBALL MANITOBA 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday, January 31	Softball MB Office	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, April 25	Softball MB Office	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, September 26	Softball MB Office	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, October 24	Softball MB Office	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

2023 DIVISIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING				
DIVISION	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	
Officials	Sunday, October 15	ТВА	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	

2023 SOFTBALL MANITOBA AGM & AWARDS PRESENTATION			
Saturday, November 25	Conference Centre 145 Pacific Ave	9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.	



# 2021 – 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Larry Giesbrecht Brady Woods Don Klym



## **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

CENTRAL REGION	Kristi Guildford	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2022
EASTMAN REGION	Bob Lanoie	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2022
INTERLAKE REGION	Blaine Shewchuk	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2022
NORMAN REGION	Vacant	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2022
NW ONTARIO REGION	Vacant	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
PARKLAND REGION	Greg Boden	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
WESTMAN REGION	Bev Neufeld	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
WINNIPEG NORTH REGION	Brady Woods	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
WINNIPEG SOUTH REGION	Al Bruneau	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2022

#### **OFFICIALS:**

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

## **ADVISORY BOARD:**

MINORS	Vacant	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2025
OFFICIALS	Terry Wolowiec	Nov. 2018 to Nov. 2022
SLO-PITCH	Mike Fennessy	Nov. 2019 to Nov. 2023
FAST PITCH	Brenda Woods	Nov. 2020 to Nov. 2024



# 2022 – 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Larry Giesbrecht (acclaimed) TBD Don Klym



### **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

CENTRAL REGION	Kristi Guilford (acclaimed)	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
EASTMAN REGION	TBD	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
INTERLAKE REGION	Karli Reimer (acclaimed)	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
NORMAN REGION	TBD	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
NW ONTARIO REGION	TBD	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
PARKLAND REGION	Greg Boden	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
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#### **ADVISORY BOARD:**

MINORS	TBD	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2025
OFFICIALS	TBD	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2026
SLO-PITCH	Mike Fennessy	Nov. 2019 to Nov. 2023
FAST PITCH	Brenda Woods	Nov. 2020 to Nov. 2024

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# SOFTBALL MANITOBA 2022 AWARDS

#### 2022 SOFTBALL MANITOBA AWARDS

#### **MINOR DIVISION**

TOP MALE PLAYER – U15 Spencer Muswaggon – Norway House

TOP MALE PLAYER – U17/19 OPEN – EDGAR STEVENSON MEMORIAL AWARD Terris Jonasson – Oji-Cree Warriors

> TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U11 'A' Kylie Plett - Mitchell

> TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U13 'A' Nevada Wrixon - Macdonals

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U13 'AAA' Kennedy Funk – Central Energy

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U15 'AAA' Sierra Slatcher – Winnipeg Lightning

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U17 'A' Katlyn Davidson - Bonivital

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U17 'AAA' Laura Ransome – Winnipeg Lightning

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U19 'A' Emily Doyle – Northwest Fastball

#### MEMORIAL DIVISION

TOP FEMALE PLAER - JEAN MAYNE MEMORIAL AWARD – U19 'AAA' Abbi Conrad – Central Energy

TOP MALE FAST PITCH PLAYER – WAYNE GILBERT MEMORIAL AWARD Dennis Stevenson – Peguis Redmen

TOP COACH STAFF MINOR CATEGORY – BILL SADONICK MEMORIAL AWARD Central Energy U15 'AAA' Girl's Hailey Yuskin Kelly Yuskin Mark Friesen Kassidy Cunningham Bobbi-Jo Guffei

> OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO GRASSROOTS SOFTBALL BOB TURNER MEMORIAL AWARD Renee Danchuk

OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR, BUILDER OR EXECUTIVE MEMBER JIM ADAMS MEMORIAL AWARD Shaun English

LEADERSHIP IN PITCHING DEVELOPMENT – LEO BOUCHARD MEMORIAL AWARD Robyn Deprez

#### TEAM DIVISION

TOP MINOR TEAM – EUGENE MICHALOW MEMORIAL AWARD Central Energy U13 'AAA' Women

> TOP FAST PITCH TEAM Central Energy Senior Women

#### **UMPIRE DIVISION**

HOME RUN SPORTS WAYNE DESCHOUWER UMPIRE OF THE YEAR Brad DeGraeve

#### 2022 BURSARY WINNERS

SOFTBALL MANITOBA BURSARY Taylor Dawyduk AAA Legacy

EUGENE MICHALOW MEMORIAL BURSARY Alexa Guilford Central Energy

ASHLEY NEUFELD MEMORIAL BURSARY Kate-Leigh Heapy Hamiota Red Sox





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## **2023 COMPETITION CALENDAR**

DRAFT – November 1, 2022

2023 MINOR FAST PITCH PROVINCIALS				
Category	Classification	Date	Location	
U11	A GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	BOYS	TBD	TBD	
U13	AAA GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	AA GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	A GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	BOYS	TBD	TBD	
U15	AAA GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	AA GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	A GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	BOYS	TBD	TBD	
U17	AAA GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	AA GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	A GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	BOYS	TBD	TBD	
U19	AAA GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	A GIRLS	TBD	TBD	
	BOYS	TBD	TBD	
	2023 ADULT FAST	PITCH PROVINCIALS		
SENIOR	M/F	TBD	TBD	
INTERMEDIATE	M/F	TBD	TBD	
		PITCH PROVINCIALS		
SENIORS	55+ COMP/RER	TBD	TBD	
ADULT	COMP/REC	TBD	TBD	
	2023 WESTERN CANA	DIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS		
U13	М	TBD	Alberta	
U15	M/F	TBD	British Columbia	
U17	M/F	TBD	Manitoba	
U20/U19	M/F	TBD	Saskatchewan	
U23	M/F	TBD	Saskatchewan	
OPEN FP	M/F	TBD	Manitoba	
MASTERS	MALE	TBD	Alberta	
		CHAMPIONSHIPS		
U15	FEMALE	August 9-13, 2023	Brandon, MB	
U15	MALE	August 9-13, 2023	Prince Albert, SK	
U17	FEMALE	August 9-13, 2023	Saskatoon, SK	
U17	MALE	August 2-6, 2023	Fredericton, NB	
U19	WOMEN	August 2-6, 2023	Langford, BC	
U20	MEN	August 15-20, 2023	Napanee, ON	
U23	WOMEN	August 16-20, 2023	Montreal, QC	
U23	MEN	August 2-6, 2023	Saskatoon, SK	
OPEN	WOMEN	August 16-20, 2023	Montreal, QC	
OPEN	MEN'S/MASTER MEN'S	Aug 30-Sept 3, 2023	Surrey, BC	
SLO-PITCH	WOMEN	TBD	TBD	
SLO-PITCH	MEN	TBD	TBD	

#### 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RULES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Membership Voting Structure - The voting members for each Division at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting of the Members will be as follows:

There will be a total of 30 voters not including life members eligible to vote. Any life members eligible to vote will be entitled to one (1) vote each.

The votes shall be allocated as follows:

- 1. President – 1 Vote
- 2. Director Norman Region - Vacant. No vote
- Director Parkland Region 1 Vote Director Westman Region 1 Vote 3.
- 4. Director Central Region – 1 Vote 5.
- 6. Director Interlake Region - 1 Vote
- Director Eastman Region 1 Vote 7.
- Director NW Ontario Region- Vacant. No vote 8.
- Director Winnipeg North Region 1 Vote 9.
- Director Winnipeg South Region 1 Vote 10.
- Minor Advisory Board Representative 1 Vote 11.
- 12. FP Advisory Board Representative - 1 Vote
- SP Advisory Board Representative 1 Vote 13.
- Provincial Úmpire in Chief 1 Vote 14.
- Officials Representative (Rural) 1 Vote Officials Representative (Urban) 1 Vote 15.
- 16.
- Officials Advisory Representative 1 Vote 17. 18-25. Members at Large - Minors (4/4 Split UR) - 8 Votes
- 26-28. Adult Members at Large 3 Votes
- 29-30. Official Members at Large (1/1 Split UR) 2 Votes
- 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.
- 4. 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.
- 6. All guestions 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.
- 8. 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:
  - a) 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. 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:
  - other Divisional Voting Members (as per #1); c)
  - d) the Advisory Board;
  - Life Members. e)
- 14. The maximum number of voting representatives will be a total of thirty (30) 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 2022 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.
- 16. 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).



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