



SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 25, 2023



Present:

VOTING

DELEGATES:

Larry Giesbrecht	(Chair)	
Lucy Chura	Kristi Guilford	Al Bruneau
Kevin Lanthier	Bev Neufeld	Daphne Wiebe
Erin Peters	Les Newman	Brenda Woods
Marc Lyver	Rheal Chaput	Mike Fennessy
Frank Fargey	Val Pelleck	Rafik Abi-Saleh
Greg Boden	Terry Wolowiec	Brad DeGraeve
Jeff Kisiloski	Karli Reimer	Bobbi-Jo Guffei
Les Ellchuk	Tony Kuleza	

OBSERVERS:

Dana Lovallo	Greg Bouchard	Kirt Swanson
Scott Neiles	Dalton Blacksmith	Joel Neufeld

SPORT MB

John Blacher

JBSC

Monte Miller

STAFF

Don Klym
Leigh Decker

1. Call to Order

Chair (Larry Giesbrecht): The meeting is called to order at **(9:00 AM)**. The meeting agenda was circulated to the members in advance of this meeting. A second handout (in addition) was handed out at morning registration.

Acknowledge Traditional Lands (Chair – Larry):

“Softball Manitoba would like to acknowledge that our offices are located on Treaty 1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dene and Dakota peoples and the homeland of the Red River Metis. Softball Manitoba recognizes that we provide sport programs throughout the Province of Manitoba, and we acknowledge and respect all lands and treaties we operate on, including Treaty 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 10.”

Chair then provided a Welcome to The Membership and introduced / Thanked special guest, John Blacher – Our Sport MB Consultant and Scott Neiles – Softball Canada President.

Chair Announced the voting scrutineers for today’s meeting. (Don Klym - Executive Director - Softball Manitoba, Leigh Decker - Finance & Administration Manager - Softball Manitoba and Monte Miller – Program Coordinator – Softball Manitoba).

2. Parliamentary Procedure = is Robert’s Rules of Order.

Rules of Procedure

Chair: I will remind participants that, per our Rules of Procedure, speaking is limited to voting delegates only, unless prompted by the Chair. Delegates will have 1 (3-minute max) to speak on a Motion. Only the Delegate presenting the Motion will have a 2nd (and final) opportunity to speak on a Motion.

3. Determination of Voting Delegates

Don: 24 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

Don: 10 observers in attendance.

5. Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Chair: A copy of the minutes from the November 26, 2022, members meeting have been circulated to the members in advance of this meeting. If there any questions about this or objections to approving these minutes, please raise those questions or concerns now.

Chair: Are there any corrections to the November 26, 2022 AGM minutes?

There were 'No Objections' to the November 26, 2022 AGM Minutes.

Chair: With No objections by the members, the minutes of the November 26, 2022 AGM are approved.

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**
- **Regional Reports - Board**
- **Officials Report – Frank Fargey**
- **Development Reports**
 - **High Performance – Brady Woods**
 - **AA – Greg Boden**
 - **RSDA – Nikki Marcoux**
- **Competition Report – Don Klym**
- **Hall of Fame Report- Les Newman**
- **JBSC – Monte Miller**

Chair: Are there any questions regarding any of these Reports? With no questions or objections by the members on these Reports – Softball MB notes the receipt of the 2023 Reports.

7. JBSC

Chair: Softball Manitoba is no longer engaged in the operation of John Blumberg Softball Complex. All outstanding balanced owed have been paid and funds transferred to Softball Manitoba.

8. Softball MB Financial Statements (Don Klym)

Chair: A copy of the Softball MB financial statements have been shared in the members this morning (AGM Package #2). Do the members have any questions regarding the Softball Manitoba financial statements?

There were No questions or concerns from the Membership on the Softball Manitoba Financial Statements.

Chair: I will note that the members have received the Softball Manitoba financial statements and that the Recording Secretary will note receipt of the Statements in the minutes.

9. Approval of ALL REPORTS

MOTION (Chair): Motion To Pass ALL Reports.

Motion – Val Pelleck
2nd – Tony Kuleza

Carried - 24-0-0

10. Amendments to Bylaws, General Operating Rules and Division Operating Rules.

Notice of Motion #1

Chair: Motion 1 pertains to JBSC financials brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Les Newman.

MOTION #1

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24, 2023

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

By-Laws – Duties of Officers - Section 8.06 – Page 8

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

8.06 The President, Executive Director and Operations Manager will be signing authorities for John Blumberg Softball Complex. All cheques must bear the signatures of two signing authorities.

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

That 8.06, as written be deleted in its entirety.

RATIONALE

Softball Manitoba is no longer engaged in the operation of John Blumberg Softball Complex. All outstanding balanced owed have been paid and funds transferred to Softball Manitoba.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

VOTE: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #2

Chair: Motion 2 pertains to the rural double roster rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #2

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24, 2023

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

Minor Division Operating Rules – 1. Registration – C.4 Player Registration

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

4. Minor players may participate as a player in only one Minor Provincial unless rural double rostered. Rural double roster players can play in two classifications (AAA & A), providing the A team meet these parameters:

- a. The 'A' team has 12 or less registered players (not including double roster players)
- b. A maximum of two double rostered players may be on anyone 'A' team
- c. Communities with 18 or more registered players (i.e. 18 or more spread over 2 or more teams) will not be allowed to Double Roster players for Provincials.
- d. Double roster players may not play the pitching or catching positions at the 'A' Provincials.
- e. If any players from the rural regions are playing 'AAA' in the four Winnipeg organizations they cannot go back to their rural region and play 'A'. 'A' teams wanting to double roster an 'AAA'

player must submit a request in writing to the Minor Committee for approval by June 1st.
f. Any U11 players granted a release from a rural region to be age advanced to play in the U13 'AAA' category of an out of region team MUST return to their home region the following year to attend an evaluation camp in their home region. If the player is released from their home region they may attend the evaluation camp of an out of region team.

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

That 1.C.4, as written be deleted in its entirety.

RATIONALE

This is a housekeeping requirement to keep the Minor Division Operating Rules in line with current practices. Double Roster has not been allowed since the establishment of Urban and Rural boundaries for AAA organizations.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

VOTE: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #3

Chair: Motion 3 pertains to the AA category forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Bobbi-Jo Guffei.

MOTION #3

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: Oct 20 2023

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.) M3-1-A-2-iii)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

iii) 'AA' – Players registering 'A' are eligible to play 'AA' as well following their 'A' Club season – check RAMP 'AA' dropbox. 'AA' may include up to 3 teams per Age Category per Region. (as per the 8 regions defined within 'AAA'. AA Provincials to be scheduled in August and play will be restricted to specific nights and/or specific weekends so that A programs are not hampered. (Determined by Softball Manitoba Minor Committee). The program will initially be implemented for a two-year period.

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

iii) 'AA' – Players registering 'A' are eligible to play 'AA' **on the specified times during the 'A' season and unrestricted following the 'A' age category provincial** – check RAMP 'AA' dropbox. 'AA' may include up to 3 teams per Age Category per Region. (as per the **regions** defined within 'AAA'). AA Provincials to be scheduled in **late July/early August** and play will be restricted to specific nights and/or specific weekends so that A programs are not hampered. (Determined by Softball Manitoba Minor Committee).

RATIONALE

Housekeeping -program has been implemented for the two years, regions per Division operating Rules, and update the commitment to have AA category provincial completed in early August at latest

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

VOTE: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #4

Chair: Motion 4 pertains to moving the Special Playing Rules out of the MDORs and into their own section brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #4

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24, 2023

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

Minor Division Operating Rules – 3. Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules: U11, U13, U15, U17, U19 'A' 'AA' 'AAA'

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules: U11 U13 U15 U17 U19 'A' 'AA' 'AAA'

➤ U11-A Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
2. Run Ahead Rule: In a five (5) inning-controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings, the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.
3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.
4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.
 - a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.
 - b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.
 - c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:
 - i. Where games have completed 3 innings (2½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 5 inning game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.
 - ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.
5. The "conference rule" (in regard to pitchers) is waived.
6. The "Designated Player rule" is not permitted.
7. Teams may use "Little Leaguer" or "Play grounder" bats in all sanctioned Softball Manitoba competitions.
8. Minor catchers must wear the protective helmet and mask with attached throat protector. In addition, all catchers in all categories of the Minor Division are required to wear a glove, chest protector, shin guards and athletic support (boys and girls). All of this equipment is to fit properly.
9. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.
10. The infield fly rule is waived.
11. The offensive team shall have a max. of 6 runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.
12. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.
13. Pitchers can't pitch more than three (3) innings in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.
14. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn

their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

- a. In the event a player is injured during the game and is unable to take their turn at bat, the player will be removed from the batting order and out for the balance of the game, unless the player's coach announces that the player will be able to continue to play prior to the team's next at bat.

15. Once a batter reaches four (4) balls in the count, the batter will receive the number of soft toss pitches to continue the strike count when four (4) balls are reached. (Example: the count was 4 balls, 1 strike, the batter would receive 2 soft tosses). Every soft toss thrown will be considered a strike. On a soft toss hit, the hitter may advance to 2nd base as able, but will not advance past 2nd base. Runners on base may advance a maximum of two (2) bases on a soft toss hit.

16. Stealing bases (2nd & 3rd) is always allowed when the ball is alive. Stealing Home is prohibited. Runners may advance Home only on a hit ball.

17. U11 will use a larger home plate: (21" inches).

18. The Official Ball will be the Rawlings 11" Red Dot PX11RYLC.

19. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit in that inning.

➤ U11-AA Special Playing Rules – New for 2023

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.

2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference. (See #6 – Conference Rule).

3. Run Ahead Rule: In a five (5) inning-controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings, the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.

4. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

5. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

- a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

- b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

- c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

- i. Where games have completed 3 innings (2½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 5 inning game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.

- ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

7. The "Designated Player rule" is not permitted.

8. Teams may use "Little Leaguer" or "Play grounder" bats in all sanctioned Softball Manitoba competitions.

9. Minor catchers must wear the protective helmet and mask with attached throat protector. In addition, all catchers in all categories of the Minor Division are required to wear a glove, chest protector, shin guards and athletic support (boys and girls). All of this equipment is to fit properly.

10. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.

11. The infield fly rule is waived.

12. The offensive team shall have a max. of 6 runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.

13. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.
 14. A pitcher may only pitch two (2) innings maximum per game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.
 15. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.
 16. In the event a player is injured during the game and is unable to take their turn at bat, the player will be removed from the batting order and out for the balance of the game, unless the player's coach announces that the player will be able to continue to play prior to the team's next at bat.
 17. Once a batter reaches four (4) balls in the count, the batter will receive the number of soft toss pitches to continue the strike count when four (4) balls are reached.
(Example: the count was 4 balls, 1 strike, the batter would receive 2 soft tosses). Every soft toss thrown will be considered a strike. On a soft toss hit, the hitter may advance to 2nd base as able, but will not advance past 2nd base. Runners on base may advance a maximum of two (2) bases on a soft toss hit.
 18. Stealing bases (2nd & 3rd) is always allowed when the ball is alive. Stealing Home is prohibited. Runners may advance Home only on a hit ball.
 19. U11 will use a larger home plate: (21" inches).
 20. The Official Ball will be the Rawlings 11" Red Dot PX11RYLC.
 21. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit in that inning.
- U13-A Special Playing Rules
1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
 2. Run Ahead Rule: In a five (5) inning-controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings, the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.
 3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.
 4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.
 - a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.
 - b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.
 - c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:
 - i. Where games have completed 3 innings (2½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 5 inning game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.
 - ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.
 5. The "conference rule" (in regard to pitchers) is waived.
 6. The "Designated Player rule" is not permitted.
 7. Teams may use "Little Leaguer" or "Play grounder" bats in all sanctioned Softball Manitoba competitions.
 8. Minor catchers must wear the protective helmet and mask with attached throat protector. In addition all catchers in all categories of the Minor Division are required to wear a glove, chest protector, shin guards and athletic support (boys and girls). All of this equipment is to fit properly.
 9. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.
 10. The Infield Fly Rule is in effect.

11. The offensive team shall have a max of six runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.

12. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.

13. The Pitching Distance will be 38 feet.

14. Pitchers can't pitch more than three (3) innings in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

15. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

16. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.

17. In the event a player is injured during the game and is unable to take their turn at bat, the player will be removed from the batting order and out for the balance of the game, unless the player's coach announces that the player will be able to continue to play prior to the team's next at bat.

18. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit that inning.

19. The Official Ball will be the Rawlings 12' Red Dot PX12RYLC.

➤ U13-AA Special Playing Rules – New for 2023

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than six (6) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.

2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference. (See #6 – Conference Rule).

3. Run Ahead Rule: In a 6 (six) inning-controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.

4. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

5. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

d. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

e. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

f. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

iii. Where games have completed 3 innings (2½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 5 inning game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.

iv. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

7. The "Designated Player rule" is not permitted.

8. Teams may use "Little Leaguer" or "Play grounder" bats in all sanctioned Softball Manitoba competitions.

9. Minor catchers must wear the protective helmet and mask with attached throat protector. In addition all catchers in all categories of the Minor Division are required to wear a glove, chest protector, shin guards and athletic support (boys and girls). All of this equipment is to fit properly.

10. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.

11. The Infield Fly Rule is in effect.

12. The offensive team shall have a maximum of six runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.

13. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.

14. The Pitching Distance will be 38 feet.

15. A pitcher may only pitch two (2) innings maximum per game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

16. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

17. In the event a player is injured during the game and is unable to take their turn at bat, the player will be removed from the batting order and out for the balance of the game, unless the player's coach announces that the player will be able to continue to play prior to the team's next at bat.

18. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit that inning.

19. The Official Ball will be the Rawlings 12' Red Dot PX12RYLC.

➤ U13-AAA Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than six (6) innings with no time limit.

2. Run Ahead Rule: In a 6 (six) inning-controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.

3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

i. Where games have completed 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead) of a scheduled 6 inning game, then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.

ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. The "conference rule" (regarding pitchers) is waived.

6. Innings Pitched. There is a 3-inning limitation on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch per game. Teams must use 3 pitchers in every game, no more than 3 innings for 1, 2 innings for a second and 1 for a third. This can be split 2-2-2 if so desired. a Run Ahead Rule will negate mandatory innings. With a mid-inning pitcher change it is possible for pitchers to pitch 3, 2 and 2 if the first pitcher is pulled in the 3rd inning.

Note – 1 pitch constitutes an inning. Penalty of use of pitchers beyond innings allowed will be loss/default of that game.

7. Pitching Distance will be 38 feet.

8. Each player must play a minimum of 2 innings. In a "Run Ahead" game, a team will not be penalized if they are not able to play all team members.

9. The Infield Fly Rule is in effect.

10. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.

11. Mandatory Roster Batting. All players on the line-up card must bat. In the event a player is injured during the game and is unable to take their turn at bat their name shall be removed from the batting order and they will be ineligible to return under any circumstances for the balance of the game. The team will not record an out in the batting spot formerly occupied by the injured player.

12. The offensive team shall have a maximum of six runs per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first.

13. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit that inning.

14. The Official Ball will be the Rawlings 12' Red Dot PX12RYLC.

➤ U15-A Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90 minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.

2. Run Ahead Rule: In a five (5) inning controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings, the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect

3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

i. Where games have completed 3 innings (2½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 5 inning game; or 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning game, then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.

ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. The offensive team shall have a max of six runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.

6. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.

7. Pitchers may pitch no more than 4 innings for a 7 inning game and 3 innings for a 5 inning game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.

8. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit that inning.

➤ U15-AA Special Playing Rules – New for 2023

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90 minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.

2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference. (See #6 – Conference Rule).

3. Run Ahead Rule: In a seven (7) inning controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 5 ½ or 6 innings, the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.

4. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

5. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

- d. Restart of such games must be made with same line-up as existed when the game was called.
- e. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.
- f. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:
 - iii. Where games have completed 3 innings (2½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 5 inning game; or 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning game, then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.
 - iv. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.
- 6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.
- 7. The offensive team shall have a maximum of six runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.
- 8. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations).
- 9. In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.
- 10. A pitcher may only pitch three (3) innings maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.
- 11. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit that inning.

➤ U15-AAA Special Playing Rules

- 1. Length of Game: Teams will play a 7 inning game with no time limit.
- 2. Run Ahead Rule: In all provincials leading to Western or Canadian championships the Run Ahead Rule will be the same as that Western or Canadian Championship Run Ahead Rule. (15) runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings or (10) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings or (7) runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.
- 3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.
- 4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

- a. Restart of such games must be made with same line-up as existed when the game was called.
- b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.
- c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:
 - i. Where games have completed 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning game, then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.
 - ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

6. Softball Canada Substitution and Lineup Rules are in effect – batting nine (9). DP and Flex cannot be used.

➤ U17-A Special Playing Rules

- 1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or ninety (90) minutes in length, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90 minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.

2. Run Ahead Rule: In a seven (7) inning controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 4½ or 5 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 5 ½ or 6 innings, the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.
 3. Tie Breaking: The International Tie Breaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.
 4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.
 - a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.
 - b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.
 - c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:
 - i. Where games have completed 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed.
 - ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.
 5. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.
- U17-AA Special Playing Rules – New for 2023
1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or ninety (90) minutes in length, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90 minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
 2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference. (See #6 – Conference Rule).
 3. Run Ahead Rule: In a seven (7) inning controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 4½ or 5 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 5 ½ or 6 innings, the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.
 4. Tie Breaking: The International Tie Breaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.
 5. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.
 - d. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.
 - e. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.
 - f. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:
 - iii. Where games have completed 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed.
 - iv. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.
 6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.
 7. The offensive team shall have a maximum of 6 runs per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first.
 8. A pitcher may only pitch three (3) innings maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.
 9. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect.

➤ U17-AAA Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams will play a 7 inning game with no time limit.
2. Run Ahead Rule: In all provincials leading to Western or Canadian championships the Run Ahead Rule will be the same as that Western or Canadian Championship Run Ahead Rule. (15) runs after 2½ or 3 innings or (10) runs after 3½ or 4 innings or (7) runs after 4½ or 5 innings the “Run Ahead Rule” is in effect.
3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.
4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.
 - a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.
 - b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.
 - c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:
 - i. Where games have completed 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed.
 - ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.
5. Softball Canada substitution and lineup rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect.

➤ U19-A Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or 90 minutes in length, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with “Play Ball” (1st pitch). At the 90 minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
2. Run Ahead Rule: In a seven (7) inning controlled game if one team is up by fifteen (15) runs after 2½ or 3 innings or up by 10 (10) runs after 3½ or 4 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 4½ or 5 innings the “Run Ahead Rule” is in effect.
3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.
4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.
 - a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.
 - b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.
 - c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:
 - i. Where games have completed 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed.
 - ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.
5. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.

➤ U19-AAA Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams will play a 7 inning game with no time limit.
2. Run Ahead Rule: a. In all provincials leading to Western or Canadian championships the Run Ahead Rule will be the same as that Western or Canadian Championship Run Ahead Rule. (15) runs after 2½ or 3 innings or (10) runs after 3½ or 4 innings or (7) runs after 4½ or 5 innings the “Run Ahead Rule” is in effect.
3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of

regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.
4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

i. Where games have completed 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed.

ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect.

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

That 3.N, as written be removed in its entirety and placed in a new Section of the Handbook called Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules.

RATIONALE

Softball Manitoba's Constitution, By-Laws, General Operating Rules and Division Operating Rules are established to provide direction for the governance of the Association and its affiliated membership. Section 16.03.a of our By-Laws require that any changes must be in place for a minimum of three (3) years before they are eligible to be reversed or changed.

Special Playing Rules are meant to govern game play and serve to augment the Softball Canada and the Western Canada Softball Association Rule Book and as such must be more open to adjustments or change based on these organizations. Special Playing rules need to be open for annual review and change for development programs such as AA to ensure that we can proactively address changes to programs as they evolve.

Moving the Special Playing Rules from Division Operating Rules to a separate section of the Handbook allows for this flexibility in our programming.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ Carried ☐ Amended ☐ Withdrawn ☐ Defeated

Vote: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #5

Chair: Motion 5 pertains to Special Playing Rules – U11 A Maximum Innings Pitched brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #5

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M12 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U11A #13- Maximum Innings Pitched

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

13.Pitchers can't pitch more than three (3) innings in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

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

13.Pitchers can't pitch more than **two (2) innings** in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

RATIONALE

Now consistent with U11AA rule – increases overall development for more pitchers per team.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #6

Chair: Motion 6 pertains to Special Playing Rules U11 A orthodox pitching rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Brad DeGraeve.

MOTION #6**Division Operating Rules**

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M12 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U11A #14 – Orthodox Pitching Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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

TO REMOVE this from U11A Special Playing Rules.

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U11 – and stated already in SC Rule Book.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #7

Chair: Motion 7 pertains to U11 AA Special Playing Rules – Orthodox Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Tony Kuleza.

MOTION #7

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M13 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U11AA #15 – Orthodox Pitching Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

5. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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

TO REMOVE this from U11AA Special Playing Rules.

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U11 – and stated already in SC Rule Book.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #8

Chair: Motion 8 pertains to U11 AA Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #8

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M13 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U11AA #6 - Conference Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

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

6. The “conference rule” (in regard to pitchers) is waived.

RATIONALE

Now consistent with U11 and U13 rules.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #9

Chair: Motion 9 pertains to U13 A Special Playing Rules – Substitution Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Terry Wolowiec.

MOTION #9

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M14 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13A #16
Substitution Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

1. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.

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

ADD:

The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown. **Substitutions must be reported to Plate Umpire.**

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #10

Chair: Motion 10 pertains to U13 A Special Playing Rules – Orthodox Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #10

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M14 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13A #15 – Orthodox Pitching Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

5. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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

TO REMOVE this from U13A Special Playing Rules.

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U13 – and stated already in SC Rule Book.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #11

Chair: Motion 11 pertains to U13 AA Special Playing Rules – Inning Ending Game Flow brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #11

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M15 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AA #2 – Inning Ending Game Flow.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2-minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference.

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

REMOVE ALL

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #12

Chair: Motion 12 pertains to U13 AA Special Playing Rules – Substitution Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Tony Kuleza.

MOTION #12**Division Operating Rules**

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M15 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AA #13
Substitution Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

1. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.

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

1. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown. **Substitutions must be reported to Plate Umpire.**

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #13

Chair: Motion 13 pertains to U13 AA Special Playing Rule – Orthodox Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Brad DeGraeve.

MOTION #13**Division Operating Rules**

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M15 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AA #16 – Orthodox Pitching Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

6. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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

TO REMOVE this from U13AA Special Playing Rules.

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U13 – and stated already in SC Rule Book.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #14

Chair: Motion 14 pertains to U13 AA Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Bobbi Jo Guffei.

MOTION #14

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M15 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AA #6 - Conference Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

7. **The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**

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

7. The "conference rule" (in regard to pitchers) is waived.

RATIONALE

Now consistent with U11 and U13 rules.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #15

Chair: Motion 15 pertains to U13 AA Special Playing Rules – Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Lucy Chura.

MOTION #15

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M15 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AA #15 Pitching Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

15. A pitcher may only pitch two (2) innings maximum per game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

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

15. A pitcher may only pitch **three (3) innings** maximum per game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #16

Chair: Motion 16 pertains to U13 AAA Special Playing Rules – Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Bobbi-Jo Guffei.

MOTION #16

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M16 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AAA #6 Pitching Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

7. Innings Pitched. There is a 3-inning limitation on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch per game. Teams must use 3 pitchers in every game, no more than 3 innings for 1, 2 innings for a second and 1 for a third. This can be split 2-2-2 if so desired. a Run Ahead Rule will negate mandatory innings. With a mid-inning pitcher change it is possible for pitchers to pitch 3, 2 and 2 if the first pitcher is pulled in the 3rd inning.

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

To read as follows:

6. Pitchers can't pitch more than three (3) innings in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 20-3-1

Notice of Motion #17

Chair: Motion 17 pertains to U13 AAA Special Playing Rules – Roster Batting brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Kevin Lanthier.

MOTION #17

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M16 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AAA #11 Roster Batting

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

11. Mandatory Roster Batting. All players on the line-up card must bat. In the event a player is injured during the game and is unable to take their turn at bat their name shall be removed from the batting order and they will be ineligible to return under any circumstances for the balance of the game. The team will not record an out in the batting spot formerly occupied by the injured player.

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

11. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown. Substitutions must be reported to Plate Umpire.

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #18

Chair: Motion 18 pertains to U15 A Special Playing Rule – Substitution Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors.
2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #18

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M16 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15A #6 – Substitution Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

6. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.

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

ADD:

6. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply. **ALL substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.**

RATIONALE

Consistency with U15 rules and proper Game Management.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #19

Chair: Motion 19 pertains to U15 A Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors.
2nd by Bobbi Jo Guffei.

MOTION #19

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M17 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15A - Conference Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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

ADD:

9. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

RATIONALE

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

1st AMENDMENT – 1st: Tony Kuleza, 2nd: Al Bruneau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

9. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of **five** conferences are allowed in a game. The **sixth** conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

2nd AMENDMENT – 1st: Tony Kuleza, 2nd: Bobbi-Jo Guffei

RATIONALE:

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U15 age category.**

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☒ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #20

Chair: Motion 20 pertains to U15 AA Special Playing Rules – Inning Ending Game Flow brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #20

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M17 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AA #2 – Inning Ending Game Flow.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference.

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

REMOVE ALL

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U15 – in A/AA/AAA.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #21

Chair: Motion 21 pertains to U15 AA Special Playing Rules – Innings Pitched brought forward by the Board of Directors.
2nd by Lucy Chura.

MOTION #21**Division Operating Rules**

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M17 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AA #10 – Innings Pitched.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

10. A pitcher may only pitch three (3) innings maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.

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

10. A pitcher may only pitch **four (4) innings** maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U15 – in A/AA/AAA.

AMENDMENT – 1st: Al Bruneau, 2nd: Bobbi-Jo Guffei**RATIONALE:**

Consistency throughout U15 – in A/AA.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried X Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #22

Chair: Motion 22 pertains to U15 AA Special Playing Rules – Substitution Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors.
2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #22

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M17- #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AA #8 – Substitution Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations).

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

ADD:

8. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). **ALL substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.**

RATIONALE

Consistency with U15 rules and proper Game Management.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #23

Chair: Motion 23 pertains to U15 AAA Special Playing Rules – Orthodox Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Tony Kuleza.

MOTION #23

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AAA #5 – Orthodox Pitching Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

8. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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

TO REMOVE this from U15AAA Special Playing Rules.

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U15 – and stated already in SC Rule Book.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #24

Chair: Motion 24 pertains to U15 AAA Special Playing Rules – Substitution & Lin-Up Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #24**Division Operating Rules**

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AAA #6 – SC Substitution & Line-up Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

6. Softball Canada Substitution and Lineup Rules are in effect – batting **nine (9)**. DP and Flex cannot be used.

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

6. **Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect. Softball Canada Line-up is comprised of players currently in the game on offense and defence, including the DP and the Flex player. All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.**

RATIONALE

Consistency with U15 Western Canadians and Canadian Championship rules.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #25

Chair: Motion 25 pertains to U15 AAA Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #25

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors Division Affiliation: All

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AAA - Conference Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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

ADD:

7.The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

RATIONALE

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

AMENDMENT – 1st: Frank Fargey, 2nd: Al Bruneau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

9. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of **five** conferences are allowed in a game. The **sixth** conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

RATIONALE:

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U15 age category.**

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ Carried ☒ Amended ☐ Withdrawn ☐ Defeated

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #26

Chair: Motion 26 pertains to U17 A Special Playing Rules – Substitutions & Lin-up Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #26

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors Division Affiliation: All

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17A #5 – Substitution & Line-up Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

6. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.

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

ADD:

7. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.
All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.

RATIONALE

Proper Game Management.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #27

Chair: Motion 27 pertains to U17 A Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #27

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17A - Conference Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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

ADD:

6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

RATIONALE

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

AMENDMENT – 1st: Tony Kuleza, 2nd: Bobbi-Jo Guffei

RATIONALE:

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U17 age category.**

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☒ **X** **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #28

Chair: Motion 28 pertains to U17 AA Special Playing Rules – Inning Ending Game Flow brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #28

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17AA #2 – Inning Ending Game Flow.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

- 2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference. (See #6 – Conference Rule).**

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

REMOVE from U17AA SPRs.

RATIONALE

Consistency with U17 A and AAA and SC Rule Book.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #29

Chair: Motion 29 pertains to U17 AA Special Playing Rules – Substitutions & Line-Up Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Lucy Chura.

MOTION #29

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors Division Affiliation: All

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M19 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17AA #9 – Substitution & Line-up Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

9. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect.

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

9. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply. All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.

RATIONALE

Proper Game Management.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ Carried ☐ Amended ☐ Withdrawn ☐ Defeated

Vote: 22-0-2

Notice of Motion #30

Chair: Motion 30 pertains to U17 AA Special Playing Rules – Innings Pitched brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Bobbi-Jo Guffei.

MOTION #30

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors Division Affiliation: All

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M19 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17AA #8 – Innings Pitched.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

11. A pitcher may only pitch three (3) innings maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.

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

PLEASE REMOVE.

RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U17 – in A/AA/AAA.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 21-0-3

Notice of Motion #31

Chair: Motion 31 pertains to U17 AAA Special Playing Rules – Substitutions & Lin-up Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Tony Kuleza.

MOTION #31

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M19 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17AAA #5 – Substitution & Line-up Rule.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

1. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting **nine (9)**. Designated player and flex rules are in effect.

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

9. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect. Softball Canada Line-up is comprised of players currently in the game on offense and defence, including the DP and the Flex player. All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.

RATIONALE

Proper Game Management. Consistent with SC and WCSA Rules.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #32

Chair: Motion 32 pertains to U17 AAA Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Bobbi-Jo Guffei.

MOTION #32

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors Division Affiliation: All

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17AAA - Conference Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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

ADD:

6.The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

RATIONALE

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

AMENDMENT – 1st: Al Bruneau, 2nd: Lucy Chura

RATIONALE:

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U17 age category.**

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** Carried ☒ **X** Amended ☐ Withdrawn ☐ Defeated

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #33

Chair: Motion 33 pertains to U19 A Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Rafik Abi-Saleh.

MOTION #33

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors Division Affiliation: All

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M19 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U19A - Conference Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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

ADD:

6.The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

RATIONALE

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

AMENDMENT – 1st: Brad DeGraeve, 2nd: Rafik Abi-Saleh

RATIONALE:

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U19 age category.**

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **Carried** ☒ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #34

Chair: Motion 34 pertains to U19 AAA Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Bobbi-Jo Guffei.

MOTION #34

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

Page M20 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U19AAA - Conference Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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

ADD:

6.The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

RATIONALE

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

AMENDMENT – 1st: Kevin Lanthier, 2nd: Terry Wolowiec

RATIONALE:

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U19 age category.**

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried X Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 23-0-1

Notice of Motion #35

Chair: Motion 35 pertains to Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules – Length of Game brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2nd by Tony Kuleza.

MOTION #35

Division Operating Rules

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

Date: October 24-2023

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

#3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules – Length of Game
U11A (Page M12-1) U11AA (Page M13-1) U13A (Page M14-1) U13AA (Page M15-1) U15A (Page M16-1)
U15AA (Page M17-1) U17A (Page M18-1) U19A (Page M19-1)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Length of Game: Time limits begin with “Play Ball” (1st pitch).

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

Length of Game: **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.**

RATIONALE

Consistency with the Softball Canada Rule Book.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 22-1-1

Notice of Motion #36

Chair: Motion 36 pertains to AA/AAA Boundaries for tryouts brought forward by the MPSL. 1st by Al Bruneau and 2nd by Daphne Wiebe.

MOTION #36

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Kevin Lanthier **Division Affiliation:** Manitoba Premier Softball League (MPSL)

Date: October 26, 2023Da

REFERENCE: Page M2 Minor Division Operating Rules, 1. Registration 2. Classification - Boundaries

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Adding language

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

A player cannot attend multiple tryouts and must choose one team/catchment for the purpose of tryouts at the AAA & AA levels. (Exception. Grand fathered athletes)

RATIONALE

Regardless of living situation an athlete should not have the advantage of attending multiple tryouts due to family situation over someone that doesn't have that option.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #37

Chair: Motion 37 pertains to Manitoba Thunder/Interlake Philles AA/AAA boundaries brought forward by NESA. 1st by Lucy Chura and 2nd by Al Bruneau.

MOTION #37

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Daphne Wiebe, NESA President

Division Affiliation: Minor Division

Date: October 25, 2023

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

Minor Division Operating Rules – Page M2 – 2. Classification – Boundaries & Appendix

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

1. Classification - Boundaries:

i) The boundaries for Softball Manitoba's Minor "AAA" Rural Regional Organizations shall be those recognized by Softball Manitoba (as per Sport Manitoba's 2016 Rural Map/Boundaries). Players representing their Rural Regional Organizations must reside within these boundaries.

The boundary for Softball Manitoba's 4 Minor "AAA" Urban Regional Organizations is the City of Winnipeg within the Perimeter Highway. These four (4) Winnipeg Organizations that can obtain their players from the five (5) Winnipeg Softball Associations which are Bonivital, North East, North West, St. James and Winnipeg Southwest Youth. Players representing Urban Organizations must reside within the boundary of the City of Winnipeg abiding by Softball Manitoba's definition of the City boundaries which is the Municipal Wards as defined by the City of Winnipeg.

- In U13 AAA category if a particular region does not have a team in the player's category/classification, in which event the player may at their option to play for a team in a different region in the player's age category/classification.

- In U13 AAA category, a player is released from a team in the region in which they resides, in which case the player may play for a team in another region at their option, and the team from which the player is released shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the league, the transferred regional team and Softball Manitoba.

ii) Boundary for the A teams shall be the "Province of Manitoba". For these Purposes, the Community/Community Centre boundaries shall be those recognized by the rural Community Centers as their particular boundaries. A player shall play on the Community/Community Center team entered in the Softball Manitoba recognized Minor League from the particular area in which he or she resides, unless:

- That particular Community/Community Center does not have a team in the player's category, in which event the player may at their option play for any other team in the League in the player's age category.
- That League does not have a team in the player's category in which event the player at their option may play for any team in another League in the player's age category with proper approvals from both leagues.
- The player is released from the team in the League from the Community Center in the particular area in which they resides, in which case the player may play for any team in the League at their option from which the player is released shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the League, the transferred team and Softball Manitoba. The player is released from the Community Center team and the League in which case the player may play for any team in another League. Both the releasing team and the League shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the transferred team and the League and to Softball Manitoba for approval.

Coaches and Managers will be held responsible to ensure only eligible players are registered on team rosters. In the event of any discrepancies, a player's eligibility to play on a particular team, the Executive of the League will rule. Any coach who knowingly signs an ineligible player, the coach and the ineligible player may be subject to suspension.

iii) NEW Program in 2022 'AA' – Players registering 'A' are eligible to play 'AA' as well following their 'A' Club season – check RAMP 'AA' dropbox. 'AA' may include up to 3 teams per Age Category per Region. (as per the 8 regions defined within 'AAA').

AA Provincials to be scheduled in August and play will be restricted to specific nights and/or specific weekends so that A programs are not hampered. (Determined by Softball Manitoba Minor Committee).

The program will initially be implemented for a two-year period.

INFO ON WEBSITE:

Minor "AAA" Female Classification - Boundaries of Softball Manitoba:

The boundaries for Softball Manitoba's Minor "AAA" Rural Regional Organizations shall be those recognized by Softball Manitoba (as per Sport Manitoba's 2016 MB Games Rural Map/Boundaries). Players representing their Rural Regional Organizations must reside within these boundaries.

Urban Boundaries / Catchment Areas:

For this the City of Winnipeg is divided into 4 quadrants with each quarter representing the 4 current 'AAA' softball organizations. The following organizations would exist in the areas below:

Manitoba Angels - west of the Red River, north of the Assiniboine River, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the Westdale Community Club catchment.

Manitoba Thunder - East of the Red River, north of Provencher/Dugald Rd, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the South Transcona Community Club catchment.

Smittys Terminators - west of the Red River, south of the Assiniboine River, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg Lightning - East of the Red River, south of Provencher/Dugald Rd, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg

The Change for 2020:

The Urban Boundaries outlined above come into effect for the 2021 season. (Commencing Sept-2020)

All athletes playing in the 2020 season at all age groups would be grandfathered to their current organization regardless of their urban address. Once an athlete leaves the program they are grandfathered to - They must return to the organization in their catchment.

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

1. Classification - Boundaries:

i) The boundaries for Softball Manitoba's Minor "AAA" Rural Regional Organizations shall be those recognized by Softball Manitoba (as per Sport Manitoba's 2016 Rural Map/Boundaries). Players representing their Rural Regional Organizations must reside within these boundaries.

The boundary for Softball Manitoba's 4 Minor "AAA" Urban Regional Organizations is the City of Winnipeg within the Perimeter Highway. These four (4) Winnipeg Organizations that can obtain their players from the five (5) Winnipeg Softball Associations which are Bonivital, North East, North West, St. James and Winnipeg Southwest Youth. Players representing Urban Organizations must reside within the boundary of the City of Winnipeg abiding by Softball Manitoba's definition of the City boundaries which is the Municipal Wards as defined by the City of Winnipeg.

- In U13 AAA category if a particular region does not have a team in the player's category/classification, in which event the player may at their option to play for a team in a different region in the player's age category/classification.

• In U13 AAA category, a player is released from a team in the region in which they resides, in which case the player may play for a team in another region at their option, and the team from which the player is released shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the league, the transferred regional team and Softball Manitoba.

ii) Boundary for the A teams shall be the "Province of Manitoba". For these Purposes, the Community/Community Centre boundaries shall be those recognized by the rural Community Centers as their particular boundaries. A player shall play on the Community/Community Center team entered in the Softball Manitoba recognized Minor League from the particular area in which he or she resides, unless:

- That particular Community/Community Center does not have a team in the player's category, in which event the player may at their option play for any other team in the League in the player's age category.

- That League does not have a team in the player's category in which event the player at their option may play for any team in another League in the player's age category with proper approvals from both leagues.

- The player is released from the team in the League from the Community Center in the particular area in which they resides, in which case the player may play for any team in the League at their option from which the player is released shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the League, the transferred team and Softball Manitoba. The player is released from the Community Center team and the League in which case the player may play for any team in another League. Both the releasing team and the League shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the transferred team and the League and to Softball Manitoba for approval.

Coaches and Managers will be held responsible to ensure only eligible players are registered on team rosters. In the event of any discrepancies, a player's eligibility to play on a particular team, the Executive of the League will rule. Any coach who knowingly signs an ineligible player, the coach and the ineligible player may be subject to suspension.

iii) NEW Program in 2022 'AA' – Players registering 'A' are eligible to play 'AA' as well following their 'A' Club season – check RAMP 'AA' dropbox. 'AA' may include up to 3 teams per Age Category per Region. (as per the 8 regions defined within 'AAA').

AA Provincials to be scheduled in August and play will be restricted to specific nights and/or specific weekends so that A programs are not hampered. (Determined by Softball Manitoba Minor Committee). The program will initially be implemented for a two-year period.

INFO ON WEBSITE:

Minor "AAA" Female Classification - Boundaries of Softball Manitoba:

The boundaries for Softball Manitoba's Minor "AAA" Rural Regional Organizations shall be those recognized by Softball Manitoba (as per Sport Manitoba's 2016 MB Games Rural Map/Boundaries). Players representing their Rural Regional Organizations must reside within these boundaries.

Urban Boundaries / Catchment Areas:

For this the City of Winnipeg is divided into 4 quadrants with each quarter representing the 4 current 'AAA' softball organizations. The following organizations would exist in the areas below:

Manitoba Angels - west of the Red River, north of the Assiniboine River, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the Westdale Community Club catchment.

Manitoba Thunder - East of the Red River, north of Provencher/Dugald Rd, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the South Transcona Community Club catchment **and the Rural Municipality of East St Paul.**

Smittys Terminators - west of the Red River, south of the Assiniboine River, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg Lightning - East of the Red River, south of Provencher/Dugald Rd, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg

The Change for 2024:

The Urban Boundaries outlined above come into effect January 31, 2024.

All athletes listed on a AAA roster at all age groups prior to January 31, 2024, would be grandfathered to their current organization regardless of their urban/rural address. Once an athlete leaves the program they are grandfathered to - They must return to the organization in their catchment.

RATIONALE

There is significant inconsistency in the boundaries between “A”, “AA” and “AAA” teams in the northeast area of Winnipeg and surrounding areas. “A” teams within the NESA catchment include athletes from East St Paul. These athletes account for 26% of NESA athletes in the U11 to U19 Divisions. “AA” and “AAA” teams coming out of the NESA area are significantly constrained by the current boundaries, which do not include East St Paul. This is magnified because all “AA” athletes are required to also play on a “A” team. For East St Paul athletes, these two levels of teams are not based out of the same area, one in NESA, the other in Phillies area. As a result, NESA has not yet been able to field a “AA” team. Manitoba Thunder has struggled to form competitive teams, only being able to field a U15 and U17 team in the 2023 season. The future of competitive Softball in our area is heavily dependant on this boundary change.

We’ve worked hard to build a program in our area and have seen success at the “A” level. We would also like a chance to be successful at the “AA” and “AAA” level and we feel this boundary change would allow us that opportunity without hampering other areas. Last year, only a few East St Paul athletes played at the “AA” or “AAA” level. But more want to!

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote: 13-9-2

Motion #38 – Brought forth by Daphne Wiebe. Upon voting to accept the motion brought to the floor. The Delegates voted, 24-0-0 – 100%.

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

Page M17 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15 AA - Conference Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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

ADD:

9.The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of five conferences are allowed in a game. The sixth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

RATIONALE

Now consistent with U15 Softball Canada Rules.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☐ **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**

Vote – 22-0-2

11. Elections (Board of Directors and Advisory Board)

PRIOR TO ELECTIONS – Larry thanked Brady Woods (departing Director/VP) and Mike Fennessey (departing Advisory Board member).

- President – Larry Giesbrecht to serve as independent Chair for the Director and Advisory Board Elections.

Chair: We will now conduct the necessary elections and conclude this AGM with the following 6 Directors:

Currently In Place:

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| • Central Director: | Kristi Guilford - one (1) year left in term. (Serving to 2024). | |
| • Interlake Director: | Karli Reimer - one (1) year left in term. (Serving to 2024). | |
| • Parkland Director: | Greg Boden - two (2) year term. (serving to 2025). | Acclaimed. |
| • Westman Director: | Bev Neufeld - two (2) year term. (serving to 2025). | Acclaimed. |
| • WPG South Director: | Al Bruneau - one (1) year left in term. (Serving to 2024). | |

Move to Elect four (4) new Regional Directors as follows:

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| • Eastman Director: | one (1) year term. (Serving to 2024). | Vacant. |
| • Norman Director: | one (1) year term. (Serving to 2024). | Vacant. |
| • NW Ontario Director: | two (2) year term. (Serving to 2025). | Vacant. |
| • WPG North Director: | two (2) year term. (Serving to 2025). | Vacant. |

Elections Chair (Larry): We will now elect the Minor Advisory Board Position.

Minor Advisory Board Position – one (1) year left in term.

We have received the following valid nomination for the Minor Advisory Board Position:

- Brady Woods – acclaimed

Brady has accepted the nomination. In accordance with Section 5.07 of the SMB Bylaws, a Minor Advisory Board Member must receive a majority of all votes cast in order to be elected. Congratulations to Brady Woods who will serve the next year as Minor Advisory Board Representative.

VOTE ON MINOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER = 24-0-0 in favor.

Elections Chair (Larry): We will now elect the 2 Regional Directors beginning with Parkland and followed by Westman.

Parkland Director – two (2) year term.

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

- Greg Boden – acclaimed

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

VOTE ON PARKLAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 23-0-1 in favor.

Westman Director – two (2) year term.

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

- Bev Neufeld – acclaimed

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

VOTE ON WESTMAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 23-0-1 in favor.

Chair: Notified Membership that the elections are concluded and congratulated the newly elected Directors.

12. New Business

Chair: For the benefit of the members, a brief report on the following 4 Headings were provided to the Membership in The Supplementary Package. These are ALL available online at Softball Manitoba.

Softball Canada 2024 rules changes have not been released yet. Once they are received, they will be placed on the Softball Manitoba website.

The 4 included:

(a) Softball Manitoba AA Softball Program

More information available at, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/aa-softball>

(b) Softball Manitoba Mandatory Screening

More information available at, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/criminal-record-checks>

(c) Softball Manitoba Mandatory Respect in Sport Certification

More information available at, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/respect-in-sport>

(d) Softball Manitoba 2024 Competition Calendar

More information available at, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/2024-competition-calendar>

A final note from the President included that Softball Canada RULE 3.1.22 TEMPORARY RUNNER added as 3.1.23: A player who may run for the catcher or pitcher of record who is on base with two outs.

RATIONALE: Adopts new WBSC Rule (2022). Allows the use of the temporary runner for both the catcher and pitcher.

13. For The Good of The Association:

- Don thanked All those in Attendance (John Blacher, Scott Neiles, A League Presidents, AA Contacts, AAA President and Organizational Presidents, Clinicians, Provincial Hosts, Our UDC, Board and President and of course Staff for all their work & Assistance in making 2023 a Successful Softball Season.
- Softball Canada President spoke on behalf of the National Board & Staff in Thanking Softball MB for their support throughout the season – especially Blue Con Committee and Brandon's U15 Canadian Championship Host Committee.
- Frank Fargey, PUIC – congratulated All umpires that represented MB at Canadian Championships and congratulated Val Pelleck on her recent WBSC certification.
- The President remarked on losing two long time Softball Manitoba Volunteers (Evelyne Holenski and Charlie Kurtz) thanking them for their countless duties and all that they have contributed to the Sport of Softball.
- The President added that the U13 female component to the WCSCs will be held in conjunction with U13 males. SPR will be finalized in January. Discussion on what ball to use - 11 inch or 12.
- The President added Slo-Pitch Development in schools → mini school tournament for grades 5-6-7-8.
- The President asked the Membership how to keep males in Softball once they graduate from Timbits program. 25% of Timbits are male, where are they going?
- The President thanked Director Karli Reimer for our social media account set ups.

- The President notified the Membership that the Board will be actively seeking vacant board positions.
- The President thanked staff, board, coaches, athletes, parents and wished everyone Best of luck in the upcoming season.

14. 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 – 11:25 a.m.

1. Authorization

Submitted December 6, 2023

Don Klym – Executive Director



Larry Giesbrecht – President

