2023 SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Saturday, November 25, 2023
Sport Manitoba Conference Center
145 Pacific Avenue, Winnipeg

8:45 a.m.	Registration, Coffee, Donuts & Muffins
9:00 a.m.	Call to Order

- Determination of Voting Delegates — Don Klym
- Identification of Non-Voting Delegates — Don Klym
- Minutes of the 2022 AGM — Larry Giesbrecht
- President's Report — Larry Giesbrecht
- Executive Director's Report — Don Klym
- Regional Reports: — *Regional Directors:*
  - Central — Kristi Guilford
  - Eastman — Vacant
  - Interlake — Karli Reimer
  - Norman — Brady Woods
  - Northwest Ontario — Larry Giesbrecht
  - Parkland — Greg Boden
  - Westman — Bev Neufeld
  - Winnipeg North — Brady Woods
  - Winnipeg South — Al Bruneau
- Officials Report — Frank Fargey
- Development Reports — *Program Chairs:*
  - High Performance/Games/AAA — Brady Woods
  - AA Development Program — Greg Boden
  - Regional Skills Development Academy — Nicole Marcoux
- Competition Report — Don Klym
- Hall of Fame Report — Les Newman
- JBSC Report — Monte Miller
- Softball Manitoba Financial Statements — Don Klym
- Amendments to Bylaws, GOR, DOR — Larry Giesbrecht
- Regional Director Voting — Larry Giesbrecht
- Adjournment

The Annual Awards Presentation will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Sport Manitoba Conference Centre.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

October 25   All nominations for the position of Regional Director of Softball Manitoba (2 Year Term) must be submitted to the Softball Manitoba Office one (1) calendar month prior to the AGM. Regions open for nominations in 2023 (Odd Year) include Eastman, Norman, NW Ontario, Parkland, Westman, and Winnipeg North.

October 27   Notice of Motions to amend the Softball Manitoba Bylaws, General Operating Rules & Division Operating Rules must be submitted to Office by this date.

November 1   RSVP deadline for Softball Manitoba AGM.

November 3   Voting Delegates determined. Delegates carrying a vote as part of the Voting Structure will be notified.

November 15   AGM Package posted online and emailed to: Board, Advisory Board, A League Presidents, UDC, AAA Organization Presidents and Life Members. Package to include an updated AGM Notice of Meeting & Agenda, AGM Report Book and all submitted Motions to amend Softball Manitoba Bylaws, General Operating Rules & Division Operating Rules.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATION INFORMATION:

- Norman and Eastman are usually nominated in even years. Since both regions do not currently have a Regional Director and are vacant, they will be up for a 1-year term at the 2023 AGM.
- Regions open for nominations in 2023 (Odd Year) include Eastman (1-Yr Term), Norman (1-Yr Term), NW Ontario, Parkland, Westman and Winnipeg North.
- Candidates for Regional Directors must either be a permanent resident of the Region and have the support of at least one (1) A League or AAA Organization from the Region – or - may live outside the Region – but only if they receive unanimous support of all A League(s) / AAA Organization in the Region.
- If there are no nominees for a Regional Director position the Board of Directors will select a current Board Member to represent the region until the next AGM.
- Nominations for Regional Director must be submitted to Softball Manitoba one month prior to the AGM (Oct.25).
- All nominations must include:
  - A nomination in writing.
  - A written letter of acceptance by the nominee.
  - Detailed resume of softball and related activities **and a written letter of support from the league(s) nominating the candidate.**

AGM VOTING STRUCTURE:

Membership Voting Structure - The voting members for each Division at the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting of the **Members** will be as follows: (There will be a total of **30** voters **not including life members eligible to vote.** Any life members eligible to vote will be **entitled to one (1) vote each.)**

1. President – 1 Vote
2. Director Norman Region – 1 Vote
3. Director Parkland Region – 1 Vote
4. Director Westman Region – 1 Vote
5. Director Central Region – 1 Vote
6. Director Interlake Region – 1 Vote
7. Director Eastman Region – 1 Vote
8. Director NW Ontario Region – 1 Vote
9. Director Winnipeg North Region – 1 Vote
10. Director Winnipeg South Region – 1 Vote
11. Minor Advisory Board Representative – 1 Vote
12. Fast Pitch Advisory Board Representative – 1 Vote
13. Slo-Pitch Advisory Board Representative – 1 Vote
14. Provincial Umpire in Chief – 1 Vote
15. Officials Representative (Rural) – 1 Vote
16. Officials Representative (Urban) – 1 Vote
17. Officials Advisory Representative – 1 Vote
18-25. Members at Large – Minors (4/4 Split UR) – 8 Votes
26-28. Adult Members at Large - 3 Votes
29-30. Official Members at Large - (1/1 Split UR) – 2 Votes

The procedure for selecting Divisional Members At Large voting at the AGM will be as follows:

1. **Minor Division Softball – Members At Large**
    This Division includes the Timbits, U11, U13, U15, U17 and U19 (Female) / U20 (Male) categories. Considerations for Minor Member at Large would be an A League President (or designated League Executive Member) and/or AAA Organization Presidents. Equal representation with a focus on balance between Rural and Urban 'A' Leagues (including size / # of Teams).

2. **Adult Division – Members At Large**
    This Division includes all Adult Fast Pitch and Slo-Pitch categories. These Members at Large votes are the additional representatives to carry their vote at the Annual General Meeting. Selected Members at Large will be League Presidents or other League Executives. Selections are based on League size (# of Teams), Softball MB involvement and regionalization. Equal representation will be noted with a focus on balance between Rural and Urban and Recreation and Elite.

3. **Officials Division– Members At Large**
    The Provincial Umpire in Chief and UDC shall select one (1) rural and one (1) urban representative to carry their vote at the Annual General Meeting as Officials Members at Large.