

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 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
 - Identification of Non-Voting Delegates
 - Minutes of the 2022 AGM
 - President's Report
 - Executive Director's Report
 - Regional Reports:
 - o Central
 - o Eastman
 - o Interlake
 - o Norman
 - Northwest Ontario
 - Parkland
 - o Westman
 - Winnipeg North
 - o Winnipeg South
 - Officials Report
 - Development Reports
 - High Performance/Games/AAA
 - AA Development Program
 - Regional Skill Development Academy
 - Competition Report
 - Hall of Fame Report
 - JBSC Report
 - Softball Manitoba Financial Statements
 - Amendments to Bylaws, GOR, DOR
 - Regional Director Voting
 - Adjournment

Don Klym Don Klym Larry Giesbrecht Larry Giesbrecht Don Klym Regional Directors: Kristi Guilford Vacant Karli Reimer **Brady Woods** Larry Giesbrecht Greg Boden **Bev Neufeld** Brady Woods Al Bruneau Frank Fargey Program Chairs: **Brady Woods** Greg Boden Nicole Marcoux Don Klym Les Newman Monte Miller Don Klym Larry Giesbrecht Larry Giesbrecht



SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2022 MINUTES



SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 26, 2022



Present:

VOTING DELEGATES:

Larry Giesbrecht Lucy Chura Kevin Lanthier Tara Conrad Marc Lyver Brady Woods Bob Lanoie Frank Fargey Blaine Shewchuk (Chair) Kristi Guilford Bev Neufeld Les Newman Rheal Chaput Val Pelleck Terry Wolowiec Ian Proven Mike Klassen

Al Bruneau Daphne Wiebe Brenda Woods Mike Fennessy Rafik Abi-Saleh Brad DeGraeve Bobbi-Jo Guffei Noelle Cunningham

OBSERVERS:

Paul Fazio Yvan Freynet Sarah Shotton Jeremy Lough

SPORT MB Pat Kirby JBSC Monte Miller

Grant Cobb

Neal Wirgua

Karli Reimer

Greg Bouchard

STAFF Don Klym Leigh Decker

Kirt Swanson

Christine Wirgua

Ian Cunningham

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, Pat Kirby – Our Sport MB Consultant.

Chair Announced the voting scrutineers for today's meeting. (Don Klym - Executive Director of Softball MB and Leigh Decker - Finance & Administration Manager - 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 (2-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: 25 voting delegates in attendance.

Chair: Section 3.05 of the Softball MB Bylaws state, "A Quorum at any General Meeting shall be a simple majority at all times of the voting Delegates in good standing attending the General Meeting". I hereby declare that there is a quorum and that this Special Meeting of the Softball MB members is in session.

4. Identification of Non-Voting Delegates

Don: 15 observers in attendance.

5. Minutes of the 2021 AGM and 2022 Special AGM

Chair: A copy of the minutes from the November 27, 2021, members meeting have been circulated to the members in advance of this meeting. As well as a copy of the minutes from the August 24, 2022 (Special AGM) members meeting is part of AGM 2022 Package #2. I will note that the 2022 SAGM Minutes were not specifically referenced in the circulated agenda, but we will also approve those minutes today as it is our duty to do so. If there any questions about this or objections to approving both sets of minutes, please raise those questions or concerns now.

Chair: Are there any corrections to the November 27, 2021 AGM minutes?

There were 'No Objections' to the November 27, 2021 AGM Minutes.

Chair: With No objections by the members, the minutes of the November 27, 2021 AGM are approved. **Chair:** Are there any corrections to the August 24, 2022 Special AGM minutes? Kevin - Yes.

Motion to Amend the Aug 24-2022 Special AGM Minutes Kevin Lanthier/Bobbi-Jo Guffei

- Amendment #1 = Update date as August 24 (not 25th).
- Correction on Page 2 #4 Motion 4.

Currently Reads – "Prior to reading out the following Motion, Presenter MPSL President Kevin Lathier asked for a 15-minute recess to meet with his Executive to Amend MPSL Motion #1. The 15-minute recess request was denied and 1 minute was provided for the Amendment to be read. The MPSL was instructed prior to the Meeting to have any amendments prepared and ready to present immediately. Hearing that the Presenter stated that the League will go through with Motion #1 as presented to the Membership – without the Amendment.

Change to Read: The Chair noted that the Motion conflicted with the existing SORs. Presenter MPSL President Kevin Lanthier asked for a short recess to meet with his Executive to Amend MPSL Motion #1. The 'short' recess request was denied and 1 minute was provided for the Amendment to be read. Hearing that the Presenter stated that the League will go through with Motion #1 as presented to the Membership – without the Amendment.

Chair: The revisions have been noted. If there are no objections by the members, the minutes of the August 24, 2022 Special AGM will be approved as revised. I will note that there is no other Business Arising from either of these minutes.

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
 - CANPitch Greg Bouchard
 - TOBACatch Hailey Unger
 - Competition Report Don Klym
- Hall of Fame Report- Les Newman

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 2022 Reports.

7. JBSC Financial Statements (Monte Miller)

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

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

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
2nded -	Frank Fargey

Carried - 23-0-2

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

Notice of Motion #1

Chair: Motion 1 pertains to the Fill Rule and brought forward by MPSL President **Kevin Lanthier**. 2nded by **Brady Woods**.

NOTICE OF MOTION - #1

Division Operating RulesSubmitted by: Kevin LanthierDivision Affiliation: Manitoba Premier Softball League (MPSL)Date: October 28, 2022

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.) Minor Division Operating Rules – Registration Page M4 F. Fill Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

F. Fill Rule

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

Maximum Fill Players per Team:

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

Fill Rule Tracking Information Required:

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

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

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

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

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

Effective January 31, 2023

F. Fill Rule

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

Maximum Fill Players per Team:

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

Decision Making Authority:

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

Fill Rule Tracking Information Required:

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

- Completed release form signed by the League/Organization President requesting the release of the player and the League/Organization President releasing the player.
- The Player Release Form can be found on our website under FORMS.

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

RATIONALE

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

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: __X_ Carried ____ Amended ____ Withdrawn ____ Defeated

VOTE ON MOTION #1 = 20-3-2

Notice of Motion #2

Chair: Motion 2 pertains to the Provincial Competition Pick ups and brought forward by Al Bruneau. 2nded by Daphne Wiebe.

NOTICE OF MOTION - #2

MOTION #2 - Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: "A" League Presidents (WSWYSA, NESA, Bonivital, St James, Seine River) Division Affiliation: Minor Division Date: October 24, 2022

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.) M9 - F. Provincial Competition - Pickups

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

- 1. All Minor teams must compete in Provincial Championship with its registered players.
- 2. If a team entered in the Provincial Championship may add a maximum of three (3) pickup players to bring its roster up to eleven (11) players.
- 3. Pickup players must come from a team:
 - a. Registered with Softball Manitoba.
 - b. Within the same Community/Community Club.
 - c. A Classification pickup players may only come from the same classification (A).
 - d. All A Classification pickup players must come from A classification in the same or lower Age category. Clarification: AAA Classification players may not be picked up.
- 4. If no pickup players are available that meet the criteria, the team may request permission to pick up players meeting the criteria from the nearest community club, community, League or Region at the discretion of the Minor Committee.
- 5. All pickups must have approval prior to the Provincial. Teams must notify the Softball Manitoba office of their approved pick-ups prior to the Provincial.
- 6. Players may only participate in one Minor provincial/year. Exception Rural double-rostered players can play in two classifications (AAA & A) and only with the teams they are registered with.

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

- 1. All Minor teams must compete in Provincial Championship with its registered players.
- 2. If a team entered in the Provincial Championship may add a maximum of four (4) pickup players to bring its roster up to twelve (12) players.
- 3. Pickup players must come from a team:
 - a. Registered with Softball Manitoba.
 - b. Within the same Community/Community Club.
 - c. A Classification pickup players may only come from the same classification (A).
 - d. All A Classification pickup players must come from A classification in the same or lower Age category. Clarification: AAA Classification players may not be picked up.
- 4. If no pickup players are available that meet the criteria, the team may request permission to pick up players meeting the criteria from the nearest community club, community, League or Region at the discretion of the Minor Committee.
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- 6. Players may only participate in one Minor provincial/year. Exception Rural double-rostered players can play in two classifications (AAA & A) and only with the teams they are registered with.

RATIONALE

To mirror / reflect changes to Fill Policy.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

VOTE ON MOTION #2 = 21-0-4

Notice of Motion #3

Chair: Motion 3 pertains to the Boundaries and brought forward by Al Bruneau. 2nded by Daphne Wiebe.

NOTICE OF MOTION - #3

MOTION #3 - Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: "A" League Presidents (WSWYSA, NESA, Bonivital, St James, Seine River) Division Affiliation: Minor Division Date: October 24, 2022

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.) Minor Division Operating Rules – Page M2 – 2. Classification – Boundaries & Appendix (website link)

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.
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 - 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 reside, 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 shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the transferred 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:
- iii) 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.
 - iv) 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.

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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 **and the Rural Municipalities of West St. Paul, Cartier, St. Francois-Xavier and Rosser.**

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 Municipalities of East St. Paul and Springfield.**

Smittys Terminators - west of the Red River, south of the Assiniboine River, (excluding the Westdale Community Club catchment) as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the Rural Municipality of Macdonald.

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

Central: Adding athletes residing in the Rural Municipality of Glenboro-South Cypress. The Change for 2023:

The Urban Boundaries outlined above come into effect January 31, 2023.

All athletes **listed on a AAA roster** at all age groups **prior to January 31, 2023**, 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

Based on feedback and information provided by parents, "A" league Presidents, those involved in formation and development of "AA" programming, "AAA" organizations and a review of the players being released since 2020 these changes would reduce confusion regarding progression through "A" to "AAA" development and allow greater opportunities to establish and maintain programming in the Minor Division.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS:	Carried	Amended	Withdrawn _	_X	Defeated	
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VOTE ON MOTION #3 = 6–9-10

Notice of Motion #4

Chair: Motion 4 pertains to the Border Rule and brought forward by Softball MB's Board of Directors.

NOTICE OF MOTION - #4

Motion #4 – General Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors Division Affiliation: Minor Division Date: October 28, 2022

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

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

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Softball Manitoba has adopted The Border Rule and is part of the same agreement that Softball Saskatchewan has with Softball Alberta. The rule is as follows: The Border Rule – or - Boundary Border Rule – (applies to Players that reside within 40 km of the border) that allows players who are residents of Saskatchewan (and Northern Ontario) to apply to us to play in a neighboring Province. The players must apply by May

15th. Once Softball Manitoba receives the application it will check with the neighboring Province (Saskatchewan) to see if they would allow the player to register with them. Players who reside in Manitoba who do not apply to play in a neighboring Province would be suspended should we find they have registered in another

Province. This rule applies to adult players as well as minor players. This rule can also work in the reverse manner allowing Manitoba players that reside within 40 km of the border to apply to play in Saskatchewan.

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

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

RATIONALE

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

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: __X_ Carried ___ Amended ___ Withdrawn ___ Defeated

VOTE ON MOTION #4 = 23–0-2

Notice of Motion #5

Chair: Motion 5 pertains to Representation to Canadian Championships and brought forward by Softball MB's Board of Directors.

NOTICE OF MOTION - #5

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors Division Affiliation: Minor Division Date: October 28, 2022

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

Minor Division Operating Rules Page M6

2. Representation to Canadian, Western Canadians or Provincials

1.Provincial Representation - b. iii

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

2.1.b.iii - The three highest ranking teams in the Provincial Championship will represent the Province at the Canadian Championships. The next two highest ranking teams in the Provincial Championship will represent the Province in the WCSC. EXCEPTION – Event Hosts. In special circumstances where the host of the Canadian Championships and/or Western Canadians are looking for more teams, there may be the possibility that another Manitoba team may attend these championships. This will be decided on an event basis by the Minor Committee.

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

2.1.b.iii - The **two** highest ranking teams in the Provincial Championship will represent the Province at the Canadian Championships. The next two highest ranking teams in the Provincial Championship will represent the Province in the WCSC. EXCEPTION – Event Hosts. In special circumstances where the host of the Canadian Championships and/or Western Canadians are looking for more teams, there may be the possibility that another Manitoba team may attend these championships. This will be decided on an event basis by the Minor Committee.

RATIONALE

Reducing the number of teams attending Canadian and Western Canadian Championships will provide a stronger competitive environment for those teams competing to represent the Province (as per Sport MB's Performance Pathway regarding AAA classified programs). This will also allow for a larger pool of available athletes to be "picked up" by teams that are representing the Province at a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ___X Carried ____ Amended ____ Withdrawn ____ Defeated

VOTE ON MOTION #5 = 21–1-3

11. Elections (Board of Directors and Association President)

PRIOR TO ELECTIONS – Larry thanked Blaine Shewchuk and Bob Lanoie (departing Directors). And Terry Wolowiec (departing Advisory Board member). Elections

- President Larry Giesbrecht to serve as independent Chair for the Directors Elections.
- Vice President Brady Woods to serve as independent Chair for the Presidential Election.

Chair: At the 2021 October Special Meeting of the Members, members adopted the proposed revisions to the Softball Manitoba Bylaws, which included changes to the Board composition as well as a Temporary Bylaw (Article 14) to assist with the transition from the current Board composition to the new Board composition. In accordance with Section 14.3 of the Temporary Bylaw, we will conduct the necessary elections and conclude this AGM with the following 6 Directors:

Currently In Place:

- Parkland Director Greg Boden (serving to 2023).
- Westman Director Bev Neufeld (serving to 2023).

- Winnipeg North Director Brady Woods (serving to 2023).
- Norman Director two (2) year term. Vacant.
- NW Ontario Director one (1) year term. Vacant.

Move to Elect three (3) new Regional Directors as follows:

- Interlake Director Karli Reimer two (2) year term. (Serving to 2024). Acclaimed.
- Central Director Kristi Guilford two (2) year term. (Serving to 2024). Acclaimed.
- Wpg South Director Al Bruneau- two (2) year term. (Serving to 2024). Acclaimed.

Vacant.

Eastman Director – two (2) year term. (Serving to 2024).

Elections Chair (Larry): We will now elect the 3 Regional Directors beginning with Interlake and followed by Central and Winnipeg South.

Interlake Director – two (2) year term.

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

• Karli Reimer – new nominee

Karli 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 Karli Reimer who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Interlake.

VOTE ON INTERLAKE REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 24-0-1

Central Director - two (2) year term.

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

• Kristi Guilford – Acclaimed.

Kristi 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 Kristi Guilford who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Central.

VOTE ON CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 24-0-1

Winnipeg South Director - two (2) year term.

We have received the following valid nomination for the Winnipeg South Director position:

• Al Bruneau – Acclaimed.

Al 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 Al Bruneau who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Winnipeg South.

VOTE ON WINNIPEG SOUTH REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 24-0-0

Norman Director – two (2) year term.

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

NW Ontario Director – one (1) year term.

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

Association President's Seat – three (3) year term.

VP Brady Woods to serve as independent Chair for the Presidential Election.

We have received the following valid nomination for the Softball MB President Position:

• Larry Giesbrecht – Acclaimed.

Larry has accepted the nomination. In accordance with Section 5.07 of the SMB Bylaws, The President must receive a majority of all votes cast in order to be elected. Congratulations to Larry Giesbrecht who will serve the next three years as President of Softball Manitoba.

VOTE ON ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT = 23-0-0

Brady congratulated Larry and passed the gavel back to The Chair.

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 5 Headings were provided to the Membership in The Supplementary Package. These are ALL available online at Softball Manitoba.

No questions were asked on any of the 5 topics.

The 5 included:

(a) Softball Canada Rules Changes. More information available at https://softball.ca/agm

(b) 2023-24 Coach Plan on Background Screening (as per 2023 RAMP REGISTRATION). More information available at <u>https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/policies</u>

(c) Safe Sport

More information available at https://softball.ca/safesport

(d) Inclusion, Diversity and Access

More information available at https://softball.ca/policies/inclusiondiversity

(e) RAMP Gender Identity

CHAIR notified that any discrepancies on Registration/Rosters/Gender Eligibility between League Play and Provincial Play would be the responsibility of the League to ensure that teams are registered properly entering Provincial Play.

13. Adjournment

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

Adjourned.

1. Authorization

Submitted November 28, 2022

Don Klym – Executive Director

Larry Giesbrecht – President



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Softball Manitoba continues to work on our programs to meet the needs of our athletes, coaches and umpires while also working to ensure that we have policies, procedures and operating rules required to meet the requirements of our various sport partners and governing bodies. The annual general meeting is an opportunity to update and inform our membership of the work that has been ongoing over the past year.

This year Softball Manitoba had to make the difficult decision to step away from the operation of the John Blumberg Softball Complex (JBSC) and turn operations back over to the City of Winnipeg. The decision was not an easy one but as a Provincial Sports Organization it was decided that being a facility manager is not part of our mandate. Our mandate is to provide programming to our membership and to promote the sport across the Province. The loss of the facilities at JBSC has allowed other communities in Manitoba the opportunity to host events and to showcase Softball to a more widespread audience. Thank you to those that have taken on these events.

Thank you to all our athletes, coaches, umpires, clinicians and volunteers for their contributions to the continued growth and development of our programs, leagues and the sport of Softball, without you we would not have the opportunity to succeed.

I want to thank our Board of Directors, our Advisory, Development and Hall of Fame Committees for their work in supporting the past, present, and future of our sport. Your work often takes place in the background, but it does not go unrecognized. We continue to work on developing the working relationships between the various leagues and organizations (both Minor and Adult) and their Regional Directors.

Thank you to our office staff, Don, Leigh, and Monte for everything they did to ensure we had the administrative support and assistance needed to navigate through the program requirements and compliances needed for Sport Manitoba, Provincial and Federal programs. The work they do often goes unnoticed; it goes unnoticed because they do it so well.

Thank you to our Host Committees for our AA Showcase events and for our various Provincial Championships for all their work in providing the opportunity for our athletes to participate in these events. Congratulations to our Provincial Champions and all those that participated in these events.

Congratulations to those teams that had the opportunity to represent Manitoba at either a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship. Manitoba medaled at a number of these Championships and the teams are recognized on our website and in the AGM booklet.

Congratulations to Brandon and their committee on a successful U15 Girls Canadian Championships as well as to Winkler and their committee on the U17 Girls Western Canadian Championships. I had an opportunity to attend both events and based on what I saw and the people I spoke with, these events were very well received. I look forward to Manitoba hosting many more Canadian and Western Canadian Championships.

Congratulations to our Softball Manitoba Umpires for hosting the delayed, but much anticipated Blue Convention. The event was a huge success and offered an opportunity for our Umpires to showcase the development of our programs to the nation. The mentorship that was offered by our senior umpires to our younger umpires was clearly on display at the event and we are seeing the benefit of these types of events here in Manitoba. Congratulations to Frank Fargey on his International assignment, Frank will be working games in New Zealand in January/February of 2024.

Congratulations to Val Pelleck for attaining her WBSC certification.

Congratulations to Nikki Marcoux and her team of clinicians for a successful year at the Softball Manitoba Academy. Nikki and her team have been working to transition this into a truly "Made in Manitoba" program that offers opportunities to athletes from grassroots to high performance, I look forward to seeing this program grow as we move forward.

Congratulations to Zoe Hicks for her selection to the National Team program, it is always good to see athletes from Manitoba get an opportunity to represent Canada.

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

Thank you to our major sponsors, Rawlings, Worth and Awards and More for their continued support.

This year also saw our softball community lose Evelyne Holenski, she was a fixture at the ballpark and was not only a supporter of our sport but also a builder who was recognized nationally. Our condolences go out to Roy and his family.

In closing I just want to say that I look forward to continuing to work with our Softball community to continue to find ways to work towards offering the opportunity to play Softball to a greater audience. We will continue to work towards growing our male programming and at ways to include slo-pitch programs into our offerings.

Our Board of Directors are among the best volunteer group in the province and are truly dedicated to finding ways to improve how we operate. I encourage everyone to take the time to speak with your representatives (league, organization, and Regional Directors) and share some thoughts about both our successes and possible improvements.

Thank you again to everyone and I wish all the best for the coming season.

Larry Giesbrecht President Softball Manitoba



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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✤ REGISTRATION

• 2019 – 2023 Registration Trends. Softball Manitoba registered 536 teams in 2023. Here is an overview of the last 5 years of registrations at Softball Manitoba:

DIVISION	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Plus/minus from 2022				
MINORS	405	227	186	443	489		+46			
FAST PITCH	42	42	34	32	28		-4			
SLO-PITCH	81	50	33	35	19		-16			
TOTAL TEAMS	528	319	253	500	536		+6			
UMPIRES	244	135	140	168	204		+36			
2023 Classification	on Fer	nale	Male	Coed	20	23 Players	F	М	Non- Binary	Total
Minor Teams	3	47	16	126	Tir	nbits	1215	321	0	1536
Fast Pitch Teams	1	3	2	0	Mi	nor	3295	441	2	3738
Slo-Pitch Teams		0	0	19	Fa	st Pitch	276	98	0	374
Orthodox		3	0	10	Slo	o-Pitch	50	269	0	319
Umpires	8	31	122	1	То	tal	4836	1129	2	5967

*** MARKETING – PROMOTING SOFTBALL MANITOBA**

- Annual Awards Player, Coach, Team, Official and Volunteer Annual Awards & Recognition.
- **RAMP Database** RAMP (includes all our players, coaches, and umpires) with improved access to our membership. Improvements include online registration and other opportunities.
- Media Conferences/Releases to announce Hall of Fame Inductees, hosting Major events, etc.
- Softball Canada TV Ads A great Marketing Tool and viewed by many of our Membership.
- Softball MB Hall of Fame and Museum Annual Induction Dinner. Museum open May-Sept.
- Sponsorship Promotion Major Sponsors are included on Travel T-shirts and Development Camp T-shirts. Major Sponsors include Worth-Rawlings-Worth-Miken-Easton and Awards & More. These 2 and our secondary sponsors are promoted in our Information Handbook, Website, Major Events, Provincials and Coach and Umpire Clinics
- Travel Team Recognition T-shirts, Pins and Funding for Provincial Champs & Travel Teams.
- Softball Manitoba Website Up to date information for our Membership and a place for our Membership to share important Softball information/news.

COMPETITION

• In 2023 Manitoba hosted/participated:

- Softball MB hosted 21 Provincial Championships (18 Minor / 3 Adult).

- 224 teams participated in our Provincial Championships. (as compared to 183 in 2022).

- In 2024 Manitoba is scheduled to host:
 - The U13 Male Western Canadian Fast Pitch Championships.
 - The Masters Male & Female Western Canadian Fast Pitch Championships.

COACH DEVELOPMENT

• NCCP 2023:

- Community Softball Clinics – Twelve clinics were held. 131 coaches were Certified.

- Competition Introduction Softball Clinics – Four virtual clinics were held with a total of 39 coaches in attendance. We were able to hold more clinics (with smaller #s) by hosting "Hybrid" Comp-Intro clinics that were partially virtual and partially in-person. Three hybrid-on field clinics were held with a total of 34 coaches in attendance.

- Competition Introduction On-Field Evaluations – 13 coaches were Evaluated.

• Respect in Sport:

Respect In Sport is an on-line training course for Coaches (and now Parents) designed to assist them in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment and bullying in sport. Softball Manitoba made this mandatory for all coaches registered with our Provincial Sport Organization with certification renewal requirements every 5 years.

• Coach Screening:

Starting in 2022 Softball Manitoba implemented criminal record checks (valid for 5 years) as part of our registration process. Our Board and Staff were the first to complete it, followed by all coaches competing in Provincials leading to Westerns and Canadians, all Travel Umpires, all our Clinicians as well as Coaches on any teams applying for Travel Permits. In 2023 a total of 712 coaches were successfully screened out of 940 that registered as a requirement for ALL Softball MB registered Coaches.

• Long Term Player Development:

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

* PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Softball Manitoba Regional Skills Development Academy: (*New for 2023) This past winter Softball MB ran our initial Regional Skills Development Academy for 12 weeks between January – April 2023. Similar to Softball Canada's program, our academy included defensive, offensive, pitching, and catching instruction as well as Sport Psychology. Three Classifications of Training were offered (levels included Grassroots, Competitive and High Performance) and open to the first 100 participants that registered. 104 athletes went through the program (30 A / 12 'AA'/62 AAA players) that included Defensive, Offensive, Pitching, Catching instruction, Strength and Conditioning and Sport Psychology and some intro to High Performance for those athletes looking forward to the 2024 MB Games and 2025 Canada Summer Games. Following the Development program (March 2023), Competition included Travel to Georgia with the U15 group and travel to Missouri with the U13 & U17 teams (April-2023). Team selections matched US age categories as opposed to MB age categories resulting in a closer match in competition level.

• Canpitch:

Clinics included a spring and summer clinic then followed by Team training between October to April. Currently at 4 'trained' CP instructors. 244 participants went through the program in 2023.

• Tobacatch:

We offer 2 excellent stages of Catching Development Programs (TOBACatch & TOBACatch Advanced). The TOBACatch Program covers Stance, Shifting, Receiving, Framing. Blocking, Throwing, Bunts Catcher's Responsibilities. Content of TOBACatch Advanced includes everything in Program 1 at an advanced level plus works on Passed Balls, Plays at Home, Pop ups, catching various pitches, Calling a game, and various defensive Drills for catchers.

• Sport Manitoba Softball Bilateral Development Program:

The BDP is a Sport Manitoba program we are involved with to develop coaches, officials and athletes in the Inner City and remote areas of Manitoba. Our objective is to continue to assist anyway possible beginning with removing barriers such as racism and cultural sensitivity and increasing development at the introductory level. Softball Manitoba worked with MASRC to help prepare for the 2023 North American Indigenous Games and provided equipment and various clinicians to help evaluate the tryouts.

• Inner City Programs:

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

• Sport Manitoba Sports Camps:

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

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

*** OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT**

- National Officials Certification Program In 2023 Manitoba certified 204 Officials (+36 officials).
- Blue Convention Winnipeg 2023 Softball Canada and the Softball MB UDC performed an excellent job hosting 100s of Officials all across Canada with a weekend of Umpire Development, friendship and memories that will be valued for the remainder of the careers.

✤ 2023 SOFTBALL CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES

CHALLENGES:

- John Blumberg Softball Complex. After 30 years of what was once a World Class venue, repair and maintenance costs were heavily outweighed by any funding available – including the city and/or Province. Reviewing all of this over the past 2 years with the City of Winnipeg left our Board with a tough decision - not renewing the Ball Park's lease.
- Balancing Minor Division Operating Rules between Grassroots programs/leagues AND Elite Leagues and Organizations so that BOTH levels can continue to grow at a productive rate.
 A League competition at Provincials have become a little unbalanced at the U11 and U13 categories to the point where we may need to return to our past 'Sunday Splits' where we have a competitive playoff bracket for the top teams and a recreation (or consolation) bracket for the remaining teams. A serious review with our Membership is required here.
 AA in its infant stage is struggling to break out on its own and is currently caught in requiring A support with a desire to compete on its own.

AAA has its flaws as well – as Softball MB attempts to assist all 8 AAA Organizations in fielding teams in all 4 Age Categories (U13/U15/U17/U19).

 Those we lost in 2023. Filling the gaps left behind of those greatly experienced Softball Leaders we lost this past year. Rest in Peace Evelyne, Charlie and the others that have passed in 2023. Thank You for all you have done in building our Sport – You are truly missed.

SUCCESSES:

- AA Softball. This is a new development program originally designed to bridge the skill gap between the A and AAA categories. The vision was to create a competitive program giving grassroots players (A) and coaches an opportunity to be involved in a more competitive environment while advancing skill level and knowledge of the sport with an extended season. While still suffering growing pains, this new program is growing at an aggressive rate to the point where the classification is getting to the point where it is almost ready to survive on its own without the support of the A classification. This past year we had 30 teams (368 players) participating in the AA Provincials. (U11 to U17). In those same Age Categories 125 teams competed in A. (Outstanding!) With 45 teams in the U11A draw, 37 teams in U13A, 28 teams in U15A and 15 teams in U17A are we ready to separate AA from A? If we don't and continue on as combined Zone playdowns might have to return to keep the tournament numbers down to a total where we can get through a weekend without time concerns. A great problem to have.
- Softball Manitoba Umpire Development Committee Total Success! Year after Year this group does an outstanding job with Officials Development, Mentoring and Evaluating, League play, Promoting Umpire Recruitment and Retention, Coordinating and Preparing umpires for Westerns and Canadian Assignments, Formulating Advancement Opportunities, Supervising and working Provincial Championships, assisting in Dispute Resolution, and assisting the Softball MB Board and Staff with Membership questions concerning Rule Interpretations, etc. Softball MB as a whole would suffer dearly without this Committee.

They continue to be the envy of Softball Committees across Canada and are looked upon heavily for direction by several other Sports within Sport Manitoba.

The Membership and Softball Manitoba's Leadership Group. Our successes revolve around the work put in by our League Executives, Provincial Host Committees, our Volunteer Groups, our superb Sponsors and of course the Players, Coaches and Officials who continue to work hard in putting a good product on the diamond. Together their incredible commitment along with the cooperation and commitment of our Board & Staff, Softball Canada, Sport Law and Sport MB has continued to increase our Team Registration and the Quality of our Sport.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Klym Executive Director





REGISTRATION REPORT

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TEAM REGISTRATION COMPARISON (10 YEARS)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Teams	503	539	534	529	535	528	319	250	510	536
Minor Females	291	312	308	310	310	316	172	172	327	347
Minor Males	4	26	23	21	20	27	25	15	22	16
Minor Mixed	62	48	48	32	57	62	30	0	94	126
Women's Fast Pitch	23	14	18	28	16	18	10	10	12	13
Men's Fast Pitch	0	9	5	6	4	6	8	4	3	2
Orthodox Fast Pitch	24	27	28	21	26	18	24	17	17	13
Women's Slo-Pitch	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
Men's Slo-Pitch	22	23	28	34	26	17	6	0	0	0
Co-Ed Slo-Pitch	76	80	75	76	75	63	44	32	34	19

2024 FEE STRUCTURE (all fees includes GST):

CATEGORY	TEAM REGISTRATON FEE
Timbits	\$25/player
Minors	\$35/player
Adult Fast Pitch & Slo-Pitch	\$35/player
Senior Slo-Pitch	\$25/player

2024 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FEES (all fees include GST):

TEAM REGISTRATON FEE	CATEGORY
\$400.00	Minor A Female
\$450.00	Minor AA Female
\$450.00	Minor AAA Female & Male
\$450.00	Adult Fast Pitch & Slo-Pitch
\$250.00	55+ Slo-Pitch

UMPIRE REGISTRATION COMPARISON (5 YEARS)

YEAR	NO. REGISTERED
2024	204
2023	168
2022	140
2020	143
2019	244

2024 UMPIRE REGISTRATION FEES (all fees include GST):

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



REGIONAL REPORTS

CENTRAL REGION

The Central Region was pleased to see lots of teams registered again for the 2023 season. In the U11 A-U19 A age categories, we registered 65 teams with league tournaments being held for each age category. We also had many young players, both male and female registered in our younger LTP programs that practiced and played house-league games.

Our AA Central Charge program was pleased to register at least one team at each available age category, and two in the U13 category, while our Central Energy AAA club hosted a team at each age category as well.

		Age Category					
Category	U11	U13	U15	U17	U19	Totals	
A (Mac Minor Ball)	3	3	3	1		10	
A (Tiger Hills league)	20	14	12	ç	9	55	
AA (Central Charge)	1	2	1	1	n/a	5	
AAA (Central Energy)	n/a	1	1	1	1	4	

The Central Region was host to 5 Provincials competitions this year, moving across the region to Carman (U11 AA), Rock Lake (U17 AA), La Salle (U17 A), Winkler (U19 A) and Portage la Prairie (U19 AAA). We also hosted the U17 Western Canadian Championships, which brought out of province teams from Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC to Winkler for a 4-day Championship playdown.

Along with hosting Provincial and Western Canadian Championships, various league and exhibition tournaments were hosted around the region.

Many of the individual ball clubs in the region were also busy hosting development clinics. This included local ball club volunteers running skills, hitting, pitching and catching clinics, our AA coaches hosting clinics and our U19 AAA players hosting camps and private clinics, as well as some guest clinicians throughout the winter months.

We are very pleased to have the new MEC indoor turf facility and we have really noticed the improvement in skill this season with players being able to take advantage of having good indoor space for winter development. Winkler Minor ball has definitely used this to their advantage and created a very strong softball program winning most league tournaments and doing very well in provincial tournaments.

AA report:

Our AA coaching staff, lead by Keith Graham, hosted 5 skill session clinics in February and March. This was open to all age and skill levels and was well attended with roughly 85 girls registered. U15 hosted an exhibition tournament in Carman this year. This was a great warm up for all teams involved, prior to their provincial weekend.

There was a lot of excitement this year for AA, and we are proud to say that our Central Charge AA teams medaled at Provincials in each age category! The consensus at the end of the season from parents, players, as well as coaches, was that they would like to see the AA program expand even more in the coming years.

AAA Report:

Our Central Energy teams practiced throughout the winter, with many of our players also taking part in the RSDA (Academy) on the weekends. Our teams took advantage of guest coaches (pitching, hitting, catching and skill development) and traveled to many tournaments across Canada and the US. The Central Energy teams also performed well at Provincials and took home medals in every age category.

Overall, our Central Region is pleased to see our softball programs growing stronger each year, thanks to great coaching and dedicated volunteers. In fact, we are proud to say that a team from the Central Region medaled at EVERY female Provincial competition (A, AA and AAA) at EVERY age category, including 4 Provincial Gold medals and our Central Energy U19 came home with a gold medal win at the Western Canadian championship in Regina, SK!

I would like to personally extent a HUGE thank you to our Central Region board members and to all our hard-working volunteers who have taken on leadership rolls throughout the Central Charge, Tigers Hills Softball, Macdonald Minor Ball, and all other local community clubs. Your dedication and hard work are appreciated!

Kristi Guilford Central Director

EASTMAN REGION

- Hosted U13 AAA Provincial Championship at Friedensfeld Community Center
- Hosted U15 A Provincial Championship at A.D. Penner Park
- Hosted weekly pitching clinics in Steinbach Jan-Mar 2023
- U13 AAA Wildcats earned Gold at MB Provincials
- U15 AAA Wildcats earned Silver at MB Provincials and placed T-13th at Nationals
 - Cheyenne Scott Cooke made the U15 Nationals All-Star Team as a Utility Player with a .545 BAvg
- U17 AAA Wildcats earned Gold at MB Provincials and 13th at Nationals
- U19 AAA Eastman Phillies earned Bronze at MB provincials
- U11 A Provincials Steinbach earned Bronze
- U17 AA Provincials Eastman Blaze earned Gold
- U17 A Provincials Steinbach earned Gold

INTERLAKE REGION

2023 was another excellent year of development for the region, but Interlake Minor registration numbers were down to 255 compared to 316 the previous year. This is mainly due to some communities choosing Rally Cap baseball programming instead of Learn to Play. The Interlake had 23 A softball teams in 2023, but only U9 and U11 played locally. The U13, U15 & U17 A teams played out of Winnipeg leagues. The Interlake region hosted 'AA' teams in each category for U11, U13 and U15. The Interlake Phillies had AAA teams in U13, U15 & U17 and the U19 Phillies merged with Eastman to form the Eastman Phillies team for the 2023 season.

2023 highlights include:

- The Interlake Phillies hosted weekly pitching, hitting and team practice sessions for its AAA teams throughout the winter. They also brought in a sport psychologist to talk to their players about mental health strategies and positive self-talk during three separate workshops. The Phillies organization bought an inflatable batting cage from Rude American to support the development of their athletes during the off-season.
- The Interlake had a strong contingent of more than 15 players attend the Regional Skills Development Academy (RSDA). One player from the U15 AAA Phillies was selected for the RSDA's first 14U travel team that competed in Atlanta, Georgia. Five players from the U13 AAA Phillies were selected for the RSDA's 12U travel team that played a tournament in Kansas City, Missouri.
- The Phillies ran their annual spring development camp (month of April) for U9-U13 A players. It was led by Phillies alumni.
- The 'AA' program ran a winter skills camp for U11-U15 from January to April where 30 players participated.
- The 'AA' program continues to operate under the Phillies banner and a committee was formed to help it succeed in 2023.
- The U11 'AA' Phillies won gold at provincials.
- The U13 A Stonewall Blue Jays earned bronze at provincials.
- The region hosted the U17 AAA provincial at Stonewall's Quarry Park.

The Interlake region was proud to see many alumni players return and give back through participation at development camps as well as the dedication of their time by coaching teams at the U13/U15/U17 AAA levels.

Karli Reimer

Interlake Director

NORMAN REGION

Minor Male Provincial Championships for U11, U13, U15, U17 and U19 Open Males were held in Fisher River. Prior to the Provincial event, we held an Officials Clinic for the officials that were umpiring at the Minor Male Provincials.

Currently vacant spot for Director – Position to be filled Nov - 2024.

NORTHWEST ONTARIO REGION

There has been ongoing communication with Dryden and Thunder Bay to continue their program growth. We hope to add Kenora and Rainy River Frist Nations to the 2024 Registration mix.

Currently vacant spot for Director – Position to be filled Nov - 2024.

PARKLAND REGION

The Parkland Region registered a total of 18 teams for the 2023 season. This is an exciting step forward, doubling the teams registered last year.

- Russell
 - Timbits 2 teams (16 players)
 - U11 2
 - U13 2
 - U15 1
 - U17 1
- Roblin
 - Timbits 2 teams (25 players)
 - ∘ U11 1
 - U13 1
 - U15 1
 - U19 1
- Ste Rose
 - Timbits 1 team (8 players)
 - U11 1
 - U13 1
 - U15 1

Parkland and teams along Highway 16 that were formerly competing in the Brandon League joined efforts this year to complete a softball schedule for the summer of 2023. Teams taking part were from the 8 communities of Gladstone, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Strathclair, Miniota, Russell, Roblin and Ste. Rose across 5 age categories. Discussions are ongoing between the communities to formalize a league in the upcoming year.

Ste. Rose hosted a Community Softball Clinic with 10 coaches completing their certification. Having Phil Fafard from Parkland certified as a Community Softball Learning Facilitator has been amazing! Phil has also worked with MASRC to complete coach clinics and skill clinics in The Pas and Easterville.

Parkland has one certified Canpitch Instructor who facilitated 6 x 5 week clinics hosted in 3 communities within the Parkland, 51 athletes took part in the clinics. Discussions have already taken place to solidify clinics for next year.

Congratulations to Ste Rose U13 A team for finishing with Silver at the Manitoba Provincial.

Greg Boden Parkland Director

WESTMAN REGION

Development through the Westman area was strong for 2023. Many clinics were offered from different sources throughout the area. Softball Brandon, TC360, and Virden offered breakfast club for athletes. The following clinics where held:

Softball Brandon Skills Academy

- Fall General Skills 44 athletes
- Fall Pitching 17 athletes
- Winter General skills 61 athletes
- Winter Pitching 18 athletes
- Spring General Skills 26 athletes
- Grass Roots Skills Clinic 22 athletes

Community Softball Coach Clinic

- Brandon 7 coaches
- Killarney 13 coaches

Softball Brandon had 45 teams total beginning at the Timbits age through to U19. Total athletes registered in our organization was 368.

19 teams competed at the A provincials and 10 teams at the AA provincials. We also hosted the U15 AAA and U13 and 15 AA provincials as well as the U15 Canadian Championships. We had 3 teams participate in AAA provincials with 2 of the teams participating in post season championships. U15 Westman Magic were the host at Nationals and the U17 Westman Magic won gold at the Western Canadian Championship. Our U13 Westman Magic team captured silver at provincials. We had a U19 AAA team, but they did not participate in provincials.

AAA programs are underway with tryouts taking place Sept 8, 9 and 10, 2023.

Looking forward to the 2024 season.

Bev Neufeld Westman Director

WINNIPEG NORTH REGION

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

The North region faces the largest challenge of all the regions, with the airport making up the majority of the area the registration numbers in the region are the lowest of all the regions. Angles fielded 3 of 4 teams while Thunder on fielded 2 of 4. The reapers fielded a strong contingent of teams and look to grow in 24. Unfortunately, there was no AA representation on the east side. Boundary consideration needs to be explored, they will forever be imperfect, but for the greater good of the game and the health of the AAA organizations.

Thanks to Don and Leigh for all the support.

Brady Woods Winnipeg North Director

WINNIPEG SOUTH REGION

Registrations at the A level were up compared to prior pandemic levels in the Winnipeg South Region. The Bonivital and Lightning organizations have worked hard at getting the AA category off the ground and were successful at forming teams in each age category.

Congratulations to our Provincial Medalists:

- Winnipeg Lightning U15 AAA Girls Gold
- Smitty's Terminators U17 AAA Bronze
- Bonivital Bolts U17 AA Silver
- Smitty' Terminators U19 AAA Gold

Congratulations to our Western Canadian Medalists:

Smitty's Terminators U17 AAA

The Bonivital Softball Association board of directors with Lucy Chura as President have had a very busy year with camps taking place over the winter in conjunction with Winnipeg Lightning. Spring registration and tryouts for the AA teams were conducted in February, March and April throughout the Bonivital area. The plan going forward is to have an earlier registration to help alleviate the stress of getting teams set up for an early May start. The organization also hosted a large successful tournament with 31 teams attending on the weekend of June 2nd to 4th. Dates and locations for the fall and winter camps have been set.

The WSWYSL along with the Smitty's organization were able to form a AA program with a team at the U13 age category managed between the two organizations.

WSWYSA President Bobbi-Jo Guffei is stepping down as president but will continue to work with the organizations in that area.

The consensus of the organizations in the region is to look into how teams are being formed and implement some changes to hopefully improve participation and placements at Provincial competitions going forward.

Tryouts for the 2024 Manitoba Summer Games (Team Blue) have taken place on September 30th and October 1st.

Work on rehabilitation of Riel Park will take place in the fall of 2023 and spring of 2024.

Al Bruneau Winnipeg South Director

2023 OFFICIALS DIVISION UIC REPORT

As I finish my seventh season as UIC, very proud to announce that softball Manitoba umpires had another remarkable season on and off the diamond A great big thanks to the UDC, Zone UIC's and DUIC's. A significant deal of work was put into recruitment and retention in the off season to try and get our numbers back to 2019. We were able to fulfill all Softball Manitoba and Softball Canada obligations to make it another successful season. Some very key people I would like to acknowledge and thank that helped make this year a success are:

Softball MB

Leigh Decker and Don Klym

Softball Canada

Donna Ozarko and Jeff Whipple

UDC Members

Val Pelleck	DUIC
Terry Wolowiec	Slo-Pitch DUIC
Bruce Luebke	Education Officer
Mike Klassen	Fundraising
Al Bruneau	Mentorship/Recruitment
Brad Degraeve	Travel Coordinator
Tony Kuleza	Administration
Chantal Girouard	I Social Media

Zone UIC's & DUIC's

Mack Walske	Central
Jace Guilford	Central
Joyce Schroeder	Eastman
Mike Klassen	Eastman
Bruce Luebke	Westman
Brad Degraeve	Westman
Tony Kuleza	Winnipeg East & Interlake
Val Pelleck	Winnipeg West

2023 Umpire Registration & Clinic Summary Softball Manitoba had 204 registered umpires in 2023, in my view a significant increase from 2022. Recruitment and retention will remain a priority for the UDC this off season.

Each zone conducted their own clinics, with level 1-2 clinics being held in person, some zones using a new hybrid version with virtual and in person within the same clinic, and virtual clinics for our 3's, 4's and 5's. Thanks to all clinicians for conducting clinics in your respective zones.

Registration Summary

Level 1-2 (under 21) = 119 Level 1-2 (over 21) = 39 Level 3 = 33Level 4T = 10Level 4 = 12Level 5 = 2Level 5 WBSC = 3
Blue Convention 2023

Hosted by Softball Manitoba UDC, at the Delta hotel in downtown Winnipeg, a great big thanks goes out to Val Pelleck and Janet Forbes, for everything you both did to make the event a huge success.

Also, a huge benefit for softball Manitoba umpires who were able to attend either junior clinic, level 4 clinic, I/E clinic, or the main workshops, as all will help in their journeys in their umpire career.

Blue Convention is a major event for umpires organized by Softball Canada every three years. Officials of all levels from across the country (and internationally) meet to discuss a variety of topics and participate in a series of workshops to learn and improve their umpiring skills.

The event attracts the top presenters from across the country and the world, discussing interesting topics that are designed to attract both Fast Pitch and Slo-Pitch umpires. Next Blue Convention will in Calgary 2025.

Leagues, Provincials & Special Competitions

I would like to thank all regions who hosted a provincial or showcase weekend, and a great big thanks to all UIC's, DUIC's and Delegates who supervised and made each event successful.

Western and Canadian Travelling Umpires

As mentioned, our umpires that travelled to a Western or Canadian that attended Blue Convention all had successful championships. A special shout out to those that received gold or bronze medal plate assignments at their respective championship.

Western Canadian Championships

Chantal Girouard, Morden - U15 Girls Richmond BC (Gold) Carter Baranyk, Brandon - U17 Girls Winkler, MB (Gold) Chantal Girouard, Morden – U17 Girls Winkler MB (Bronze)

Canadian Championships

Akayla Veysey, Brandon - U15 Girls, Brandon MB (Gold) Damien Mathys, Brandon - U15 Girls, Brandon MB (Bronze) Mackenna Thomasson, Winnipeg - U15 Girls, Brandon MB (Consolation Gold) Brooke Bishop, Winnipeg – U15 Girls, Brandon MB (Consolation Bronze) Jace Guilford, Crystal City - U15 Boys, Prince Albert SK (Gold) Joryn Buchanan, Crystal City - U17 Girls, Saskatoon SK (Bronze) Mack Walske, Morden – U19 Girls, Langford BC (Bronze) Troy Schwartz, Winnipeg – U23 Men's, Saskatoon SK (Bronze) Frank Fargey, Winnipeg – Men's, Surrey BC (Gold)

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

WBSC Certification

Congratulations to Val Pelleck who achieved her international status by having a successful evaluation at this year's Canada Cup in Surrey BC. Val will now have the opportunity to be selected for WBSC and softball Canada exchange events.

On Field Special Acknowledgments

Mackenzie Walske received Softball Canada Level 4 status. A great deal of work is put in to achieve this level, including attending and passing the Level 4 Theory clinic and then receiving a positive evaluation, working the WBSC 3 umpire system, at the U19 Women's or U20 Men's Canadian Championships. Congratulations on successfully completing your Fast Pitch Level 4 status. Onto the next goals as the future looks bright for Mack.

Off Field Special Acknowledgements

Some of our UDC members had an opportunity to be evaluated evaluating umpires at Canadian Championships, all received positive evaluations. Val Pelleck and Tony Kuleza upgrading their personal ratings Val to a C and Tony to a B. Congrats to Frank Fargey who achieved his D rating and now considered a master evaluator the highest ranking by Softball Canada.

International Assignment

Congratulations to Frank Fargey who has been assigned the Softball Canada exchange with Softball New Zealand early next year, exact event time, location, and event to be determined.

<u>2023 Umpire Awards and Appreciation Lunch</u> The officials annual awards and lunch took place in Portage La Prairie this year. The UDC hosted a BBQ at the Ukrainian Shelter at Manitobah Republic Park. Always well attended, the UDC took the opportunity to hand out our annual awards, SC recognition pins, and some Softball Manitoba swag.

2023 Softball Manitoba Umpire Award Winners

Home Run Sports Wayne Deschouwer Umpire of the year

Tony Kuleza – Winnipeg

WBSC Certification

Val Pelleck

SC Level 4 Certifications

Mack Walske – Morden

Regional Grassroots

Central Annabelle Lanthier

Eastman Layne Frankard Westman Travis Pinnela

Winnipeg East Mackenna Thomasson

Winnipeg West Addison Page

To Conclude

It was a great season for all our Softball Manitoba umpires on and off the diamond. Blue Convention started us in early April, and it was all uphill from there. From fulfilling our obligations with Softball Manitoba at Provincials and Westerns, to answering the bell for Softball Canada Nationals, the blue crew excelled. 2024 proves to be another busy season, as recruiting and maintaining officials will remain a big priority for all regions.

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

Finally, thank you to the UDC, Zone UIC's and DUIC's for all your hard work done this season looking forward 2024!

Play Ball!!!

Frank Fargev Softball Manitoba Provincial UIC



DEVELOPMENT REPORTS



2023 HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

Canada Summer Games

Just as one ends another one begins. The coaching search started in August with interviews taking place in September. On September 22nd Dwight Heppner was named Head Coach of our Female Program.

The program will hold tryouts in very early 2024 several athletes will be tracked over the club ball season and a team of 21 will be picked for winter training. The team will be named in early 2025 with the Canada Summer Games taking place in St. Johns, Newfoundland in August of 2025.

Manitoba Games.

Manitoba Games programs are underway with the games taking place in Dauphin Aug 11-17. Coaches heading up the programs include Allan Miswaggon (North), Cam Christie (East), Hailey Yuskin (South), Kayla Alexander (West), Ashley DeBaets and Nicole Pellerin (Wpg Blue), Dana Lovallo (Wpg Gold). As you can see, we are still in search of coaching for the Winnipeg Regions. The Manitoba Games have been an integral part of development of the last number of years, and we are excited for there return for the first time since 2018 due to the pandemic.

High Performance – Academy

We are excited to have the Academy make its return for the 2024 season under the tutelage of Nikki Marcoux. The program looks to take another step after a successful restart last winter. Over 190 athletes had registered for the 2024 program. Notifications went out in early October. The academy will start in early January with two/three sessions a week including strength and conditioning provided by Strive. The Elite program will look to travel down south in March and April.

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

Brady Woods High Performance Director

2023 AA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPORT

The AA category had an overwhelming expression of interest for the summer of 2023. The program exploded to 30 teams across 4 age categories, up from 13 teams the previous year. Six of the eight regions had a team or multiple teams compete through the 2023 season. All eight regions are currently represented at the AA Regional Committee Meetings, and seven of the eight have a 4 (or more) person committee in place to move forward the development of the AA program in their region.

Adding the U11 category was very successful in advancing the program in 2023 and hopefully translates into larger, more stable numbers in the upper age groups for future years. The U17 age category moved ahead this year with 5 teams, and with 8 teams in the U15 category there is hope that graduating U15 players will bring these U17 numbers up in the coming year.

Game play from 2022 was addressed for the AA 2023 season. The feedback with regard to game length in 2023 was positive and a few suggestions regarding rule changes will be reviewed before summer 2024. Suggestions regarding showcase weekends, season start and end period, and access to athletes will also be reviewed moving forward. The excitement surrounding the AA category is huge, and although regions individually make decisions to foster the development of the program within their boundaries, an overall vision for the AA category must look into the future as a whole. This is currently the greatest hurdle to navigate while keeping true to supporting community grassroots softball.

A big thank you to all volunteers stepping up to help develop the AA Program. From coaches, managers, parent drivers, umpires, regional committee reps, individual region committees, supporting AAA organizations, the Softball Manitoba office and the Softball Manitoba Board, all parties have had huge roles to play in the early stages of development in the Softball Manitoba AA Program.

Congratulations to all teams that competed throughout the summer, with an acknowledgement to our 4 Provincial Gold teams - U11 Interlake, U13 Westman Heat, U15 Westman Storm, and U17 Eastman.

I look forward to moving the program ahead in 2024. Anyone interested in AA softball in their region, please reach out to your regional rep and committee - all regional reps may be found on the Softball Manitoba website.

Greg Boden AA Committee Chair

2023 REGIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY - MANTIOBA

In 2023, RSDA was back in full swing with approximately 100 athletes accepted into the program, along with our 13 coaching staff.

There were several changes that took place to complement the program from years past. RSDA started after Christmas break, running for 12 consecutive weeks, with the hopes that it would be a great transition into their regular season starts. We accepted athletes from U11-U19, A-AAA caliber. The goal was to increase the development of athletes across all of Manitoba, regardless of age or experience, in an effort to increase the quality of play for all boundaries and regions around our province. Training took place out of Sport Manitoba and Max Bell Centre. Sessions were held Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

One of our new developments was the option of adding softball specific training workouts. We partnered up with Strive Fitness, who were very excited about adding softball athletes to their programming as this is a sport they frequently lacked representation. The feedback was very positive from both the coaches and athletes. We look forward to continuing our partnership with them.

The introduction of a Travel Program for our province was also an exciting development. The teams traveled to Georgia (U15) and Kansas City (U13/U17). The hope is that we can continue to develop and expand this portion of the program. As this is very new to Softball Manitoba's RSDA, our focus is to build off of each year's experiences and continue to make subtle changes to improve and grow our Travel Teams. Overall, however, the trial was a success, the athletes had some great experiences, and they hope to be a part of it this upcoming year.

Moving into 2024, our RSDA program received just under 200 athlete registrations as of September 15th. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept all athletes into the program due to logistics, however it is great news moving forward. Athlete selections are currently underway, with the hopes of finalizing by October 2nd.

A couple coaches have had to take a step back for this upcoming year due to other commitments, however we have added new coaches and are looking forward to the mentorship aspect of this.

Once again, we be training through Sport Manitoba and Max Bell Centre, along with adding a new rural location of Winkler- final details are still being confirmed.

We are very much looking forward to another year with our athletes and hope to have another successful run!

Respectfully Submitted,

RSDA Team

2023 COMPETITION REPORT

There were 21 Provincial Championships held this year in the province. Congratulations to all Provincial medalists as well as all participants.

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

Special thanks to all the organizers, volunteers, Softball Manitoba Delegates and Provincial UIC's for all their hard work in ensuring that our Provincials run smoothly. We couldn't do it without your passion for the sport.

And one last Thank You goes out to Kristi Guilford, Tara Pettinger, Tara Conrad and the entire Host Committee for the hours you put in at the ball bark during the 2023 U17 Female Western Canadian Softball Championships – Well Done!

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Klym

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

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
MINORS					
Males	16	17	15	25	20
Females	193	150	83	95	178
TOTAL	209	167	98	120	198
FAST PITCH					
Men					
Women					12
Co-ed					
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	12
SLO-PITCH					
Men					
Women					
Co-ed					
Seniors	15	16	15	10	15
TOTAL	15	16	15	10	15
TOTAL	224	183	113	130	225

2023 PROVINCIAL RESULTS



2023 SOFTBALL MANITOBA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS					
CATEGORY	LOCATION	# OF TEAMS	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
U11 AA Female	Carman	7	Interlake Phillies	Westman South Storm	Central Charge
U11 A Female	Buhler	45	Winkler	Virden	Steinbach
U11 Open Male	Fisher River	3	Cross Lake Warriors	Fisher River Hawks	Cross Lake DBax
U13 AAA Female	Friedensfeld	7	Eastman Wildcats	Westman Magic	Central Energy
U13 AA Female	ANSC	10	Westman Heat	Westman Fury	Central Charge
U13 A Female	Buhler	37	Winkler	Ste. Rose	Stonewall
U13 Open Male	Fisher River	5	Cross Lake Vikings	Cross Lake Ravens	Fisher River Hawks
U15 AAA Female	ANSC	8	Winnipeg Lightning	Eastman Wildcats	Central Energy
U15 AA Female	ANSC	8	Westman Storm	Central Charge	Westman Heat
U15 A Female	Steinbach	28	Winkler	Morden	Hamiota
U15 Open Male	Fisher River	2	Fisher River Hawks	Cross Lake Rebels	-
U17 AAA Female	Stonewall	8	Eastman Wildcats	Central Energy	Smitty's Terminators
U17 AA Female	Crystal City	5	Eastman Blaze	Bonivital Bolts	Central Charge
U17 A Female	La Salle	15	Steinbach	Winkler	Morden
U17 Open Male	Fisher River	3	Cross Lake Giants	Skownan	Cross Lake Mets
U19 AAA Female	Portage	3	Smitty's Terminators	Central Energy	Eastman Phillies
U19 A Female	Winkler	12	Winkler	Hamiota	Swan Lake
U19 Open Male	Fisher River	3	Cross Lake Mets	Oji-Cree Warriors	Fisher River Hawks
Senior 55+ SP Competitive	Little Mountain	5	Fossilized	Barton's Bunch	Southwest Maulers
Senior 55+ SP Rec A	Little Mountain	5	Manitoba Coyotes	Tri Clad Design	South WPG Legends
Senior 55+ SP Rec B	Little Mountain	5	Stealers	Portage	Charleswood Hawks
TOTAL # OF TEAMS		224			



2023 MAJOR RESULTS

CANADIAN CHAMPIO	ONSHIPS			
CATEGORY	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
		DC Fraser Valley Fusion 08	ON1 – UTM Bandits	AB2 – Calgary Adrenaline Black
U15 FEMALE	Brandon, MB	T-11 th Place – Central I T-13 th Place – Eastmar T-17 th Place – Winnipe T-19 th Place – Westma	n Wildcats (MB2) g Lightning (MB1)	
		Infielder: .588 BAvg - Utility: .545 BAvg - C Wildcats	ALL-STAR TEAM Sierra Slatcher - V heyenne Scott Coc	
		Fraser Valley	ON3 – D1	BC1 – Surrey
U17 FEMALE	Saskatoon, SK	Fusion	Nationals	Storm
	Caskaloon, Or	13 th Place – Eastman V 14 th Place – Central En	ergy (MB2)	
U19 FEMALE	Langford, BC	Langford Lightning	DC White Rock Renegades 05	ON1 – D1 Nationals
	_	5th Place - Smitty's Ter	rminators (MB1)	•
WESTERN CANADIA				
CATEGORY	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
		Richmond	Sherwood Park	Lloydminster
U15 FEMALE	Richmond, BC	Islanders 09	Storm	Liners
		6 th Place- Smitty's Terr		
U17 FEMALE	Winkler, MB	Westman Magic (Host)	Smitty's Terminators (MB1)	Lloydminster Liners
		6 th Place – Manitoba A	ngels (MB2)	•
U19 FEMALE	Regina, SK	Central Energy (MB2)	BC Fury	SK SuperNovas
		5 th Place – Eastman Pl	hillies (MB3)	
NORTH AMERICAN II		ES		1
CATEGORY	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
U16 MALE		Tied (Due to weather) Manitoba & Sask	-	Ontario
U16 FEMALE	Kjipuktuk	Tied (Due to weather) Manitoba & Ontario	-	Tied (Due to weather) BC & Sask
U19 MALE	(Halifax), Dartmouth and Millbrook First	Tied (Due to weather) Nova Scotia & BC 6 th Place - Manitoba	-	Tied (Due to weather) Alberta & Sask
U19 FEMALE	Nation	Tied (Due to weather) Manitoba & New Mexico	-	Tied (Due to weather) BC & Ontario

HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM REPORT 2023



President's Report

I personally want to thank Softball Manitoba, Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame and Museum Inc Executive, Board of Directors and Volunteers for their continued dedication and enthusiasm during the past year.

We continue to discuss, review, and resolve issues in promoting the game of softball.

The organization is progressing in adopting computer technology which will benefit the members and interested parties. We are pleased to announce that through the efforts of Les Ellchuk, the MSHF has an official web site that displays previous, current Individual, Team Inductees, and various information for the game of softball.

The Twentieth Induction Ceremony and Banquet was held at the Winnipeg Victoria Inn on May 6th, 2023. The event inducted six individuals and three teams into the Hall of Fame. The MSHF recently renewed a three-year agreement with the Victoria Inn. The 21st Induction Ceremony on May 11th, 2024, at the Winnipeg Victoria Inn.

The Board of Directors want to personally thank Softball Manitoba, Selection Committee, Volunteers, and Sponsors who have continued supporting the agency.

The MSHF is encouraging participation on the board. We welcome referrals and ideas to accomplish the goal.

Sincerely,

Murray Blight President



JBSC FACILITIES REPORT 2023

Unfortunately, this will be the last report for the John Blumberg Softball Complex (JBSC). On February 23, 2023, the official notice from Softball Manitoba was issued stating that "After review, the Board of Directors at Softball Manitoba have decided to end our lease with the City of Winnipeg".

The JBSC staff were notified of the non-renewal of the lease prior to the announcement. Subsequently, this meant that three "contract positions" were eliminated at the complex. Those positions being the Facility Manager (Monte Miller), the Operations Manager (Don Smart) and the Food & Beverage Manager (Lori Vandal). I want to sincerely thank Don and Lori for their years of service and dedication to the yearly April-October operation of the complex. The hard work, long hours and professionalism displayed by Don and Lori regarding the complex's operation, the interaction with the leagues, patrons and vendors was greatly appreciated.

Shortly after the announcement, a full inventory of the complex's equipment, materials and supplies was completed. These items were then evaluated for sale or designated as "non-sellable" and either given away or thrown out. Some of the items were also leased or were owned by other vendors under supply agreements. These items were returned to the vendors as required.

Once the weather allowed physical access to the complex, the items listed for sale were published with values and sent out to the other softball facilities and Softball Manitoba/JBSC contacts for availability of purchase. Many of the items in the JBSC inventory were purchased by other Manitoba softball facilities, minor softball associations, senior softball leagues, rural municipalities and the City of Winnipeg. A number of kitchen items/appliances were purchased by private buyers/restaurants (ex. deep fryers and stainless steel shelves). Some of the items were left for the city based on our past leasehold agreement (ex. the scoreboards on fields 1 and 2). The sale and disposal of the complex's equipment, materials and supplies was conducted by the Facility Manager and was conducted from the end of February to the end of May time period.

On behalf of the John Blumberg Softball Complex, I would like to express my/our appreciation and thanks to everyone who worked, volunteered, or supported the complex since the initial lease in 1990. I would also like to sincerely thank Don Klym and Larry Giesbrecht for their guidance and assistance during the closeout of the complex this past spring of 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monte Miller, Facility Manager (former) John Blumberg Softball Complex



SOFTBALL MANITOBA 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday, January 30	Sport Manitoba Meeting Rooms	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, April 30	Sport Manitoba Meeting Rooms	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, September 24	Sport Manitoba Meeting Rooms	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, October 29	Sport Manitoba Meeting Rooms	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

2024 DIVISIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING			
DIVISION	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Officials	Sunday, October 20	ТВА	10:00 am – 4:00 pm

2024 SOFTBALL MANITOBA AGM & AWARDS PRESENTATION			
Saturday, November 23	Conference Centre 145 Pacific Ave	9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.	



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REGIONAL DIRECTORS

CENTRAL REGION	Kristi Guildford	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
EASTMAN REGION	Vacant	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
INTERLAKE REGION	Karli Reimer	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
NORMAN REGION	Vacant	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
NW ONTARIO REGION	Vacant	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
PARKLAND REGION	Greg Boden	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
WESTMAN REGION	Bev Neufeld	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
WINNIPEG NORTH REGION	Brady Woods	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2023
WINNIPEG SOUTH REGION	Al Bruneau	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024

OFFICIALS:

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

ADVISORY BOARD:

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



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CENTRAL REGION	Kristi Guilford	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
EASTMAN REGION	TBD	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
INTERLAKE REGION	Karli Reimer	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
NORMAN REGION	TBD	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024
NW ONTARIO REGION	TBD	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2025
PARKLAND REGION	Greg Boden (acclaimed)	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2025
WESTMAN REGION	Bev Neufeld (acclaimed)	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2025
WINNIPEG NORTH REGION	TBD	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2025
WINNIPEG SOUTH REGION	Al Bruneau	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2024

OFFICIALS:

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

ADVISORY BOARD:

MINORS	TBD	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2025
OFFICIALS	Tony Kuleza	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2026
SLO-PITCH	TBD	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2027
FAST PITCH	Brenda Woods	Nov. 2020 to Nov. 2024

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MINOR DIVISION

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U11 A Brooke Hartman – Guild Insurance Brokers Inc. Cardinals

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U13 A Aribella McGregor – Macdonald Storm - Sanford

> TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U13 AAA Jersey MacMillan – Interlake Phillies

> TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U15 A Hailey Fraser – Bonivital Flash Blue

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U15 AAA Chloe Carriere – Eastman Wildcats

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U17 A Sydney Turenne – Steinbach Storm

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U17 AAA Pascale Kinney – Eastman Wildcats

TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U19 A Charity Dupuis – Altona Angels

MEMORIAL DIVISION

TOP FEMALE PLAER - JEAN MAYNE MEMORIAL AWARD – U19 AAA Danika Nell – Smitty's Terminators

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

TOP COACH STAFF MINOR CATEGORY – BILL SADONICK MEMORIAL AWARD Central Energy U19 AAA Female Brad Goderis Graham Shindle Al Couling Eve Goderis Kristi Guilford

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO GRASSROOTS SOFTBALL BOB TURNER MEMORIAL AWARD Rachel Hallson

OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR, BUILDER OR EXECUTIVE MEMBER JIM ADAMS MEMORIAL AWARD Lucy Chura

LEADERSHIP IN PITCHING DEVELOPMENT – LEO BOUCHARD MEMORIAL AWARD Sarah Klassen

TEAM DIVISION

TOP MINOR TEAM – EUGENE MICHALOW MEMORIAL AWARD Smitty's Terminators U19 AAA Female

> TOP SLO-PITCH TEAM Fossilized Anarchy

UMPIRE DIVISION

HOME RUN SPORTS WAYNE DESCHOUWER UMPIRE OF THE YEAR Tony Kuleza

2023 BURSARY WINNERS

SOFTBALL MANITOBA BURSARY Hope Ransome Smitty's Terminators

EUGENE MICHALOW MEMORIAL BURSARY Rayna French Central Energy

ASHLEY NEUFELD MEMORIAL BURSARY Emily Doyle Smitty's Terminators





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2024 COMPETITION CALENDAR

DRAFT – November 1, 2023

	2024 MINOR FA	AST PITCH PROVINCIALS	
Category	Classification	Date	Location
U11	AA FEMALE	July 26-28, 2024	ANSC
	A FEMALE	June 21-23, 2024	Buhler
	MALE	July 12-14, 2024	Dauphin
U13	AAA FEMALE	July 25-28, 2024	Stonewall – Quarry Park
	AA FEMALE	July 26-28, 2024	ANSC
	A FEMALE	July 5-7, 2024	Portage
	MALE	July 12-14, 2024	Dauphin
U15	AAA FEMALE	July 18-21, 2024	Ray Fennel Park (Moffat)
	AA FEMALE	July 26-28, 2024	ANSC
	A FEMALE	July 5-7, 2024	Steinbach – AD Penner Park
	MALE	July 12-14, 2024	Dauphin
U17	AAA FEMALE	July 11-14, 2024	Friedensfeld
	AA FEMALE	July 26-28, 2024	Morden – Access Center
	A FEMALE	July 12-14, 2024	La Salle
	MALE	July 12-14, 2024	Dauphin
U19	AAA FEMALE	July 19-21, 2024	Winkler
	A FEMALE	July 19-21, 2024	Crystal City
	MALE	July 12-14, 2024	Dauphin
	2024 ADULT FA	AST PITCH PROVINCIALS	
40+ & 50+	MASTERS MEN	July 26-28, 2024	Onanole
		LO-PITCH PROVINCIALS	
SENIORS	55+ COMP/RER	TBD	TBD
		ANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	
U13	M	TBD	Manitoba
U15	M/F	TBD	Saskatchewan
U17	M/F	TBD	British Columbia
U20/U19			
	M/F	TBD	Alberta
U23	M/F	TBD	Alberta
OPEN FP	M/F M/F	TBD TBD	Alberta British Columbia
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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RULES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

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

The votes shall be allocated as follows:

- 1. President – 1 Vote
- 2. Director Norman Region - Vacant. No vote
- Director Parkland Region 1 Vote Director Westman Region 1 Vote 3.
- 4. Director Central Region – 1 Vote 5.
- 6. Director Interlake Region - 1 Vote
- Director Eastman Region 1 Vote 7.
- Director NW Ontario Region- Vacant. No vote 8.
- Director Winnipeg North Region 1 Vote 9.
- Director Winnipeg South Region 1 Vote 10.
- Minor Advisory Board Representative 1 Vote 11.
- FP Advisory Board Representative 1 Vote 12.
- SP Advisory Board Representative 1 Vote 13.
- Provincial Úmpire in Chief 1 Vote 14.
- Officials Representative (Rural) 1 Vote Officials Representative (Urban) 1 Vote 15.
- 16.
- Officials Advisory Representative 1 Vote 17. 18-25. Members at Large - Minors (4/4 Split UR) - 8 Votes
- 26-28. Adult Members at Large 3 Votes
- 29-30. Official Members at Large (1/1 Split UR) 2 Votes
- 2. A Quorum at any General Meeting shall be a simple majority at all times of the voting delegates in good standing attending the General Meeting. Each voting member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the General Meeting. No proxy votes shall be allowed at any meeting.
- 3. At the discretion of the Chairperson, non-voting delegates in attendance at the General Meeting, provided they are members in good standing with the Association, shall have the right to address the meeting.
- 4. All remarks should be addressed to the chair. Chairman is judge of relevancy. The chairman may limit discussion on any motion.
- 5. No other business than the adjournment or termination of the meeting shall be conducted at a General Meeting at a time when a quorum is not present. If at any time during a General Meeting there ceases to be a quorum present, business then in progress shall be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated.
- 6. All guestions shall be decided by a simple majority vote, except in the case of amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and General Operating Rules.

- 7. An abstaining vote shall not be counted either "for" or "against". They simply have decided not to vote and therefore, their vote does not count.
- 8. Constitution, By-Laws and General Operating Rules may be enacted, repealed or amended at an Annual General Meeting by at least a two-thirds majority of votes cast by voting delegates.
- 9. The President (or Chair) shall vote only in the case of a tie.
- 10. Any question at a General Meeting shall be decided by a show of hands, except that:
 - a) the election of the President shall be made by secret ballot:
 - b) a secret ballot shall be held upon request of five (5) voting delegates.
- 11. The position of President on the Board shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting. The President must receive a majority of all votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the voting procedure will be repeated with the candidate receiving the fewest votes being dropped from the ballot for the subsequent vote.
- 12. On the first ballot for the President's position, all approved candidates shall be granted a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Assembly.
- 13. Those members having the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting for President will be as follows:
 - a) the President;
 - b) the current Board of Directors:
 - c) other Divisional Voting Members (as per #1);
 - d) the Advisory Board;
 - Life Members. e)
- 14. The maximum number of voting representatives will be a total of thirty (30) plus the number of Life Members present at any General Meeting.
- 15. When a Notice of Motion has not been served as provided for in (16.02 of the 2023 Softball MB Information Handbook), the Notice of Motion may be brought to the floor at any Annual General Meeting by a unanimous vote of delegates present.
- 16. At all meetings of the Association, items not covered by the Softball Manitoba Constitution and By-Laws shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order (Modified Version).

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