



# 2022-23 Softball Canada Official Rulebook

## 2023 Special Operating Rules - Changes

### 1. SOR – PAGE 213 – Article 1 – Eligibility and Penalties – 1.1 Eligibility

**Remove:** Male players are not eligible to compete on female teams.  
**Replace With:** Girls/Women's Championships are open to athletes that self-identify as girl/woman, non-binary, gender diverse, trans, and two-spirited.

### 2. SOR – page 215 – Part Two – Article 2 – Provincial Non-Residents (Fast Pitch Only) – 2.6 b)

**Current (2022):** In Men's and Women's Canadian Championships, all but two (2) players, and only one of these will be allowed to be a pitcher, on any provincial/territorial representative team to a Canadian Championship must be a bona fide resident of that Province/Territory by the official residency date for the year of competition.

**Add (2023):** In Men's, **Master Men's** and Women's Canadian Championships, all but two (2) players, and only one of these will be allowed to be a pitcher, on any provincial/territorial representative team to a Canadian Championship must be a bona fide resident of that Province/Territory by the official residency date for the year of competition.

### 3. SP – page 219 – Part Three – Article 1.2 c) iv) e)

**Current (2022):** Any team from the Atlantic provinces attending the Canadian Slo-Pitch Championship can pick up to five (5) players from any Atlantic province providing that province does not have a team entered with the release of the province that player is registered with.

**Add (2023):** Any team from the Atlantic provinces attending the Canadian Slo-Pitch Championship can pick up to five (5) players from any of the Atlantic provinces **with the release of the player's home province. All releases must be handled as per Softball Canada guidelines.**

### 4. SP – page 220 and Fast Pitch (p. 231) – Article 2 – Tournament Procedures – 2.1 Tournament Format c

**Current (2022):** c) Ranking in the Qualifying Round Final standings in the qualifying round shall be established using the following criteria:  
i) Won/Lost records. If still tied, then:  
ii) Winners of games between tied teams NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. The remaining teams then go to the next criteria with no reverting back.

**Revision (2023):** c) Ranking in the Qualifying Round Final standings in the qualifying round shall be established using the following criteria:  
i) Won/Lost records. If still tied, then:  
ii) Winners of games between tied teams NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. The remaining teams then revert back to i) and continue on.

5. FP – page 227 – PART FOUR – ARTICLE I – Organization & Participation – 1.2 Participants i)
- Current (2022):** Canadian Championship events will be hosted ranging from five to seven days, with the maximum number of teams dependent on the host capacity.
- Add (2023):** i) Canadian Championship events will be hosted ranging from five to seven days, with the maximum number of teams dependent on the host capacity.
- a) *No province/territory be allowed more than 4 teams, including the Host Team.*
  - b) *The defending champion does not count as one of the 4 provincial/territorial teams.*
6. FP – page 228 – Part Four, Article 1 – Organization and Participation – 1.2 Participants b) Managers and Coaches
- Current (2022):** The Head Coach is Competition - Introduction Certified in the National Coaching Certification Program and is in attendance at all games and on the team's bench. All Assistant Coaches are Competition - Introduction Trained.
- Revise (2023):** The Head Coach is Competition - Introduction Certified in the National Coaching Certification Program and is in attendance at all games and on the team's bench. All Assistant Coaches are Competition - Introduction Trained at U20 and below categories.
7. SOR – page 237 – PART FIVE – UMPIRES AT CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – ARTICLE 1 – SELECTION PROCESS
- Current (2022):** 1.1 Selection  
1.2 Right of Refusal
- Add (for 2023):** 1.3 Provincial / Territorial Representation Any provinces / territories that are sending a team(s) to a Canadian championship, shall provide 1 umpire per team that is attending the Canadian championship. If a province / territory cannot send an official, then they shall be assessed a fine of \$500.00. This fine will be paid to the province / territory that has sent extra officials to the Canadian championship to help with the cost of travel to get the extra officials to the championship.
8. Page 239, Softball Canada Hall of Fame, Article 8 - Specific Eligibility Requirements, f) Pioneers
- Current (2022):** Pioneers - An individual or team that has compiled outstanding accomplishments or made significant contributions to softball in Canada at the national or international level prior to Softball Canada's foundation in 1965.
- Change (2023):** Change the category from "Pioneer" to "**Trailblazer**".