



2023 Softball Manitoba Rule Changes

2023 Minor Division Operating Rules

1. 2023 Fill Rule (**Changes in Bold**):

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.

* The 2022 Fill Rule allowed to add a maximum of THREE (3) Fill players to bring its roster up to eleven (11) players.

2. 2023 Provincial Competition - Pickups (**Changes in Bold**):

Teams entered in the 2023 Provincial Championship may add a maximum of **four (4)** pickup players to bring its roster up to **twelve (12)** players.

*The 2022 Provincial Pick-up Rule allowed to add a maximum of THREE (3) pick-up players to bring its roster up to eleven (11) players.

3. 2023 Representation to Canadian and Western Canadian Championships – (**Changes in Bold**):

The **two** highest ranking teams in the 2023 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.

*The 2022 rule here allowed the top three highest ranking teams in the 2022 Provincial Championship to represent the Province at the Canadian Championships. The next two highest ranking teams in the Provincial Championship represented the Province in the WCSC.

General Operating Rules

1. General Operating Rules (Page 7): Article 7 The Border Rule – (40 km Rule).

Softball Manitoba has removed this rule from the 2023 General Operating Rules.

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.