



SOFTBALL MANITOBA

Division Operating Rules Motion Form



NOTICE OF MOTION #3

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors

Division Affiliation: Minor Division

Date: October 1, 2023

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

Minor Division Operating Rules - Page M2 - 1. Registration, A. 2 Classification – Boundaries i)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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, divided into four (4) quadrants with each quarter representing the 4 current AAA softball organizations. The following organizations would exist in the areas below:

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

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

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



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

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RATIONALE

- The amalgamation was brought forward by the two (2) organizations as a resolution to an on-going challenge to form competitive teams in their Urban Regional Boundaries due to the number of athletes available. The amalgamation of these two (2) organization’s boundaries has no impact on the Regional Boundaries of the other AAA organizations currently operating as per Softball Manitoba’s Minor Division Operating Rules (MDOR).
- The amalgamation will not impact the current “A” programs as both NESAs and Bonivital Softball will continue to operate as they always have regarding formation of the community-based softball programs.
- The amalgamation brings our current Regional Boundaries closer to the existing Boundaries in place for Sport Manitoba’s Manitoba Games programming.
- The amalgamation will allow athletes in the new Urban Regional Boundary greater access to opportunities to “AA” programming as the change will increase the area from which “AA” athletes can be selected.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated