



SOFTBALL MANITOBA

Division Operating Rules Motion Form



NOTICE OF MOTION #6

Division Operating Rules

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Division Affiliation: Minor Division

Date: October 22, 2024

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.

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

Classification - Boundaries:

- ii) 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:

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RATIONALE

There is a significant discrepancy in the number of overall athletes available to the northwest urban region, with some rural regions having 5x our numbers. We are currently unable to form competitive "AA" or "AAA" teams due to this lack of numbers. Athletes from Headingley, St-Francois and Cartier have always registered and played in our St. James "A" league and would like to be eligible for our "AA" and "AAA" categories. These families have been polled and the results are 100% in favor of becoming part of our region. Last season, in the U11-U19 "A" divisions, we had just 21 players registered from these communities. This represents less than 2% of the Central regions registered athletes and would not negatively affect their ability to form competitive teams but could make the difference between us being able to field a team or fold. There is almost no chance of growth in the northwest urban region due to the size of the airport and the downtown/north end area where there will likely never be facilities.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ___ Carried ___ Amended ___ Withdrawn ___ Defeated