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ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024**

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# 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGENDA

**Saturday, November 23, 2024**  
**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 Don Klym
  - Identification of Non-Voting Delegates Don Klym
  - Minutes of the 2023 AGM Larry Giesbrecht
  - President's Report Larry Giesbrecht
  - Executive Director's Report Don Klym
  - Regional Reports:
    - Central *Regional Directors:*  
Kristi Guilford
    - Eastman Vacant
    - Interlake Karli Reimer
    - Norman Vacant
    - Northwest Ontario Larry Giesbrecht
    - Parkland Greg Boden
    - Westman Bev Neufeld
    - Winnipeg North Greg Bouchard
    - Winnipeg South Al Bruneau
  - Officials Report Frank Fargey
  - Development Reports *Program Chairs:*
    - High Performance/Games/AAA Brady Woods
    - AA Development Program Greg Boden
    - Manitoba Softball Academy Paige Smith
  - Competition Report Don Klym
  - Hall of Fame Report Les Newman
  - Softball Manitoba Financial Statements Don Klym
  - Amendments to Bylaws, GOR, DOR Larry Giesbrecht
  - Regional Director Voting Larry Giesbrecht
  - Softball Manitoba Bursary Presentation Larry Giesbrecht
  - Good of the Association Larry Giesbrecht
  - Adjournment



**SOFTBALL MANITOBA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 25, 2023  
MINUTES**



# SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 25, 2023



**Present:**

**VOTING**

**DELEGATES:**

Larry Giesbrecht	(Chair)	
Lucy Chura	Kristi Guilford	Al Bruneau
Kevin Lanthier	Bev Neufeld	Daphne Wiebe
Erin Peters	Les Newman	Brenda Woods
Marc Lyver	Rheal Chaput	Mike Fennessy
Frank Fargey	Val Pelleck	Rafik Abi-Saleh
Greg Boden	Terry Wolowiec	Brad DeGraeve
Jeff Kisiloski	Karli Reimer	Bobbi-Jo Guffei
Les Ellchuk	Tony Kuleza	

**OBSERVERS:**

Dana Lovallo	Greg Bouchard	Kirt Swanson
Scott Neiles	Dalton Blacksmith	Joel Neufeld

**SPORT MB**

John Blacher

**JBSC**

Monte Miller

**STAFF**

Don Klym  
Leigh Decker

**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, John Blacher – Our Sport MB Consultant and Scott Neiles – Softball Canada President.

**Chair** Announced the voting scrutineers for today’s meeting. (Don Klym - Executive Director - Softball Manitoba, Leigh Decker - Finance & Administration Manager - Softball Manitoba and Monte Miller – Program Coordinator – 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 (3-minute max) to speak on a Motion. Only the Delegate presenting the Motion will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> (and final) opportunity to speak on a Motion.

### **3. Determination of Voting Delegates**

**Don:** 24 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:** 10 observers in attendance.

### **5. Minutes of the 2022 AGM**

**Chair:** A copy of the minutes from the November 26, 2022, members meeting have been circulated to the members in advance of this meeting. If there any questions about this or objections to approving these minutes, please raise those questions or concerns now.

**Chair:** Are there any corrections to the November 26, 2022 AGM minutes?  
There were 'No Objections' to the November 26, 2022 AGM Minutes.

**Chair:** With No objections by the members, the minutes of the November 26, 2022 AGM are approved.

### **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**
  - **RSDA – Nikki Marcoux**
- **Competition Report – Don Klym**
- **Hall of Fame Report- Les Newman**
- **JBSC – Monte Miller**

**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 2023 Reports.

### **7. JBSC**

**Chair:** Softball Manitoba is no longer engaged in the operation of John Blumberg Softball Complex. All outstanding balanced owed have been paid and funds transferred to Softball Manitoba.

### **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  
**2<sup>nd</sup> –** Tony Kuleza

**Carried -** 24-0-0

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

**Notice of Motion #1**

**Chair:** Motion 1 pertains to JBSC financials brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Les Newman.

**MOTION #1**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24, 2023

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

By-Laws – Duties of Officers - Section 8.06 – Page 8

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

8.06 The President, Executive Director and Operations Manager will be signing authorities for John Blumberg Softball Complex. All cheques must bear the signatures of two signing authorities.

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

That 8.06, as written be deleted in its entirety.

**RATIONALE**

Softball Manitoba is no longer engaged in the operation of John Blumberg Softball Complex. All outstanding balanced owed have been paid and funds transferred to Softball Manitoba.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**  Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

**VOTE: 24-0-0**

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**Notice of Motion #2**

**Chair:** Motion 2 pertains to the rural double roster rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #2**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24, 2023

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

Minor Division Operating Rules – 1. Registration – C.4 Player Registration

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

4. Minor players may participate as a player in only one Minor Provincial unless rural double rostered. Rural double roster players can play in two classifications (AAA & A), providing the A team meet these parameters:

- a. The 'A' team has 12 or less registered players (not including double roster players)
- b. A maximum of two double rostered players may be on anyone 'A' team
- c. Communities with 18 or more registered players (i.e. 18 or more spread over 2 or more teams)

will not be allowed to Double Roster players for Provincials.

d. Double roster players may not play the pitching or catching positions at the 'A' Provincials.

e. If any players from the rural regions are playing 'AAA' in the four Winnipeg organizations they

cannot go back to their rural region and play 'A'. 'A' teams wanting to double roster an 'AAA' player must submit a request in writing to the Minor Committee for approval by June 1st.

f. Any U11 players granted a release from a rural region to be age advanced to play in the U13

'AAA' category of an out of region team MUST return to their home region the following year to

attend an evaluation camp in their home region. If the player is released from their home region

they may attend the evaluation camp of an out of region team.

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

That 1.C.4, as written be deleted in its entirety.

**RATIONALE**

This is a housekeeping requirement to keep the Minor Division Operating Rules in line with current practices. Double Roster has not been allowed since the establishment of Urban and Rural boundaries for AAA organizations.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**VOTE: 24-0-0**

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**Notice of Motion #3**

**Chair:** Motion 3 pertains to the AA category forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobbi-Jo Guffei.

**MOTION #3**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors      **Division Affiliation:** Minor

**Date:** Oct 20 2023

**REFERENCE:** (Section, article, number, page, etc.) M3-1-A-2-iii)

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

iii) '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.

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

iii) 'AA' – Players registering 'A' are eligible to play 'AA' **on the specified times during the 'A' season and unrestricted following the 'A' age category provincial** – check RAMP 'AA' dropbox. 'AA' may include up to 3 teams per Age Category per Region. (as per the **regions** defined within 'AAA'). AA Provincials to be scheduled in **late July/early 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).

**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping -program has been implemented for the two years, regions per Division operating Rules, and update the commitment to have AA category provincial completed in early August at latest

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**VOTE: 24-0-0**

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## Notice of Motion #4

**Chair:** Motion 4 pertains to moving the Special Playing Rules out of the MDORs and into their own section brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

### MOTION #4

#### Division Operating Rules

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24, 2023

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

Minor Division Operating Rules – 3. Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules: U11, U13, U15, U17 , U19 ‘A’ ‘AA’ ‘AAA’

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules: U11 U13 U15 U17 U19 ‘A’ ‘AA’ ‘AAA’

➤ U11-A Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with “Play Ball” (1st pitch). At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.
2. Run Ahead Rule: In a five (5) inning-controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings, the “Run Ahead Rule” is in effect.
3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.
4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.
  - a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.
  - b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.
  - c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:
    - i. Where games have completed 3 innings (2½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 5 inning game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.
    - ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.
5. The “conference rule” (in regard to pitchers) is waived.
6. The “Designated Player rule” is not permitted.
7. Teams may use “Little Leaguer” or “Play grounder” bats in all sanctioned Softball Manitoba

competitions.

8. Minor catchers must wear the protective helmet and mask with attached throat protector. In addition, all catchers in all categories of the Minor Division are required to wear a glove, chest protector, shin guards and athletic support (boys and girls). All of this equipment is to fit properly.

9. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.

10. The infield fly rule is waived.

11. The offensive team shall have a max. of 6 runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.

12. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.

13. Pitchers can't pitch more than three (3) innings in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

14. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

a. In the event a player is injured during the game and is unable to take their turn at bat, the player will be removed from the batting order and out for the balance of the game, unless the player's coach announces that the player will be able to continue to play prior to the team's next at bat.

15. Once a batter reaches four (4) balls in the count, the batter will receive the number of soft toss pitches to continue the strike count when four (4) balls are reached. (Example: the count was 4 balls, 1 strike, the batter would receive 2 soft tosses). Every soft toss thrown will be considered a strike. On a soft toss hit, the hitter may advance to 2nd base as able, but will not advance past 2nd base. Runners on base may advance a maximum of two (2) bases on a soft toss hit.

16. Stealing bases (2nd & 3rd) is always allowed when the ball is alive. Stealing Home is prohibited.

Runners may advance Home only on a hit ball.

17. U11 will use a larger home plate: (21" inches).

18. The Official Ball will be the Rawlings 11" Red Dot PX11RYLC.

19. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit in that inning.

➤ U11-AA Special Playing Rules – New for 2023

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90-minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial Championship Medal games.

2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the

game and will be charged a conference. (See #6 – Conference Rule).

3. Run Ahead Rule: In a five (5) inning-controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings, the “Run Ahead Rule” is in effect.

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ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game.

The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

7. The “Designated Player rule” is not permitted.

8. Teams may use “Little Leaguer” or “Play grounder” bats in all sanctioned Softball Manitoba competitions.

9. Minor catchers must wear the protective helmet and mask with attached throat protector. In addition, all catchers in all categories of the Minor Division are required to wear a glove, chest protector, shin guards and athletic support (boys and girls). All of this equipment is to fit properly.

10. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.

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12. The offensive team shall have a max. of 6 runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.

13. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.

14. A pitcher may only pitch two (2) innings maximum per game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

15. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be

allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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➤ U13-A Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes,

whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90-minute mark, the plate

umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial

Championship Medal games.

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  8. Minor catchers must wear the protective helmet and mask with attached throat protector. In addition all catchers in all categories of the Minor Division are required to wear a glove, chest protector, shin guards and athletic support (boys and girls). All of this equipment is to fit properly.
  9. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.
  10. The Infield Fly Rule is in effect.
  11. The offensive team shall have a max of six runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.
  12. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.
  13. The Pitching Distance will be 38 feet.
  14. Pitchers can't pitch more than three (3) innings in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.
  15. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.
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18. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit that inning.

19. The Official Ball will be the Rawlings 12' Red Dot PX12RYLC.

➤ U13-AAA Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than six (6) innings with no time limit.

2. Run Ahead Rule: In a 6 (six) inning-controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.

3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

i. Where games have completed 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead) of a scheduled 6

inning game, then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.

ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. The "conference rule" (regarding pitchers) is waived.

6. Innings Pitched. There is a 3-inning limitation on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch per game. Teams must use 3 pitchers in every game, no more than 3 innings for 1, 2 innings for a second and 1 for a third. This can be split 2-2-2 if so desired. a Run Ahead Rule will negate mandatory innings. With a mid-inning pitcher change it is possible for pitchers to pitch 3, 2 and 2 if the first pitcher is pulled in the 3rd inning.

Note – 1 pitch constitutes an inning. Penalty of use of pitchers beyond innings allowed will be

loss/default of that game.

7. Pitching Distance will be 38 feet.

8. Each player must play a minimum of 2 innings. In a "Run Ahead" game, a team will not be penalized if they are not able to play all team members.

9. The Infield Fly Rule is in effect.

10. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.

11. Mandatory Roster Batting. All players on the line-up card must bat. In the event a player is injured during the game and is unable to take their turn at bat their name shall be removed from the batting order and they will be ineligible to return under any circumstances for the balance of the game. The team will not record an out in the batting spot formerly occupied by the injured player.

12. The offensive team shall have a maximum of six runs per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first.

13. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the

offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit that inning.

14. The Official Ball will be the Rawlings 12' Red Dot PX12RYLC.

➤ U15-A Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than five (5) innings or ninety (90) minutes,

whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90 minute mark, the plate

umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial

Championship Medal games.

2. Run Ahead Rule: In a five (5) inning controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings, the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect

3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was

called.

b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

i. Where games have completed 3 innings (2½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 5 inning

game; or 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning game, then the game

shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.

ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete

game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. The offensive team shall have a max of six runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.

6. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.

7. Pitchers may pitch no more than 4 innings for a 7 inning game and 3 innings for a 5 inning game.

One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra

innings the limitation on innings is waived.

8. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the

offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit that inning.

➤ U15-AA Special Playing Rules – New for 2023

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or ninety (90) minutes, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with “Play Ball” (1st pitch). At the 90 minute mark, the plate

umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial

Championship Medal games.

2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense

to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference. (See #6 – Conference Rule).

3. Run Ahead Rule: In a seven (7) inning controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 5 ½ or 6 innings, the “Run Ahead Rule” is in effect.

4. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

5. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

d. Restart of such games must be made with same line-up as existed when the game was called.

e. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

f. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

iii. Where games have completed 3 innings (2½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 5 inning

game; or 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning game, then the game

shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.

iv. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete

game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game.

The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

7. The offensive team shall have a maximum of six runs per inning or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.

8. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations).

9. In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.

10. A pitcher may only pitch three (3) innings maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.

11. When playing in a game with a run-limit per inning, a catcher may be substituted out when the offensive team has two out OR one run less than the run limit that inning.

➤ U15-AAA Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams will play a 7 inning game with no time limit.

2. Run Ahead Rule: In all provincials leading to Western or Canadian championships the Run Ahead

Rule will be the same as that Western or Canadian Championship Run Ahead Rule.

(15) runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings or (10) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings or (7) runs after 4 ½ or 5

innings the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.

3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

a. Restart of such games must be made with same line-up as existed when the game was called.

b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

i. Where games have completed 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7

inning game, then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed or restarted.

ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete

game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

6. Softball Canada Substitution and Lineup Rules are in effect – batting nine (9). DP and Flex cannot be used.

➤ U17-A Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or ninety (90) minutes in

length, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with “Play Ball” (1st pitch). At the 90 minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any

Provincial Championship Medal games.

2. Run Ahead Rule: In a seven (7) inning controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 4½ or 5 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 5 ½ or 6 innings, the “Run Ahead Rule” is in effect.

3. Tie Breaking: The International Tie Breaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

i. Where games have completed 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning

game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed.

ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete

game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.

➤ U17-AA Special Playing Rules – New for 2023

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or ninety (90) minutes in

length, whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with "Play Ball" (1st pitch). At the 90 minute mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any

Provincial Championship Medal games.

2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense to

defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference. (See #6 – Conference Rule).

3. Run Ahead Rule: In a seven (7) inning controlled game if one team is up by thirteen (13) runs after 4½ or 5 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 5 ½ or 6 innings, the "Run Ahead Rule" is in effect.

4. Tie Breaking: The International Tie Breaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

5. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

d. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

e. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

f. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

iii. Where games have completed 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning

game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed.

iv. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game.

The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

7. The offensive team shall have a maximum of 6 runs per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first.

8. A pitcher may only pitch three (3) innings maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning

constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on

innings is waived.

9. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player

and flex rules are in effect.

➤ U17-AAA Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams will play a 7 inning game with no time limit.

2. Run Ahead Rule. In all provincials leading to Western or Canadian championships the Run Ahead

Rule will be the same as that Western or Canadian Championship Run Ahead Rule. (15) runs after 2½ or 3 innings or (10) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings or (7) runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings the “Run Ahead Rule” is in effect.

3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

i. Where games have completed 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning

game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed.

ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete

game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. Softball Canada substitution and lineup rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect.

➤ U19-A Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or 90 minutes in length,

whichever occurs first. Time limits begin with “Play Ball” (1st pitch). At the 90 minute mark, the plate

umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed. There will be no time limit in any Provincial

Championship Medal games.

2. Run Ahead Rule: In a seven (7) inning controlled game if one team is up by fifteen (15) runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings or up by 10 (10) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings or up by seven (7) runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings the “Run Ahead Rule” is in effect.

3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of

regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

i. Where games have completed 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning

game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed.

ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete

game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.

➤ U19-AAA Special Playing Rules

1. Length of Game: Teams will play a 7 inning game with no time limit.

2. Run Ahead Rule: a. In all provincials leading to Western or Canadian championships the Run Ahead Rule will be the same as that Western or Canadian Championship Run Ahead Rule. (15) runs after 2½ or 3 innings or (10) runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings or (7) runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings the “Run Ahead Rule” is in effect.

3. Tie Breaking: The International Tiebreaker Rule shall be used in all games at the completion of

regulation play. This will be continued for each subsequent inning until a winner is determined.

4. Suspended Play: If for any reason, the game is stopped, it shall resume from the exact point it left off (unless listed otherwise below). This applies to all games during the scheduled championship dates.

a. Restart of such games must be made with the same line-up as existed when the game was called.

b. Subsequent play will follow the rules for substitute players as defined in the official rulebook.

c. Any games in progress at the time of suspension will be considered as:

i. Where games have completed 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead) of a scheduled 7 inning

game then the game shall be considered complete and will not be resumed.

ii. If the game has not completed the required number of innings to be considered a complete

game, then play will be rescheduled to a later date and restarted.

5. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect.

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

That 3.N, as written be removed in its entirety and placed in a new Section of the Handbook called Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules.

#### **RATIONALE**

Softball Manitoba’s Constitution, By-Laws, General Operating Rules and Division Operating Rules are established to provide direction for the governance of the Association and its affiliated membership. Section 16.03.a of our By-Laws require that any changes must be in place for a minimum of three (3) years before they are eligible to be reversed or changed.



Special Playing Rules are meant to govern game play and serve to augment the Softball Canada and the Western Canada Softball Association Rule Book and as such must be more open to adjustments or change based on these organizations. Special Playing rules need to be open for annual review and change for development programs such as AA to ensure that we can proactively address changes to programs as they evolve.

Moving the Special Playing Rules from Division Operating Rules to a separate section of the Handbook allows for this flexibility in our programming.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 24-0-0**

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#### **Notice of Motion #5**

**Chair:** Motion 5 pertains to Special Playing Rules – U11 A Maximum Innings Pitched brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

#### **MOTION #5**

##### **Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M12 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U11A #13- Maximum Innings Pitched

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

13. Pitchers can't pitch more than three (3) innings in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

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

13. Pitchers can't pitch more than **two (2) innings** in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

#### **RATIONALE**

Now consistent with U11AA rule – increases overall development for more pitchers per team.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 23-0-1**

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**Notice of Motion #6**

**Chair:** Motion 6 pertains to Special Playing Rules U11 A orthodox pitching rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad DeGraeve.

**MOTION #6**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M12 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U11A #14 – Orthodox Pitching Rule.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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

**TO REMOVE** this from U11A Special Playing Rules.

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U11 – and stated already in SC Rule Book.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 23-0-1**

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**Notice of Motion #7**

**Chair:** Motion 7 pertains to U11 AA Special Playing Rules – Orthodox Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Kuleza.

**MOTION #7**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M13 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U11AA #15 – Orthodox Pitching Rule.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

5. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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

**TO REMOVE** this from U11AA Special Playing Rules.

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U11 – and stated already in SC Rule Book.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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**Notice of Motion #8**

**Chair:** Motion 8 pertains to U11 AA Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #8**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M13 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U11AA #6 - Conference Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

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

6. The "conference rule" (in regard to pitchers) is waived.

**RATIONALE**

Now consistent with U11 and U13 rules.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 22-0-2**

**Notice of Motion #9**

**Chair:** Motion 9 pertains to U13 A Special Playing Rules – Substitution Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Wolowiec.

**MOTION #9**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M14 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13A #16 Substitution Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

1. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.

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

**ADD:**

The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown. **Substitutions must be reported to Plate Umpire.**

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 23-0-1**

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**Notice of Motion #10**

**Chair:** Motion 10 pertains to U13 A Special Playing Rules – Orthodox Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #10**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M14 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13A #15 – Orthodox Pitching Rule.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

5. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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

**TO REMOVE** this from U13A Special Playing Rules.

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U13 – and stated already in SC Rule Book.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 22-0-2**

**Notice of Motion #11**

**Chair:** Motion 11 pertains to U13 AA Special Playing Rules – Inning Ending Game Flow brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #11**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M15 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AA #2 – Inning Ending Game Flow.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2-minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference.**

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

**REMOVE ALL**

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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**Notice of Motion #12**

**Chair:** Motion 12 pertains to U13 AA Special Playing Rules – Substitution Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Kuleza.

**MOTION #12**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M15 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AA #13 Substitution Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

1. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown.

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

**ADD:**

1. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown. **Substitutions must be reported to Plate Umpire.**

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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**Notice of Motion #13**

**Chair:** Motion 13 pertains to U13 AA Special Playing Rule – Orthodox Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad DeGraeve.

**MOTION #13**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M15 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AA #16 – Orthodox Pitching Rule.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

6. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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

**TO REMOVE** this from U13AA Special Playing Rules.

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U13 – and stated already in SC Rule Book.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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**Notice of Motion #14**

**Chair:** Motion 14 pertains to U13 AA Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobbi Jo Guffei.

**MOTION #14**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M15 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AA #6 - Conference Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

7. **The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**

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

7. The "conference rule" (in regard to pitchers) is waived.

**RATIONALE**

Now consistent with U11 and U13 rules.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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## Notice of Motion #15

**Chair:** Motion 15 pertains to U13 AA Special Playing Rules – Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lucy Chura.

### MOTION #15

#### Division Operating Rules

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M15 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AA #15 Pitching Rule

#### WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

15. A pitcher may only pitch two (2) innings maximum per game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

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

15. A pitcher may only pitch **three (3) innings** maximum per game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.

#### RATIONALE

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote:** 22-0-2

## Notice of Motion #16

**Chair:** Motion 16 pertains to U13 AAA Special Playing Rules – Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobbi-Jo Guffei.

### MOTION #16

#### Division Operating Rules

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M16 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AAA #6 Pitching Rule

#### WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

7. Innings Pitched. There is a 3-inning limitation on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch per game. Teams must use 3 pitchers in every game, no more than 3 innings for 1, 2 innings for a second and 1 for a third. This can be split 2-2-2 if so desired. a Run Ahead Rule will negate mandatory innings. With a mid-inning pitcher change it is possible for pitchers to pitch 3, 2 and 2 if the first pitcher is pulled in the 3rd inning.



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

To read as follows:

**6. Pitchers can't pitch more than three (3) innings in a game. One pitch (legal or illegal) thrown in an inning shall count as an inning pitched.**

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 20-3-1**

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**Notice of Motion #17**

**Chair:** Motion 17 pertains to U13 AAA Special Playing Rules – Roster Batting brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Lanthier.

**MOTION #17**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M16 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U13AAA #11 Roster Batting

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

11. Mandatory Roster Batting. All players on the line-up card must bat. In the event a player is injured during the game and is unable to take their turn at bat their name shall be removed from the batting order and they will be ineligible to return under any circumstances for the balance of the game. The team will not record an out in the batting spot formerly occupied by the injured player.

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

**11. The substitution rule does not apply. Players may be substituted freely without penalty. All eligible players shall be listed on the line-up card and shall bat in the order shown. Substitutions must be reported to Plate Umpire.**

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U13 – in A/AA/AAA.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 23-0-1**

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## Notice of Motion #18

**Chair:** Motion 18 pertains to U15 A Special Playing Rule – Substitution Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

### MOTION #18

#### Division Operating Rules

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M16 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15A #6 – Substitution Rule.

#### WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

6. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.

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

##### ADD:

6. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply. **ALL substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.**

##### RATIONALE

Consistency with U15 rules and proper Game Management.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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## Notice of Motion #19

**Chair:** Motion 19 pertains to U15 A Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobbi Jo Guffei.

### MOTION #19

#### Division Operating Rules

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M17 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15A - Conference Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

ADD:

**9. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**

**RATIONALE**

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

**1<sup>st</sup> AMENDMENT – 1<sup>st</sup>: Tony Kuleza, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Al Bruneau**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

9. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of **five** conferences are allowed in a game. The **sixth** conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

**2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDMENT – 1<sup>st</sup>: Tony Kuleza, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bobbi-Jo Guffei**

**RATIONALE:**

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U15 age category.**

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried  Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 23-0-1**

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**Notice of Motion #20**

**Chair:** Motion 20 pertains to U15 AA Special Playing Rules – Inning Ending Game Flow brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #20**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M17 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AA #2 – Inning Ending Game Flow.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference.**

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

**REMOVE ALL**

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U15 – in A/AA/AAA.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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**Notice of Motion #21**

**Chair:** Motion 21 pertains to U15 AA Special Playing Rules – Innings Pitched brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lucy Chura.

**MOTION #21**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M17 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AA #10 – Innings Pitched.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**10.** A pitcher may only pitch three (3) innings maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.

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

**10.** A pitcher may only pitch **four (4) innings** maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U15 – in A/AA/AAA.

**AMENDMENT – 1<sup>st</sup>: Al Bruneau, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bobbi-Jo Guffei**

**RATIONALE:**

Consistency throughout U15 – in A/AA.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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## Notice of Motion #22

**Chair:** Motion 22 pertains to U15 AA Special Playing Rules – Substitution Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

### MOTION #22

#### Division Operating Rules

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M17- #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AA #8 – Substitution Rule.

#### WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations).

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

##### ADD:

8. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). **ALL substitutions must be reported to the Plate Umpire.**

#### RATIONALE

Consistency with U15 rules and proper Game Management.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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## Notice of Motion #23

**Chair:** Motion 23 pertains to U15 AAA Special Playing Rules – Orthodox Pitching Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Kuleza.

### MOTION #23

#### Division Operating Rules

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AAA #5 – Orthodox Pitching Rule.

#### WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

8. Orthodox Pitching Rule – For orthodox pitchers to transition into windmill pitchers (if they so desire) hip and shoulder turn will be allowed, for example, a right-hand pitcher will be allowed to turn their left hip and left shoulder and point them towards home plate during the delivery. The straight arm in the delivery (no elbow bend) is still expected.

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

**TO REMOVE** this from U15AAA Special Playing Rules.

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U15 – and stated already in SC Rule Book.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 23-0-1**

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**Notice of Motion #24**

**Chair:** Motion 24 pertains to U15 AAA Special Playing Rules – Substitution & Lin-Up Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #24**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AAA #6 – SC Substitution & Line-up Rule.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

6. Softball Canada Substitution and Lineup Rules are in effect – batting **nine (9)**. DP and Flex cannot be used.

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

**6. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect. Softball Canada Line-up is comprised of players currently in the game on offense and defence, including the DP and the Flex player. All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.**

**RATIONALE**

Consistency with U15 Western Canadians and Canadian Championship rules.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 23-0-1**

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**Notice of Motion #25**

**Chair:** Motion 25 pertains to U15 AAA Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #25**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15AAA - Conference Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

**ADD:**

**7.** The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

**RATIONALE**

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

**AMENDMENT – 1<sup>st</sup>: Frank Fargey, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Al Bruneau**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**9.** The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of **five** conferences are allowed in a game. The **sixth** conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.

**RATIONALE:**

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U15 age category.**

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried  Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 23-0-1**

**Notice of Motion #26**

**Chair:** Motion 26 pertains to U17 A Special Playing Rules – Substitutions & Lin-up Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #26**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17A #5 – Substitution & Line-up Rule.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

6. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.

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

**ADD:**

7. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty, but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply.  
**All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.**

**RATIONALE**

Proper Game Management.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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**Notice of Motion #27**

**Chair:** Motion 27 pertains to U17 A Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #27**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17A - Conference Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

**ADD:**

6. The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.



**RATIONALE**

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

**AMENDMENT – 1<sup>st</sup>: Tony Kuleza, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bobbi-Jo Guffei**

**RATIONALE:**

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U17 age category.**

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried  Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 23-0-1**

**Notice of Motion #28**

**Chair:** Motion 28 pertains to U17 AA Special Playing Rules – Inning Ending Game Flow brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #28**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17AA #2 – Inning Ending Game Flow.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**2. Inning Ending Game Flow: There will be a 2 minute turnaround when switching from offense to defense and vice versa. Teams not following this rule will be penalized for stalling the game and will be charged a conference. (See #6 – Conference Rule).**

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

**REMOVE from U17AA SPRs.**

**RATIONALE**

Consistency with U17 A and AAA and SC Rule Book.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 22-0-2**

## Notice of Motion #29

**Chair:** Motion 29 pertains to U17 AA Special Playing Rules – Substitutions & Line-Up Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lucy Chura.

### MOTION #29

#### Division Operating Rules

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M19 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17AA #9 – Substitution & Line-up Rule.

#### WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

**9. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect.**

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

**9. All players are in the batting line-up and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed (subject only to the pitching limitations). In the event a player is injured and is unable to bat they will be removed from the batting order without penalty but will not be eligible to return for the balance of the game. In the event that the removal of a player reduces the number of players below 9, standard Softball Canada rules will apply. All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.**

#### RATIONALE

Proper Game Management.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 22-0-2**

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## Notice of Motion #30

**Chair:** Motion 30 pertains to U17 AA Special Playing Rules – Innings Pitched brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobbi-Jo Guffei.

### MOTION #30

#### Division Operating Rules

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M19 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17AA #8 – Innings Pitched.

#### WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

**11. A pitcher may only pitch three (3) innings maximum per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. In the event that a game goes into extra innings the limitation on innings is waived.**

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

**PLEASE REMOVE.**

**RATIONALE**

Consistency throughout U17 – in A/AA/AAA.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 21-0-3**

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**Notice of Motion #31**

**Chair:** Motion 31 pertains to U17 AAA Special Playing Rules – Substitutions & Lin-up Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Kuleza.

**MOTION #31**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M19 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17AAA #5 – Substitution & Line-up Rule.

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

1. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting **nine (9)**. Designated player and flex rules are in effect.

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

**9. Softball Canada substitution and line-up rules are in effect – batting nine (9). Designated player and flex rules are in effect. Softball Canada Line-up is comprised of players currently in the game on offense and defence, including the DP and the Flex player. All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.**

**RATIONALE**

Proper Game Management. Consistent with SC and WCSA Rules.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 23-0-1**

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**Notice of Motion #32**

**Chair:** Motion 32 pertains to U17 AAA Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobbi-Jo Guffei.

**MOTION #32**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M18 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U17AAA - Conference Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

ADD:

**6.The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**

**RATIONALE**

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

**AMENDMENT – 1<sup>st</sup>: Al Bruneau, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lucy Chura**

**RATIONALE:**

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U17 age category.**

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried  Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 23-0-1**

**Notice of Motion #33**

**Chair:** Motion 33 pertains to U19 A Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rafik Abi-Saleh.

**MOTION #33**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M19 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U19A - Conference Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

**ADD:**

**6.The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**

**RATIONALE**

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

**AMENDMENT – 1<sup>st</sup>: Brad DeGraeve, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rafik Abi-Saleh**

**RATIONALE:**

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U19 age category.**

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried  Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 23-0-1**

#### **Notice of Motion #34**

**Chair:** Motion 34 pertains to U19 AAA Special Playing Rules – Conference Rule brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobbi-Jo Guffei.

#### **MOTION #34**

##### **Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

Page M20 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U19AAA - Conference Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

**ADD:**

**6.The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of three conferences are allowed in a game. The fourth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**

**RATIONALE**

Now consistent with U15 and U17 special operating rules.

**AMENDMENT – 1<sup>st</sup>: Kevin Lanthier, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Terry Wolowiec**

**RATIONALE:**

Now consistent with **Softball Canada Rule at the U19 age category.**

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

**Vote: 23-0-1**

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**Notice of Motion #35**

**Chair:** Motion 35 pertains to Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules – Length of Game brought forward by the Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Kuleza.

**MOTION #35**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Manitoba Board of Directors    **Division Affiliation:** All

**Date:** October 24-2023

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

#3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules – Length of Game  
U11A (Page M12-1) U11AA (Page M13-1) U13A (Page M14-1) U13AA (Page M15-1) U15A (Page M16-1)  
U15AA (Page M17-1) U17A (Page M18-1) U19A (Page M19-1)

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

Length of Game: Time limits begin with “Play Ball” (1<sup>st</sup> pitch).

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

Length of Game: **Time limits begin at the conclusion of the Plate Conference just prior to Game Time.**

**RATIONALE**

Consistency with the Softball Canada Rule Book.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried  Amended  Withdrawn  Defeated

**Vote: 22-1-1**

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**Notice of Motion #36**

**Chair:** Motion 36 pertains to AA/AAA Boundaries for tryouts brought forward by the MPSL. 1<sup>st</sup> by Al Bruneau and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daphne Wiebe.

**MOTION #36**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Kevin Lanthier **Division Affiliation:** Manitoba Premier Softball League (MPSL)

**Date:** October 26, 2023Da

**REFERENCE:** Page M2 Minor Division Operating Rules, 1. Registration 2. Classification - Boundaries

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

Adding language

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

A player cannot attend multiple tryouts and must choose one team/catchment for the purpose of tryouts at the AAA & AA levels. (Exception. Grand fathered athletes)

**RATIONALE**

Regardless of living situation an athlete should not have the advantage of attending multiple tryouts due to family situation over someone that doesn't have that option.

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     **Carried**     **Amended**     **Withdrawn**     **Defeated**

**Vote: 24-0-0**

**Notice of Motion #37**

**Chair:** Motion 37 pertains to Manitoba Thunder/Interlake Philles AA/AAA boundaries brought forward by NESAs. 1<sup>st</sup> by Lucy Chura and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Bruneau.

**MOTION #37**

**Division Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Daphne Wiebe, NESAs President

**Division Affiliation:** Minor Division

**Date:** October 25, 2023

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

**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.  
• 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 resides, 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 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.



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The program will initially be implemented for a two-year period.

**INFO ON WEBSITE:**

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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 2024:**

**The Urban Boundaries outlined above come into 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.**

**RATIONALE**

There is significant inconsistency in the boundaries between "A", "AA" and "AAA" teams in the northeast area of Winnipeg and surrounding areas. "A" teams within the NESAs catchment include athletes from East St Paul. These athletes account for 26% of NESAs athletes in the U11 to U19 Divisions. "AA" and "AAA" teams coming out of the NESAs area are significantly constrained by the current boundaries, which do not include East St Paul. This is magnified because all "AA" athletes are required to also play on a "A" team. For East St Paul athletes, these two levels of teams are not based out of the same area, one in NESAs, the other in Phillies area. As a result, NESAs has not yet been able to field a "AA" team. Manitoba Thunder has struggled to form competitive teams, only being able to field a U15 and U17 team in the 2023 season. The future of competitive Softball in our area is heavily dependant on this boundary change.

We've worked hard to build a program in our area and have seen success at the "A" level. We would also like a chance to be successful at the "AA" and "AAA" level and we feel this boundary change would allow us that opportunity without hampering other areas. Last year, only a few East St Paul athletes played at the "AA" or "AAA" level. But more want to!

**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

**Vote: 13-9-2**

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**Motion #38** – Brought forth by Daphne Wiebe. Upon voting to accept the motion brought to the floor. The Delegates voted, 24-0-0 – 100%.

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

Page M17 - #3 Provincial Competition – N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules U15 AA - Conference Rule

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

ADD:

**9.The "conference rule" is in effect. A maximum of five conferences are allowed in a game. The sixth conference will result in a pitching change. Each subsequent conference will result in another pitching change.**

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**RATIONALE**

Now consistent with U15 Softball Canada Rules.

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**FINAL IMPLICATIONS:**     Carried     Amended     Withdrawn     Defeated

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**Vote – 22-0-2**

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**11. Elections (Board of Directors and Advisory Board)**

**PRIOR TO ELECTIONS – Larry thanked Brady Woods (departing Director/VP) and Mike Fennessey (departing Advisory Board member).**

- President – Larry Giesbrecht to serve as independent Chair for the Director and Advisory Board Elections.

**Chair:** We will now conduct the necessary elections and conclude this AGM with the following 6 Directors:

**Currently In Place:**

- Central Director: Kristi Guilford - one (1) year left in term. (Serving to 2024).
- Interlake Director: Karli Reimer - one (1) year left in term. (Serving to 2024).
- Parkland Director: Greg Boden - two (2) year term. (serving to 2025).  
Acclaimed.
- Westman Director: Bev Neufeld - two (2) year term. (serving to 2025).  
Acclaimed.
- WPG South Director: Al Bruneau - one (1) year left in term. (Serving to 2024).

**Move to Elect four (4) new Regional Directors as follows:**

- Eastman Director: one (1) year term. (Serving to 2024). Vacant.
- Norman Director: one (1) year term. (Serving to 2024). Vacant.
- NW Ontario Director: two (2) year term. (Serving to 2025). Vacant.
- WPG North Director: two (2) year term. (Serving to 2025). Vacant.

**Elections Chair (Larry):** We will now elect the Minor Advisory Board Position.

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**Minor Advisory Board Position – one (1) year left in term.**

We have received the following valid nomination for the Minor Advisory Board Position:

- Brady Woods – acclaimed

Brady has accepted the nomination. In accordance with Section 5.07 of the SMB Bylaws, a Minor Advisory Board Member must receive a majority of all votes cast in order to be elected. Congratulations to Brady Woods who will serve the next year as Minor Advisory Board Representative.

**VOTE ON MINOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER = 24-0-0 in favor.**

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**Elections Chair (Larry):** We will now elect the 2 Regional Directors beginning with Parkland and followed by Westman.

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**Parkland Director – two (2) year term.**

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

- Greg Boden – acclaimed

Greg 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 Greg Boden who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Parkland.

**VOTE ON PARKLAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 23-0-1 in favor.**

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**Westman Director – two (2) year term.**

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

- Bev Neufeld – acclaimed

Bev 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 Bev Neufeld who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Westman.

**VOTE ON WESTMAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 23-0-1 in favor.**

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**Chair:** Notified Membership that the elections are concluded and congratulated the newly elected Directors.

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**12. New Business**

**Chair:** For the benefit of the members, a brief report on the following 4 Headings were provided to the Membership in The Supplementary Package. These are ALL available online at Softball Manitoba.

Softball Canada 2024 rules changes have not been released yet. Once they are received, they will be placed on the Softball Manitoba website.

**The 4 included:**

**(a) Softball Manitoba AA Softball Program**

More information available at, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/aa-softball>

**(b) Softball Manitoba Mandatory Screening**

More information available at, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/criminal-record-checks>

**(c) Softball Manitoba Mandatory Respect in Sport Certification**

More information available at, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/respect-in-sport>

**(d) Softball Manitoba 2024 Competition Calendar**

More information available at, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/2024-competition-calendar>

A final note from the President included that Softball Canada RULE 3.1.22 TEMPORARY RUNNER added as 3.1.23: A player who may run for the catcher or pitcher of record who is on base with two outs.

RATIONALE: Adopts new WBSC Rule (2022). Allows the use of the temporary runner for both the catcher and pitcher.

### 13. For The Good of The Association:

- Don thanked All those in Attendance (John Blacher, Scott Neiles, A League Presidents, AA Contacts, AAA President and Organizational Presidents, Clinicians, Provincial Hosts, Our UDC, Board and President and of course Staff for all their work & Assistance in making 2023 a Successful Softball Season.
- Softball Canada President spoke on behalf of the National Board & Staff in Thanking Softball MB for their support throughout the season – especially Blue Con Committee and Brandon's U15 Canadian Championship Host Committee.
- Frank Fargey, PUIC – congratulated All umpires that represented MB at Canadian Championships and congratulated Val Pelleck on her recent WBSC certification.
- The President remarked on losing two long time Softball Manitoba Volunteers (Evelyne Holenski and Charlie Kurtz) thanking them for their countless duties and all that they have contributed to the Sport of Softball.
- The President added that the U13 female component to the WCSCs will be held in conjunction with U13 males. SPR will be finalized in January. Discussion on what ball to use - 11 inch or 12.
- The President added Slo-Pitch Development in schools → mini school tournament for grades 5-6-7-8.
- The President asked the Membership how to keep males in Softball once they graduate from Timbits program. 25% of Timbits are male, where are they going?
- The President thanked Director Karli Reimer for our social media account set ups.
- The President notified the Membership that the Board will be actively seeking vacant board positions.
- The President thanked staff, board, coaches, athletes, parents and wished everyone Best of luck in the upcoming season.

### 14. 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 – 11:25 a.m.**

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#### 1. Authorization

**Submitted December 6, 2023**

**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.

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. Softball Manitoba works with our National Sports Organization (Softball Canada), Sport Manitoba and other advisory bodies such as Coaching Manitoba to develop and offer programs to our membership, if you feel there is a need for assistance in growing or developing the sport in your region or community, please contact our office to arrange for clinicians or funding opportunities.

Thank you to our Board of Directors, our Advisory, Athlete Development, Umpire 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 of 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 our various Most Outstanding Player award recipients at each of our Provincial Championships. This award was established this year to recognize athletes for their contributions on the field during the Provincials and replaced the nomination process previously used to recognize a player of the year.

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 Janaya Watt of the Smitty's Terminators, Danika Nell of the Smitty's Terminators and Emilie Carriere of the Eastman Wildcats for being selected to All-Star Teams at Canadian Championships.

Congratulations to the athletes, coaches, umpires and officials that participated in this year's Manitoba Summer Games Program.

Congratulations to Brandon and their volunteer committee on a successful U13 Boys and Girls Western Canadian Championships. This was the first event held for this age category and Brandon set the bar high for future Hosts. I look forward to Manitoba hosting many more Canadian and Western Canadian Championships.

Thank you to Paige Churchill and her team of clinicians for taking on the responsibility to run and grow the Softball Manitoba Academy. Paige and her team continue 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 Women's National Team program, congratulations to Danika Nell for her selection to the U18 Women's National Team program and congratulations to Mike Hrynenko, Head Coach of the Men's National Slo-pitch Team. It is always good to see athletes and coaches 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.

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 have had an opportunity to introduce and promote Softball in one school this year and it was very successful. The participants took part in a three-day program that included introduction to skill development and ended with a small tournament complete with Umpires. We will continue to work towards growing our male programming and at looking 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

- ◆ 2020 – 2024 Registration Trends. Softball Manitoba registered **569** teams in 2024. Here is an overview of the last 5 years of registrations at Softball Manitoba:

Division	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Plus/minus from 2022
Minors	227	186	443	489	524	+35
Fast pitch	42	34	32	28	23	-5
Slo-pitch	50	33	35	19	22	+3
Total teams	319	253	500	536	569	+33
Umpires	135	140	168	204	225	+21

2024 Classification	Female	Male	Coed	2024 Players	F	M	Non-Binary	Total
LTP Teams	0	0	171	LTP	1269	284	1	1554
Minor Teams	320	13	20	Minor	4004	330	7	4341
Fast Pitch Teams	12	2	0	Fast Pitch	255	73	1	329
Slo-Pitch Teams	0	1	21	Slo-Pitch	53	276	0	329
Orthodox	3	0	6	Umpires	97	127	1	225
TOTAL	335	16	218	TOTAL	5678	1090	10	6778

## ❖ MARKETING – PROMOTING SOFTBALL MANITOBA

- ◆ **Annual Awards** - Player, Coach, Team, Official and Volunteer Annual Awards & Recognition.
- ◆ **MOP Awards** – Most Outstanding Players presented at Minor Provincial Championships. **New.**
- ◆ **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 MB Hall of Fame and Museum** – Annual Induction Dinner. Museum open May-Sept. Annual Memorial Awards presented.
- ◆ **Sponsorship Promotion** – Major Sponsors are included on Travel T-shirts and Development Camp T-shirts. Major Sponsors include Rawlings-Worth-Easton-Miken 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.

## ❖ COACH DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ **NCCP 2024:**
  - Community Softball – Eleven clinics were held. 124 coaches were Certified.
  - Competition Introduction – Five virtual clinics were held with a total of 39 coaches in attendance. Four hybrid on-field clinics were held with a total of 44 coaches in attendance.
  - Competition Introduction On-Field Evaluations – 33 coaches were Evaluated.
- ◆ **Respect in Sport:** Respect In Sport is an online training course for Coaches designed to assist them in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment and bullying in sport. Softball MB made this mandatory for all coaches registered with our 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 2024 100% of coaches were successfully screened as a requirement for ALL Softball MB registered Coaches.

## ❖ **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

- ◆ **Softball Manitoba Regional Skills Development Academy: (2024 – Final Year)**  
This past winter Softball MB ran our Regional Skills Development Academy for 12 weeks between January – April 2024. Three classifications of training were offered (grassroots, competitive and high performance) and a total of 195 applications were received. The 90 athletes that went through the program were from all minor female classifications (18 A / 30 AA / 42 AAA). The program included defensive, offensive, pitching, catching instruction, strength and conditioning, sport psychology and some intro to high performance for those athletes looking forward to the 2024 MB Games and 2025 Canada Summer Games. To wrap the program up, we had a U17 team travel to Kansas to play in a tournament. Team selections matched US age categories as opposed to MB age categories resulting in a closer match in competition level.
- ◆ **Manitoba Softball Academy: (New for 2024/25)**  
After wrapping up the 2024 RSDA, Paige Churchill (Smith) stepped up to fill the role of Program Lead. A full assessment of the program was completed, and it was determined that the program should be split into two streams, Elite and Developmental.
  - **Elite Academy:** The program will run from November 2024 to March 2025 for athletes born 2007-2012. The Elite Program will be for athletes who are working towards goals of playing collegiate softball, provincial team or national team. Over 90 applications were received in September with a plan of keeping 64 athletes. This will make up three travel teams (U14, U16, U18) plus alternates. The Elite Program will include classroom sessions (rules, nutrition, goal setting, mental health and athlete talks), strength & conditioning, two USA travel tournaments and softball specific skills based on positions (pitcher, catcher, position).
  - **Development Academy:** The program will run from January to April 2025 for athletes born 2008-2013 targeting grassroots softball. The Development Stream will be for A/AA athletes. There will be six sessions for position players from January – March, and four sessions for pitchers/catchers in April. Registration for this program will begin in November.
- ◆ **Canpitch:**  
Clinics are run from April to September with team training from October to April. Currently have 3 trained MPI and 10 Regional Pitching Instructors. 276 athletes went through the program in 2024.
- ◆ **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. The most successful of these projects here has been an inner city school (Elwick) we have been working with over the past years bringing Softball into the school curriculum. At Elwick we turned a few days of development and grassroots competition into 6 weeks of daily lunch hour Softball.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 MB Grant to develop coaches, officials and athletes in the Inner City and remote areas of Manitoba. Our objective is to continue to assist in removing barriers such as racism and increasing development at the introductory level as well as at the competitive level.
- ◆ **SPIN and Winnipeg Newcomers Sport Association:**  
Softball MB participates in the WNSA Softball sessions by working with kids of all ages who are newcomers to Canada – teaching the basics of Softball. 2024 = 30 kids for 4 weeks.
- ◆ **Long Term Player Development:**  
Softball MB continues working to educate coaches on the principles of LTPD and ensure that we look at the development of athletes beyond winning a Provincial title.

## ❖ OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ National Officials Certification Program – In 2024 Manitoba certified 225 Officials (+21 officials).
- ◆ 8 Softball MB Officials worked Western Canadian Softball Championships this past year.
- ◆ 9 Softball MB Officials worked Softball Canada Canadian Championships this past year.
- ◆ In 2024 – 6 SC umpire clinician evaluations and 2 SC evaluator assessments were completed.
- ◆ 2024 Softball Manitoba Umpire Development Committee – Another outstanding year 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.

## ❖ COMPETITION

- ◆ **In 2024 Manitoba hosted/participated:**
  - The initial U13 Male & Female Western Canadian Fast Pitch Championships.
  - Softball MB hosted 21 Provincial Championships (17 Minor / 4 Adult).
  - 248 teams entered our Provincial Championships. (as compared to 224 in 2023)
  - 13 of our Minor Teams attended Western Canadian Championships.
  - 8 of our teams represented Softball MB at Canadian Championships.
- ◆ **In 2025 Manitoba is scheduled to host:**
  - The U19 Female Western Canadian Fast Pitch Championships.
  - The U20 Male Western Canadian Fast Pitch Championships.
  - *Unconfirmed* – Softball MB Host (Winkler) has entered a bid to Host the U15 Female Canadian Championships and the U15 Male Canadian Championships. (TBD)

## ❖ 2024 SOFTBALL CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES

### CHALLENGES:

- ◆ Facilities – Indoor and Outdoor. Softball Organizations across Manitoba continue to struggle to find proper places to train in the winter and compete in the summer. Indoor facilities big enough to play games in or appropriate for outfield development are either a rare find or unavailable as our sport continues to wait in line behind traditional school sports like basketball. Outdoor facilities are a struggle as well. While our number of teams and events continue to increase, ball diamonds to compete on (especially in urban areas) continue to decline.
- ◆ Balancing Classifications – Softball MB's Board continues to work with Minor Division League Executives and our Membership (grassroots programs/leagues and elite leagues/organizations) so that all classifications (A/AA/AAA) can continue to grow at a productive rate. Looking at A League competition at provincials there is still a need to balance the competition in the U11 and U13 categories. In the past this was solved somewhat by breaking the teams into 2 brackets, competitive and recreation. I believe this will continue until AA is a classification on its own. **AA** has matured a year but has yet to put forward a working Executive to overlook the entire province's AA program or an established league, constitution and balanced schedule. Other than the Provincial Championships and a few tournaments – this program remains within a compact timetable and will continue on in one until they break away from the required A support. **AAA** has its flaws as well – Softball MB works to assist the AAA Organizations in fielding teams in all four age categories (U13-19). The important thing in all of this is that we find a solution where our base (A) has enough players (especially pitching) to support a AA team in each region at all age categories after our AAA organizations have formed teams in all regions and in all age categories.
- ◆ **Boundaries** – Work is required to balance population numbers within each region/area regarding softball growth. In AAA, do we have enough players in the City of Winnipeg to support four age categories in each organization? Do the 1-year fixes we currently provide suffice for future development of the MPSL? Do the rural boundaries require a re-assessment? Are any of the rural regions too big or small? Do we do a complete shift and move on to the Sport MB – MB Games boundaries? Should the boundaries match in all three classifications (A/AA/AAA)? Does it make sense to have one A League in each region to feed their regional AA program which in turn has players available that can be developed so that they are a step closer to compete for a position in the regional AAA programs?

**SUCSESSES:**

- ◆ **Softball Leaders** - 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 UDC, Hall of Fame and other Committee Members, 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.
- ◆ **Softball Club** - Elwick School – While we have tried desperately to get softball into school programming and part of their physical education curriculums, seldom do we receive cooperation like we do with Elwick School. Here we are given the opportunity to showcase softball, providing skill introduction and organized game play as well as an introduction to umpiring. This is also an opportunity for new Canadians to play and become familiar with the sport. Along with the students (some that seldom participate in their regular physical education activities) participating in this three-day event, teachers were also offered an opportunity to take coach clinics and offered opportunities for enrollment in umpire clinics. This past year we had 288 students participate in the program. Following the 3-day event we left them with a respectable equipment inventory, and they continued to compete 3 days a week (noon hour Softball Club) throughout May and June. The students came back this Fall and it is reported that 100 students have already signed up and are participating in Fall Softball Club!

Rule #1 in Softball Club - Spread the word and talk about starting a Softball Club in your school!



Combining softball and studies never hurts. Ball + Books = A great Student.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# REGISTRATION REPORT

## TEAM REGISTRATION COMPARISON (10 YEARS)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Total Teams</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>569</b>
Minor Females	312	308	310	310	316	172	172	327	347	320
Minor Males	26	23	21	20	27	25	15	22	16	13
Minor Mixed	48	48	32	57	62	30	0	94	126	191
Women's Fast Pitch	14	18	28	16	18	10	10	12	13	12
Men's Fast Pitch	9	5	6	4	6	8	4	3	2	2
Orthodox Fast Pitch	27	28	21	26	18	24	17	17	13	9
Women's Slo-Pitch	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Men's Slo-Pitch	23	28	34	26	17	6	0	0	0	1
Co-Ed Slo-Pitch	80	75	76	75	63	44	32	34	19	21

## 2025 FEE STRUCTURE (all fees includes GST):

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

## 2025 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FEES (all fees include GST):

TEAM REGISTRATON FEE	CATEGORY
\$400.00	Minor A Female
\$450.00	Minor AA Female
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>Minor AAA Female &amp; Male</b>
\$450.00	Adult Fast Pitch & Slo-Pitch
<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>55+ Slo-Pitch</b>

## UMPIRE REGISTRATION COMPARISON (5 YEARS)

YEAR	NO. REGISTERED
2025	225
2024	204
2023	168
2022	140
2020	143

## 2025 UMPIRE REGISTRATION FEES (all fees include GST):

LEVEL	FEES
<b>I &amp; II Under 21</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<b>I &amp; II Over 21</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
<b>III, IV &amp; V</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>



## **REGIONAL REPORTS**

## CENTRAL REGION

The Central Region is pleased to report that we had another very successful season! Every age category from Learn to Play, A, AA and AAA had lots of players registering to play ball and build their softball skills. We are fortunate to have very strong groups of volunteers across all levels of ball in our region, contributing to our strength at every level. Below is a breakdown of the numbers of teams registered in the Central region this season.

Category	Age Category					Totals
	U11	U13	U15	U17	U19	
A (Mac Minor Ball)	4	2	3	1		10
A (Tiger Hills league)	18	16	9	9		52
AA (Central Charge)	1	2	1	1	n/a	5
AAA (Central Energy)	n/a	1	1	1	-	3

As many of us know, any sort of hosting duties takes a great amount of effort and a large volunteer base, and this season, the Central Region was pleased to host to 5 Provincial competitions, moving around the region to Portage (U13A), La Salle (U17 A), Morden (U17AA), Rock Lake/Crystal City (U19A), and Winkler (U19 AAA). Along with hosting Provincial Championships, various league and exhibition tournaments were hosted around the region as well.

This past winter also saw many local school gymnasiums and our larger recreation centres filled with ball players attending skill development clinics, as well as some specialized clinics for pitching, catching and hitting with guest clinicians. We were also pleased to see many of our Central Region alumni returning to host spring clinics and help with coaching duties at all levels around the region.

Our Central Charge AA program once again hosted tryouts in April, with 130 players registered. As noted above, we fielded a team at each age category, and two teams at the U13 age category. With the AA program still being a developmental league, each team was able to get quite a few exhibition games in as well as practices. All AA teams were able to attend a showcase tournament, and all our Central Charge teams faired quite well. Coaches appreciated the opportunity to play other teams and get a better feel for the areas they needed to work on.

Provincial weekend was a busy one with every AA team playing on the same weekend, and our Charge teams managed to medal in every age category.

- U11 AA – Bronze
- U13 AA – Gold
- U15 AA – Gold
- U17 AA – Silver

We were also excited to see our Team South win GOLD at the Manitoba Summer Games in Dauphin!

Overall, our Central Charge teams had a very strong season once again, with lots of positive feedback from players, parents and coaches, most of whom would like to see the AA program continue to grow.



### **AAA Report:**

Our Central Energy tryouts were held in September, with 75 athletes attending. We fielded a team at the U13, U15 and 17 age categories, but unfortunately due to no available coaches, we had to fold our U19 team for the season (we are happy to report that our U19 AAA team for the 2024/25 season looks strong)! Our teams practiced throughout the winter, with many of our players also taking part in the RSDA (Academy) on the weekends. Our teams also took advantage of guest coaches (pitching, hitting, catching and skill development) and traveled to many tournaments across Canada and the US, with the U15 teams taking home the gold medal at the Wheat City Classic. The Central Energy teams also performed well at Provincials and took home medals in all three age categories.

U13 AAA – Bronze

U15 AAA – Bronze

U17 AAA - GOLD

Overall, our Central Region is pleased to see our softball programs growing stronger each year, thanks to great coaching and dedicated volunteers.

I would like to personally extend a HUGE thank you to our Central Region board members and to all our hard-working volunteers who have taken on leadership roles at the Central Charge, Tigers Hills, Macdonald Minor Ball, and all other local community club levels. Your dedication and hard work does not go unnoticed, and is much appreciated!

Kristi Guilford  
Central Director Director

### **EASTMAN REGION**

- Hosted U15 A Provincial Championship at A.D. Penner Park
- Hosted U17 AAA Provincial Championship at Friedensfeld Community Center
- U13 AAA Wildcats earned Silver at MB Provincials
  - Hannah Skrabek won MOP
- U13 AAA Wildcats earned Silver at Westerns
- U15 AAA Wildcats earned Silver at MB Provincials
- U15 AAA placed 14<sup>th</sup> at Nationals
  - Emilie Carriere made the U15 Nationals Round Robin All-Star Team as an Infielder
- U15 Manitoba Games Team East placed 5<sup>th</sup>
- U17 AAA Wildcats earned Silver at MB Provincials
- U17 AAA Wildcats placed 9<sup>th</sup> at Nationals
- U17 AA Eastman Blaze earned Bronze at MB Provincials
- U17 A Steinbach earned Silver at MB Provincials

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

## **INTERLAKE REGION**

2024 was another excellent year of growth and development for the region. Interlake Minor registration numbers were up to 289 compared to 255 the previous year. The Interlake had 26 'A' softball teams in 2024 with U9, U11 and U13 playing locally. The U15 & U17 'A' teams played out of Winnipeg. The Interlake region hosted 'AA' teams in each category for U11, U13 and U15. The Interlake Phillies had 'AAA' teams in U13 and U15, and the U19 Phillies merged with Angels to form the Manitoba Phillies team for the 2024 season.

### **2024 highlights include:**

- The Interlake Phillies hosted weekly pitching, hitting and team practice sessions for its 'AAA' teams throughout the winter.
- The Interlake's 'AA' teams became known as the Maroons to differentiate them from the 'AAA' Phillies.
- The 'AA' program is growing and ran fall and winter skills camps for U11-U15 players from October 2023 to April 2024.
- The Interlake had a strong contingent of more than 15 players attend the Regional Skills Development Academy (RSDA). Three Interlake players were selected for the RSDA's 16U travel team that competed in Kansas City, Missouri in March 2024.
- The Phillies ran their popular annual spring development camp bi-weekly (month of April) for U9-U13 'A' and 'AA' players. It was led by Phillies alumni and coaches.
- 'AAA' Phillies hosted weekly pitching clinics for U11-U17 'A' & 'AA' players during the month of April.
- 'AAA' Phillies pitchers worked with U18 WNT player, Danika Nell, in the spring.
- 'AAA' Phillies hosted a Community Softball coaching clinic for eligible 'AAA' players on April 13 where 12 players took part.
- The U13 'AA' Maroons won bronze at Provincials in Brandon.
- Many U15 'AA' Maroons players participated in the Manitoba Games competition in Dauphin.
- The U13 'AAA' Phillies won gold at Provincials in Stonewall and earned bronze at the first-ever U13 Western Canadian Championship in Brandon.
- The region successfully hosted the U13 'AAA' provincial championship at Stonewall's Quarry Park in July.
- The U19 'AAA' Manitoba Phillies won bronze at Provincials in Winkler.

The Interlake region was proud to see even more current and past players give back through participation at development camps and the dedication of their time by coaching teams at the U11/U13/U15 'AA' and 'AAA' levels. U13 Phillies head coach, Karli Reimer, participated in Softball Manitoba's Female Coach Mentorship Program this season with her mentee, Chelsea Snively.

**Karli Reimer**  
Interlake Director

## **NORMAN REGION**

An Officials and Competition Introduction Clinic were held for Cross Lake. Norman is scheduled to host the Minor Male Provincials in 2025.

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

## **NORTHWEST ONTARIO REGION**

There has been ongoing communication with Dryden to continue their program growth. Thunder Bay is planning to get their softball program back for the 2025 season after a tough couple of years due to covid.

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

## **PARKLAND REGION**

The Parkland Region registered a total of 21 teams for the 2024 season. This is another exciting step forward, an increase in teams registered compared to last season, as well as a new association in our region (Swan River). Parkland was able to form a team in both the U13 and U17 AA category, and they hope to have one team in each category for 2025.

Minor Male Provincial Championships for U11, U13, U15 and U19 Open Males were held in Dauphin by Skownan First Nations. The event was very successful.

Congratulations to the U13 AA Parkland Power team that competed in Brandon and earned a Silver medal at Provincials.

Ste. Rose hosted a Community Softball Clinic on April 21 with 10 coaches completing their certification and an Umpiring Level One Clinic on April 20 with 5 umpires completing the course. Parkland has one certified Canpitch Instructor who facilitated 4 X 5 week clinics hosted in 4 communities within the Parkland reaching 63 athletes. Discussions have already taken place to solidify clinics for next year.

Greg Boden  
Parkland Director

## **WESTMAN REGION**

The Westman Region had another successful season and is preparing for the 2025 season.

### **Learn to Play Registration**

U5 – 2 teams (21 players registered)

U7 – 6 teams (53 players registered)

U9 – 7 teams (78 players registered)

### **Minor A Softball**

U11 – 7 teams (88 players registered)

- All U11 teams participated in provincials with only 1 team qualifying for the playoff round.

U13 - 6 teams (75 players registered)

U15 - 3 teams (39 players registered)

U17/19 - 2 team (27 players registered)

### **Minor AA Softball**

We had another strong year for interest in the AA program.

U11 – 3 teams

U13 – 3 teams

U15 – 3 teams

U17 – 1 team

### **Minor AAA Softball**

The Westman Magic Organization had teams at all age groups this season.

- The U13 team hosted the Western Championships and placed 5<sup>th</sup>
- The U15 team attended the Canadian Championships and placed 16<sup>th</sup>
- The U17 team attended the Western Championships and brought home a silver medal
- The U19 team was a combination of Westman Magic and Winnipeg Lightening Organizations. The team attended the Canadian Championships and placed 18<sup>th</sup>

Coaches have been selected for the 2025 Westman Magic program and tryouts took place throughout September at all age categories. Teams will be fielded at the U13, U15 and U17 age categories. Once again, the Magic Organization is hoping that a U19 team will be formed either through amalgamation or as a stand alone team.

### **Westman Region Teams Medaling at Provincials (A, AA, AAA)**

U11 AA Manitoba Reapers	Bronze
U11 AA Westman Heat White	Silver
U11 A Boissevain ➤ Kyree Hart - MOP	Gold
U13 A Brandon C&E	Gold
U13 A Strathclair	Silver
U13 A Virden ➤ Luca Woolridge - MOP	Bronze
U15 AAA Westman Magic ➤ Paige Rampton - MOP	Gold
U15 AA Westman Fury	Silver
U15 AA Westman Heat	Bronze
U15 A KPIC	Silver
U15 A Hamiota	Bronze
U15 A Deloraine Royelles ➤ Townsly McMillan - MOP	-
U17 AA Westman Heat	Gold
U17 A Hamiota	Bronze
U19 AAA Westman Heat ➤ Anna Forbes & Delaney Penner - MOPs	Silver
U19 A Hamiota ➤ Whitney Rozdeba - MOP	Silver

### **Manitoba Games – Team West**

Kayla Alexander was the Head Coach of Team West. The team was put together from our AA program within the region and competed at the Manitoba Games held in Dauphin. Team West captured the silver medal at the Games.

### **Player & Coach Development**

Development with clinics in the region was ongoing and registration for all clinics offered was strong with lots of young athletes and coaches interested in improving.

Ste. Rose Hitting	Nov-Dec 2023	20 Athletes
Softball Brandon Skills	Jan-April 2024	35 Athletes
Softball Brandon Pitching	Jan-April 2024	30 Athletes
Softball Brandon Grassroots	April 2024	13 Athletes
Killarney Skills/Pitching	April 2024	48 Athletes

Carberry Community Coach Clinic	April 14, 2024	16 Coaches
Brandon Community Coach Clinic	May 4, 2024	14 Coaches
Comp Intro Coach Clinics/Evaluations	Virtual	7 Coaches
Comp Intro Coach Evaluations	Evaluations	3 Coaches

Our region also hosted the first ever U13 Western Canadian Softball Championships. WE had nine female teams and 5 male teams participate. The even was held at the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex, was very well attended and an overall success. Thank you to Softball Manitoba for the support of this event.

Bev Neufeld  
Westman Director

## **WINNIPEG NORTH REGION**

The biggest positive we have seen this year is the continuing 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 NESAs 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, Dana Lovallo, Grant Cobb, Rene Oulette, Tracy Price, Kris Gagnon, Tamara Prociuk, Trevor Jackulak and Sarah Shotton for their collaborative effort and commitment to development from A to AAA.

The Thunder program has been faced with the biggest challenge in recent years at the AAA level and have decided to combine with the Winnipeg Lightning at the AAA level for the coming season. This could impact teams at the AA level but based on recent dialogues between Boni Vital and NESAs AA teams will be created in both areas with movement of players to fill rosters between the areas.

Congratulations to Bryan Bjornson for his work in grassroots softball athlete development in the NESAs region. Bryans efforts earned him The Vince Leigh memorial award for grassroots athlete development.

Congratulations to the U11 AA Manitoba Reapers who captured the bronze medal at the AA Provincials

Greg Bouchard  
Winnipeg North Director

## WINNIPEG SOUTH REGION

Registrations at the A level is holding steady, and AA teams were fielded in each age category.

The inaugural U13 Female & Male Westerns were held in Brandon from August 1-4, 2024 with the Eastman Wildcats capturing Silver and the Interlake Phillies achieving Bronze. Some observances were that a seven-inning game may be too long for this age group as most local teams only normally play 5 or 6 innings. The change to the smaller ball size for this Championship was not a hindrance to our Manitoba teams as they dominated through the Round Robin.

The Bonivital Softball Association (Lucy Chura as their president) continues to work with Winnipeg Lightning to develop Softball in the region with the AA program is being mostly managed from the A group. They will now be working with the North East Softball Association to develop the AA and AAA players from that region as the Manitoba Thunder organization has folded.

2025 dates and locations for camps have been set by Bonivital and WSWYSA.

Stef Brunel was announced as the new President for WSWYSA. Thank you to Bobbi Jo Guffei for her contributions over the years.

Refurbishment of Riel Park has started with upgrades to fencing and lights for the 2025 season.

### **Winnipeg South Region Team & Individual Successes (A, AA, AAA)**

U11 AA Bonivital Bolts Provincials Holly Wellbourne – MOP	-
U15 Team Winnipeg Blue – Manitoba Games	Bronze
U17 AAA Winnipeg Lightning Provincials	Bronze
U19 AAA Smitty's Terminators Provincials	Gold
U19 AAA Smitty's Terminators Nationals ➤ Danika Nell – Round Robin MVP ➤ Janaya Watt – All-Star Team Infielder	-

Al Bruneau  
Winnipeg South Director

## 2024 OFFICIALS DIVISION UIC REPORT

As I finish my eighth season as UIC, I am 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 again this 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 Frankie Billingsley

### 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	Social Media
Jace Guilford	Member

### Zone UIC's & DUIC's

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

### 2024 Umpire Registration & Clinic Summary

Softball Manitoba had 225 registered umpires in 2024, in my view a slight increase from 2023. 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) = 134

Level 1-2 (over 21) = 48

Level 3 = 20

Level 4T = 10

Level 4 = 13

Level 5 = 5

Level 5 WBSC = 3

### Softball MB Umpire Academy

This year's version was held in conjunction with the wheat city classic in Brandon in early June. An opportunity for our UDC to discuss topics that will benefit our travelling umpires at their respective Canadian and Western Championships, and for the umpires a great opportunity to get evaluated early in the season.

The UDC also made an emphasis this summer on assessing their instructor/evaluators who have taken the SC I/E course, these assessments were done at clinics, umpire academy and provincials. This was a reassurance we are providing proper information to our umpire membership the Softball Canada WAY!

### **Blue Convention 2025**

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.

Blue Convention will be hosted in Calgary, April 17-19, 2025. Softball MB UDC goal is to have 20 umpires attend the event.

### **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**

Softball Manitoba umpires had another successful performance on and off the diamond. Special shout out to the umpires listed below who capped off their championship be it a Canadian or Western Championship!

#### ***Western Canadian Championships***

Mason Twordik, Brandon - U13 Brandon, MB  
Emma Wirgau, Stonewall - U13 Brandon, MB  
Ferlin Asham, Brandon - U13 Brandon, MB  
Kim Kosokowsky, Swan River – U13 Brandon, MB  
Myles Blahut, Winnipeg – U13 Brandon, MB  
Annabelle Lanthier, Morden – U13 Brandon, MB  
Grace Hanson, Winnipeg – U13 Brandon, MB  
Rick Knutt, Emerson - U13 Brandon, MB  
Addison Page, Winnipeg- U15 Girls North Battleford, SK  
Brooke Bishop, Winnipeg- U17 Girls Port Alberni, BC  
Akayla Veysey, Brandon- U19 Girls Irma, AB

#### ***Canadian Championships***

Damien Mathys, Brandon - U15 Boys, St. Léonard, QC  
Mackenna Thomasson, Winnipeg - U15 Girls, Ile Perrot, QC  
Chantal Girouard, Morden – U17 Girls Calgary, AB  
Jace Guilford, Crystal City - U17 Boys St. Gervais, QC  
Manfred Glor, Winnipeg – U19 Girls Saskatoon, SK  
Mack Walske, Morden – U20 Men's Carp, ON  
Troy Schwartz, Winnipeg – U23 Men's Kitchener, ON  
Mitch Zuk, Red Rock ONT- Women's Blackfalds, AB  
Bruce Luebke, Brandon – Men's & Masters Men's, Saskatoon, SK

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

### **2024 Umpire Awards and Appreciation Lunch**

The officials' annual awards and lunch took place in Carman this year. The UDC hosted a lunch at the campground in Carman. Always well attended, the UDC took the opportunity to hand out our annual awards, SC recognition pins, and some Softball Manitoba swag.



## **2024 Softball Manitoba Umpire Award Winners**

***Wayne Deschouwer Umpire of the year***  
Ron Westcott

***Ellery Scatch Northern Umpire of the year***  
Warren Halcrow

***SC Level 4 Certification***  
Mack Walske – Morden

### **Regional Grassroots**

***Central***  
Matt Stephens

***Eastman***  
Anak Hiebert and Caven Sawatzky

***Interlake***  
Olivia Wirgau

***Westman***  
Kasia Baranyk and Rachel Lyver

***Winnipeg East***  
Maddison Noakes and Jason Cress

***Winnipeg West***  
Zoey Shantz and Cody Harms

### **To Conclude**

It was a great season for all our Softball Manitoba umpires on and off the diamond. With the opportunity to umpire in NZ, 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. 2025 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 2025!

Play Ball!!!



Frank Fargey  
Softball Manitoba Provincial UIC



## **DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**



## 2024 HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

### **Manitoba Softball Academy**

The Manitoba Softball Academy has morphed since its inception in 2017. After an assessment of the program, we have decided to split the former Regional Skill Development Academy into two streams, Elite and Development. Both Programs will be led by Coach Paige Churchill and Coach Dani Klassen. The 2024-25 Elite Program will run from November 2024 to March 2025 for athletes who are working towards goals of playing collegiate softball, provincial team or national team. The 2025 Development Program will run from January to April 2025 for A/AA.

### **Manitoba Games**

The Manitoba Games made its highly anticipated return in Dauphin, MB in August after covid cancelled the event in 2020. Congratulations to Team South on winning the Gold, Team West on taking in the Silver and Team Winnipeg Blue on winning the Bronze.

### **Canada Summer Games**

After a fierce tryout that saw over 80 athletes, over double what we saw tryout for the last CSG, the selection committee and coaching staff were able to select what they feel is our most competitive and balanced group to date. The top 18 players will now begin winter training. Congrats to the following athletes.

Abby Dixon  
Brooklyn Friesen  
Chloe Carriere  
Danika Nell  
Danyel Heppner  
Emma Franklin  
Jessie Henry  
Kali Remillard  
Kendall Charles  
Ky Solomon  
Lexi Remillard  
Linnae Johnson  
Molly Conrad  
Naomi McKay  
Nelia Fehr  
Pascale Kihn  
Sally Leask  
Taylor Stronciski

Brady Woods  
High Performance Director

## 2024 AA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPORT

The AA softball category increased its registration for the third consecutive year during the summer of 2024. The program expanded to 37 teams across four age categories, an increase of seven teams from the previous year. All regions had at least one team compete, and five regions had at least one team at each age category. Parkland had its inaugural season in 2024, bringing the total to nine regions that are currently represented at the AA Regional Committee meetings. Seven of the nine regions have a four (or more) person committee in place to move the development of the AA program forward in their region.

Continuing the U11 category again was very successful in advancing the program in 2024. The U13 category contained the highest number of teams and combined with U11 represents more than half of the overall registration. This truly should strengthen the numbers in U15 and especially U17 in future years.

Although the nine Region Committee Reps were unsuccessful in putting structure and a board in place to move the AA program to a stand alone entity for 2025, Softball Manitoba has committed to keeping the AA category as a development program under its umbrella. With suggestions from the Regional Committee, changes have been made to allow AA practice/gameplay to expand, and the season to start March 1 with the restricted period remaining as May 1 to the end of the age category A provincial. The Regional Committee will continue to be in place. Emphasis for this Committee will be creation of a unified vision including consideration to maintain a strong grassroots softball presence in each region as well as structure for self-governance.

A huge shout out to all volunteers stepping up to help develop the AA Program. From regional committee reps, individual region committees, the Softball Manitoba Office and Board, coaches/managers, umpires and parents, 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 Southwest Storm, U13 Central Charge - Purple, U15 Central Charge, and U17 Westman Heat.

I look forward to moving the program ahead in 2025. 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

## **MANITOBA SOFTBALL ACADEMY**

The 2023-24 RSDA had a successful training season with 90 athletes accepted into the program, along with 12 coaching staff.

The RSDA started after Christmas break, running for 12 consecutive weeks, with the hopes that it would be a great transition into the 2024 season. 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, University of Manitoba and Max Bell Centre. Sessions were held Friday evenings and Sunday mornings. To wrap up the winter training, our U17 group traveled to Kansas City for a tournament.

An assessment of the program was conducted, and we have decided to split the former Regional Skill Development Academy into two streams, Elite and Development.

### **ELITE PROGRAM**

The Manitoba Softball Academy - Elite Program will be led by Coach Paige Churchill and Coach Dani Klassen. The program will run from November 2024 to March 2025 for athletes born 2007-2012. The Elite Academy will be for athletes who are working towards goals of playing collegiate softball, provincial team or national team.

The Elite Academy will include 10 training sessions, strength and conditioning through the Sport Manitoba Performance Centre and two USA tournaments for each team (U12, U14, U16).

Elite Academy applications have been reviewed and 50 athletes have been accepted into the program.

### **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The Manitoba Softball Academy - Development Program will be led by Coach Paige Churchill and Coach Dani Klassen. The program will run from January to April 2025 for athletes born 2008-2013. The Development Stream will be for A/AA athletes and split into two groups: position players and pitchers/catchers.

Confirmation of accepted athletes will be done in November.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Paige Churchill & Dani Klassen  
Manitoba Softball Academy Leads

## 2024 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 Bruce Luebke, Wendy Bouchard, Sharon Lilley, Sara Girard, Kerry Hartman, Kari Ellis, Brett Turner, Cam Hotel, Bev Neufeld, Trudy Nay and the entire Host Committee for the hours you put in at the ball park during the inaugural 2024 U13 Female & Male Western Canadian Softball Championships – Well Done!

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Klym

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

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>MINORS</b>					
Males	13	16	17	15	25
Females	200	193	150	83	95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>FAST PITCH</b>					
Men	2				
Women	0				
Co-ed	0				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SLO-PITCH</b>					
Men	0				
Women	0				
Co-ed	0				
Seniors	12	15	16	15	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>130</b>



## 2024 PROVINCIAL RESULTS

CATEGORY	LOCATION	# OF TEAMS	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
U11 AA Female	ANSC	9	South West Storm	Westman Heat White	Manitoba Reapers
U11 A Female	Buhler	53	Boissevain	Altona	Winkler
U11 Open Male	Dauphin	2	Cross Lake Jacks	Skownan	-
U13 AAA Female	Stonewall	7	Interlake Phillies	Eastman Wildcats	Central Energy
U13 AA Female	ANSC	12	Centra Charge – Smith	Parkland Power	Interlake Maroons
U13 A Female	Portage	26	Brandon C&E	Strathclair	Virden
U13 Open Male	Dauphin	5	Cross Lake Red Sox	Skownan Rez Sox	Cross Lake Warriors
U15 AAA Female	Ray Fennel	7	Westman Magic	Eastman Wildcats	Central Energy
U15 AA Female	ANSC	10	Central Charge	Westman Fury	Westman Heat
U15 A Female	Steinbach	30	Winkler	KPIC Maintenance	Hamiota
U15 Open Male	Dauphin	4	Cross Lake Vikings	PIM Eagles	Cross Lake Ravens
U17 AAA Female	Friedensfeld	7	Central Energy	Eastman Wildcats	Winnipeg Lightning
U17 AA Female	Morden	6	Westman Heat	Central Charge	Eastman Blaze
U17 A Female	La Salle	20	Winkler	Steinbach	Hamiota
U19 AAA Female	Winkler	4	Smitty's Terminators	Westman Magic	Manitoba Phillies
U19 A Female	Crystal City	9	Winkler	Hamiota	Swan Lake
U19 Open Male	Dauphin	2	Skownan Hawks	Fisher River Hawks	-
Men's Masters 45+	Onanole	2	Onanole	Borderline	-
Senior 55+ SP Competitive	Little Mountain	4	Fossilized	Maulers	Barton's Bunch
Senior 55+ SP Rec A	Little Mountain	4	Tri Clad	Eastman	Rock Lakers
Senior 55+ SP Rec B	Little Mountain	4	Ichabods	Stealers	Nomads
<b>TOTAL # OF TEAMS</b>		<b>227</b>			

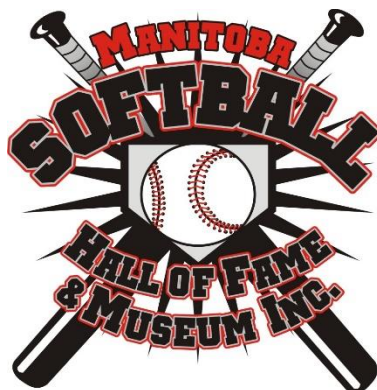


## 2024 MAJOR RESULTS

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS				
CATEGORY	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
U15 FEMALE	Ile-Perrot, QC	Abbotsford Outlaws (BC1)	Waterloo Ghosts Gold (ON1)	Haldimand Heat (ON3)
		14 <sup>th</sup> Place – Eastman Wildcats (MB2) 16 <sup>th</sup> Place – Westman Magic (MB1)		
		<b>ALL-STAR TEAM – Round Robin</b> Infielder - <b>Emilie Carriere</b> - Eastman Wildcats		
U17 FEMALE	Calgary, AB	Cloverdale Fury (BC1)	Fraser Valley Fusion (BC3)	Calgary Kaizen (Host)
		6 <sup>th</sup> Place – Central Energy (MB1) 9 <sup>th</sup> Place – Eastman Wildcats (MB2)		
		<b>ALL-STAR TEAM</b> Infielder – Janaya Watt – Smitty's Terminators		
U19 FEMALE	Saskatoon, SK	Fraser Valley Fusion (BC2)	Aurora Diggers (ON1)	White Rock Renegades (BC1)
		T-6 <sup>th</sup> Place - Smitty's Terminators (MB1) T-18 <sup>th</sup> Place – Westman Magic (MB2)		
		<b>ROUND ROBIN AWARDS</b> MVP - <b>Danika Nell</b> – Smitty's Terminators		
U20 MALE	Carp, ON	Plattsville Lightning (ON2)	Rostock Braves (ON1)	Equipe du Quebec (QC)
		9 <sup>th</sup> - Fisher River Hawks (MB1)		
OPEN FEMALE	Blackfalds, AB	Carnduff SE Steelers (SK)	Oakville Angels (ON)	Equipe Quebec (QC)
		6 <sup>th</sup> - Central Energy Ladies		
WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS				
CATEGORY	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
U13 FEMALE	Brandon, MB	Moose Jaw Ice (SK1)	Eastman Wildcats (MB2)	Interlake Phillies (MB1)
		5 <sup>th</sup> - Westman Magic (Host)		
U13 MALE	Brandon, MB	Prince Albert Astros (SK1)	Cross Lake Red Sox (MB1)	Parkland Wildcats (SK2)
		4 <sup>th</sup> - Pimicikamak Wolves (MB3) 5 <sup>th</sup> - Cross Lake Warriors (MB2)		
		<b>ALL-STAR TEAM</b> Infielder – Janaya Watt – Smitty's Terminators		
U15 FEMALE	Battleford, SK	Lacombe Selects (AB1)	Okanagan Elite (BC1)	Twin City Angels (SK2)
		5 <sup>th</sup> - Central Energy (MB1) 6 <sup>th</sup> - Interlake Phillies (MB2)		
U15 MALE	Battleford, SK	Pim Eagles (MB2)	Okanese Thunderstrickers (SK1)	Rosebud Royals (SK3)
		4 <sup>th</sup> - Cross Lake Vikings (MB1)		
U17 FEMALE	Port Alberni, BC	Sherwood Park Storm (AB1)	Westman Magic (MB2)	Lakeland Blaze (SK2)
		4 <sup>th</sup> - Winnipeg Lightning (MB1)		
U19 FEMALE	Irma, AB	Langley Xtreme (BC2)	Vancouver Wildcats (BC1)	Lakeland Blaze (SK1)
		5 <sup>th</sup> - Manitoba Phillies (MB3)		
MANITOBA SUMMER GAMES				
CATEGORY	LOCATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
U15 FEMALE	Dauphin, MB	South	West	Winnipeg Blue
		4 <sup>th</sup> Place – Winnipeg Gold 5 <sup>th</sup> Place - East		
		<b>ALL-STAR TEAM</b> Infielder – Janaya Watt – Smitty's Terminators		



## HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM REPORT 2024



### 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 an online presence 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, <https://www.mshofm.com/>, that displays previous, current Individual, Team Inductees and various historical information for the game of softball.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Induction Ceremony and Banquet was held at the Winnipeg Victoria Inn on May 11, 2024. The event inducted seven individuals and three teams into the Hall of Fame. The organization created an Awards Package with five businesses supporting the bronze category. The agency received financial donations from interested parties.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Induction Ceremony and Banquet will be held on May 3, 2025 at the Winnipeg Victoria Inn. The MSHF agreed to include the 2024 Softball Manitoba Memorial Awards at the ceremony.

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

Sincerely,

Murray Blight  
President



**SOFTBALL MANITOBA  
2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Tuesday, January 28	Sport Manitoba Meeting Rooms	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, April 29	Sport Manitoba Meeting Rooms	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, September 30	Sport Manitoba Meeting Rooms	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, October 28	Sport Manitoba Meeting Rooms	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**2025 DIVISIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Officials	Sunday, October 19	TBA	10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**2025 SOFTBALL MANITOBA AGM**

Saturday, November 22	Conference Centre 145 Pacific Ave	9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.
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**2023 – 2024  
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CENTRAL REGION	Kristi Guilford	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
PARKLAND REGION	Greg Boden	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2025
WESTMAN REGION	Bev Neufeld	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2025
WINNIPEG NORTH REGION	Greg Bouchard	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	Brady Woods	Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2025
OFFICIALS	Tony Kuleza	Nov. 2022 to Nov. 2026
SLO-PITCH	VACANT	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2027
FAST PITCH	Brenda Woods	Nov. 2020 to Nov. 2024



**2024 – 2025  
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CENTRAL REGION	Kristi Guilford ( <i>acclaimed</i> )	Nov. 2024 to Nov. 2026
EASTMAN REGION	Adrian Brown	Nov. 2024 to Nov. 2026
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NORMAN REGION	VACANT	Nov. 2024 to Nov. 2026
PARKLAND REGION	Greg Boden	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2025
WESTMAN REGION	Bev Neufeld	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2025
WINNIPEG NORTH REGION	Greg Bouchard	Nov. 2023 to Nov. 2025
WINNIPEG SOUTH REGION	Al Bruneau ( <i>acclaimed</i> )	Nov. 2024 to Nov. 2026

## **OFFICIALS:**

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

## **ADVISORY BOARD:**

MINORS	Brady Woods	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 ( <i>acclaimed</i> )	Nov. 2024 to Nov. 2028

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# 2024 SOFTBALL MANITOBA AWARDS & BURSARIES

## MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

U11 AA FEMALE	Ella Parrott – SW Storm
U11 A	Kyree Hart – Boissevain
U11 MALE	Dre Halcrow – Cross Lake Jacks
U13 AAA	Hannah Skrabek – Eastman Wildcats
U13 AA FEMALE	Chayse Paradis – Parkland Power
U13 A FEMALE	Luca Woolridge – Virden
U13 MALE	Taven Douglas – Cross Lake Red Sox
U15 AAA FEMALE	Paige Rampton – Westman Magic
U15 AA FEMALE	Shayna Driedger – Central Charge
U15 A FEMALE	Townsly McMillan – Deloraine Royelles
U15 MALE	Jacoby Hamilton – Cross Lake Vikings
U17 AAA FEMALE	Brooklyn Friesen – Central Energy
U17 AA FEMALE	Holly Wellbourne – Bonivital Bolts
U17 A FEMALE	Carys Hamilton – Winkler
U19 AAA FEMALE	Anna Forbes – Westman Magic & Delaney Penner – Westman Magic
U19 A FEMALE	Annika Roberts – Winkler & Whitney Rozdeba – Hamiota
U19 MALE	Isiah Chartrand – Skownan Hawks

## MEMORIAL DIVISION

BILL SADONICK MEMORIAL AWARD – Minor Coach of the Year  
**Brett Watt – U19 AAA Smitty’s Terminators**

BOB TURNER MEMORIAL AWARD – Outstanding Contribution to Grassroots Softball  
**Cam Christie - Springfield Heat & Eastman Blaze**

EDGAR STEVENSON MEMORIAL AWARD – Top Male Player  
**Bernie Garson - U19 Fisher River Hawks**

EUGENE MICHALOW MEMORIAL AWARD – Volunteer of the Year  
**Stefane Brunel - Winnipeg South West Youth Softball Association**

JEAN MAYNE MEMORIAL AWARD – Top Female Player  
**Janaya Watt - U19 AAA Smitty’s Terminators**

JIM ADAMS MEMORIAL AWARD – Outstanding Administrator, Builder or Executive Member  
**Jeremy Lough - Northwest Softball**

LEO BOUCHARD MEMORIAL AWARD – Leadership in Minor Pitcher Development  
**Halayna Boden - Russell Royals & Parkland AA Softball**

WAYNE DESCHOUWER MEMORIAL AWARD – Umpire of the Year  
**Ron Westcott**

**2024 BURSARY WINNERS**

SOFTBALL MANITOBA BURSARY  
**Laura Ransome**  
U19 AAA Smitty's Terminators

EUGENE MICHALOW MEMORIAL BURSARY  
**Jessie Henry**  
U19 AAA Westman Magic

ASHLEY NEUFELD MEMORIAL BURSARY  
**Chelsea Snively**  
Assistant Coach - Interlake Phillies

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## 2024 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
  3. Director Parkland Region – 1 Vote
  4. Director Westman Region – 1 Vote
  5. Director Central Region – 1 Vote
  6. Director Interlake Region – 1 Vote
  7. Director Eastman Region – **Vacant. No vote**
  8. Director NW Ontario Region– **Vacant. No vote**
  9. Director Winnipeg North Region – 1 Vote
  10. Director Winnipeg South Region – 1 Vote
  11. Minor Advisory Board Representative – 1 Vote
  12. FP Advisory Board Representative – 1 Vote
  13. SP Advisory Board Representative – 1 Vote
  14. Provincial Umpire in Chief – 1 Vote
  15. Officials Representative (Rural) – 1 Vote
  16. Officials Representative (Urban) – 1 Vote
  17. Officials Advisory Representative – 1 Vote
  - 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 questions 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;
  - e) Life Members.
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 2024 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).

# CORPORATE SPONSORS

