



2019 SOFTBALL MANITOBA AGM Division Operating Rules Motion Form



NOTICE OF MOTION

Division Operating Rules

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

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Section A – Classification - #4 Boundaries – Part i.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

The boundaries for Softball Manitoba's Minor "A" 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 "A" 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.

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

The City of Winnipeg be divided into 4 quadrants representing the 4 current A softball organizations.

The following organizations would exist in the areas below:

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.

Winnipeg Lightning – East of the Red River, south of Provencher/Dugald Rd, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg

Manitoba Smittys – west of the Red River, south of the Assiniboine River, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg.

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.

Boundaries would be in effect for the 2021 season beginning with tryouts in September 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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RATIONALE

To encourage development of the athlete and organizations and the overall growth of the sport. To increase the level of play within the province and on the national stage.

This would allow organizations to promote the sport within their boundaries to increase the exposure of A level softball. There would be direct link to B level programming in the specific community for development purposes that would provide a pipeline of athletes and coaches if they chose a more competitive route.

Exposure of the A game would increase as organizations would have a vested interest in development and retention of coaches and athletes.

Clearly, boundaries have been successful in the rural regions with retention and development of athletes. We feel that following the rural model, would do the same for the Winnipeg athletes and organizations.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☒ **X** **Carried** ☒ **X** **Amended** ☐ **Withdrawn** ☐ **Defeated**