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## UPDATED CHANGES REGARDING THE 2020 MINOR DIVISION OPERATING RULES.

❖ **SIBLING RULE** – Removed from Minor DORs.

**Reference:** Page M3 Registration A. Classification – 5. U12, U14 and U16 'A' Categories – f.

### **THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN REMOVED:**

f. If a player has siblings in an "A" Organization outside their Region, that player is eligible to try out for the appropriate age category of that organization.

❖ **U19 'A' CATEGORY – ADDING THAT CATEGORY TO REGIONAL BOUNDARY RULE.**

**Reference:** Page M3 1. REGISTRATION A. Classification #5 - U12, U14 & U16 'A' Categories.

### **THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN ADDED (IN BOLD) + AMENDED TO REMOVE 5f:**

#### **U12, U14, U16 and U19 'A' Categories**

- a. The U12, U14, U16 **and U19** 'A' Categories will be run under the auspices of the four (4) Winnipeg based "A" Organizations, Manitoba Angels, Manitoba Thunder, Smitty's and Winnipeg Lightning and the six(6) Rural Regions, Central Energy, Eastman Wildcats, Interlake Phillies, Norman, Parkland and Westman Magic.
- b. The number of "A" teams in the U12, U14, U16 **and U19** categories will be restricted to one team from each of the four (4) Winnipeg based "A" Organizations and one team from each of the six (6) Rural Regions.
- c. In the U12A, U14A, U16 **and U19** (starting in 2019) category players must attend an evaluation camp within their home region first. If a player is unsuccessful in making their home regional team they may ask for a release from their region and attend an evaluation camp for another region. In the case of players residing in the Winnipeg Region, they must attend the evaluation camps for all four (4) Winnipeg based teams. If a player is unsuccessful in making one (1) of the four (4) teams they may ask to be released and attend the evaluation camp of another region. Urban players unsuccessful in making 1 of the 4, must be released from all 4 Urban teams before registering with a Rural Organization.
- d. For the U12A, U14A, U16 **and U19** category teams are permitted no more than two (2) new out of region players. Returning players can remain within their current organization, if released they must return to the region in which they reside first, if the player is unsuccessful in making their home regional team they may ask for a release from their region in order to join another team. Returning out of region players plus new out of region players may not equal more than five (5). The four (4) Winnipeg Organizations can obtain their players from within the five (5) Winnipeg Leagues/Associations. (as per M2 1.A. #5 Boundaries -i.).
- e. All Regions, including Winnipeg, may exceed the Residency Rule in order to form a team, subject to the approval of the Minor Directors.
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- g. Team Registration – all 'A' teams must complete and submit a Softball Manitoba registration form, signed by all players, coaches and manager by January 31st for the upcoming season. Included with this must be an electronic copy of the TRF without signatures (for Office use).

❖ **ADDITIONS** – Updating to reflect new RAMP Registration.

Reference: Page M5 Registration E. Additions

**THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN REMOVED:**

3. Changes can only be made by completing the addition/deletion form provided by the Association.
4. When a player or coach is being added to a team roster, one of the team's coaches must sign the official addition/deletion form.
5. All additions to a team registration form must be signed by a league executive member.
6. Softball Manitoba will accept an addition/deletion form directly from any team that is registered with an affiliated league providing the league has signed the form.

**THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN UPDATED:**

3. Additions (players, coaches or managers) will need to register on the respective Leagues RAMP website between June 2 – 22. Changes will need to be approved by the League and Softball Manitoba.
4. When a player or coach is being added to a team roster, the respective League must inform Softball Manitoba in order to get approval.

❖ **CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM ROSTERS** – Updated Coaching Staff Count.

Reference: Page M7 Provincial Competition B. Championship Team Rosters – 2.

**THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN UPDATED:**

2. A team must also register at least one (1) coach or manager and may register as many as five (5).

❖ **U12 'A' DRAWS TO MIRROR U14, U16 AND U19 DRAW TYPE RULE** – Addition to the current Rule.

Reference: Page M10 G. Provincial Competition – Draws

**THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN CHANGED:**

All 'A' Provincial Championships U12-U19 be a full round robin playoff format which includes a page playoff system. The page playoff system consists of the first place team playing the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team with the winner advancing to the final and the loser advancing to the semi final. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place team will play the 4<sup>th</sup> place team with the winner advancing to the semi final and the loser being eliminated.

Any ties after the completion of the round robin portion of the Championship will be broken by criteria with the exception of a tie for 4<sup>th</sup> place. All 'A' championships should include a playoff round in which Gold, Silver and Bronze will be determined. These Provincial Championships will be played over four (4) days.

❖ **U12 'A' – NO TIME LIMIT RULE** – Addition to the current Rule.

Reference: Page M11 M. Provincial Competition – Game Length 1c.

**THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN CHANGED (BOLDED):**

- c. U12'A' teams play games of no more than six (6) innings **and No Time Limit.**

❖ **U19 'B' – TIME LIMIT RULE** – Addition to the current Rule.

**Reference:** Page M12 M. Provincial Competition – Game Length 1f. and g.

**THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN CHANGED (BOLDED):**

f. U19 “B” Girls teams play games of no more than seven (7) innings or **90 minutes** in length, whichever occurs first.

g. Time limits begin with “Play Ball” (1<sup>st</sup> pitch). At the **90-minute** mark, the plate umpire notifies teams and the inning is then completed.

❖ **U10 SOFT TOSS RULE** – Addition to the current Rule.

**Reference:** Page M13 N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules 7h.

**THE FOLLOWING RULE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO READ:**

h. **Once a batter reaches 4 balls in the count, the batter will receive the number of soft toss pitches to continue the strike count when 4 balls was 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 2<sup>nd</sup> base as able, but will not advance past 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Runners on base may advance a maximum of 2 bases on a soft toss hit.**

❖ **U14 MINIMUM INNING RULE** – Addition to the current Rule.

**Reference:** Page M15 N. Provincial Competition – Special Playing Rules 14.b

**THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN ADDED (BOLDED)**

b. Each player must play a minimum of 2 innings. **Two innings is 12 outs.**

In a “Run Ahead” game, a team will not be penalized if not able to play all team members.