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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of Softball Saskatchewan, our Board of Directors, and staff I would like to thank all our members for their continued support and commitment to the sport of Softball. Our sport is growing in all areas of the province thanks to the players, volunteers, coaches, and umpires who enjoy and celebrate what softball means to each of them.

The 2024 season brings many opportunities to showcase our sport at the International, National, Western Canadian, and Provincial levels. Prince Albert is hosting the WBSC Men's World Cup Group Stage qualifier July 10 – 14, which will lead into the 2025 WBSC Men's World Cup Finals also being hosted in Prince Albert. Saskatchewan could have several players participating on our Men's National Team. Saskatoon is Hosting the U19 Women's from July 31 – Aug. 4 and then the Men's and Master Men's Canadian Championships from Aug. 28 – Sept. 1st. The Battlefords will play host to the U15 Girls & Boys Western Canadians from Aug. 2nd – 5th. Saskatchewan will have several teams in attendance. Finally, Lloydminster will host the 2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games from July 21st – 24th. This multi-sport event will feature U13 Girls District All-Star teams from across the province. Throughout June and July, we feature some 30 Provincial Championships hosted in numerous communities throughout the province. 2024 is certainly filled with action-packed softball championships and events.

I would like to thank all those who are a part of our coaching, umpire, athlete, and Sport-for-All programs for their work in helping us provide such quality programs and services for our members. Your dedication and commitment are an important part of our team mindset to be recognized as a leader in the softball community across Canada.

I'm looking forward to a very exciting year of softball in 2024 and wish everyone a safe and successful softball season.



President - Softball Saskatchewan

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	
April 1	Board of Director Nomination Deadline
April 27	Softball Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting (AGM). Being held virtually.
May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliation Deadline (Minor) • Provincial Championship Entry Deadline for categories leading to Canadians and Westerns
June 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliation Deadline (Adult) • Provincial Championship Entry Deadline for categories NOT leading to Westerns or Canadians • Minor Provincial Roster Deadline
June 15	Adult Provincial Roster Deadline
September 1	Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline
October 1	Awards Program Nomination Deadline
October 26	Semi-Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon being held in Saskatoon

(Changes from the 2023 Handbook are highlighted in bold)

FASTPITCH OPERATING RULES

Article 1: General

- A. Softball Saskatchewan uses the Softball Canada Official Guide and Rule Book for its interpretation of playing the game of softball. Modifications to the official rules as stated herein take precedence over those in the Softball Canada Rule Book. Specific League rulings take precedence for league play regarding:
 - i. Game variances, the use of batting, running, pitching, etc.
- B. All affiliated leagues, associations, and teams will have complete charge over their operations and business, except:
 - i. In the case of a dispute, any affiliated league, association, or team, shall have the privilege of appealing to Softball Saskatchewan in writing, through their respective league or association, following the Softball Saskatchewan Safe Sport/Dispute Resolution Policy.
 - ii. In the case of provincial championships, which are governed by Softball Saskatchewan.

Article 2: Definitions

- A. **Association:** An organization of volunteers operated and controlled by a duly elected Executive or Board of Directors. The organization may be incorporated as a Non-Profit Corporation or not. The organization will administer the operation of softball within their center or District as per the Bylaws, Operating Rules, and Policies of Softball Saskatchewan. Associations that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan. A softball association may have players registered with it in one or more recognized divisions or categories and may operate one or more teams. Softball associations must pay the annual \$50.00 association/league membership fee to be recognized as an association. All teams in an association must have common signing officers for registration and releases and provide this information to the Executive Director of Softball Saskatchewan. Any changes in the officers of an association set up must be forwarded to the Executive Director of Softball Saskatchewan as they occur. Softball Saskatchewan will only recognize one (1) minor softball association in each city, town, or village.
- B. **League:** A combination of teams affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan through their respective associations or affiliated with another province who compete among themselves based on a regular schedule of games established by an elected or appointed group of individuals affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan. Leagues that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and pay the \$50.00 membership fee. Leagues must also have at least four (4) teams and a league executive to be eligible for membership.
- C. **Minor Teams that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and the privilege to play for Provincial titles. A team must be affiliated with a minor association that is in good standing, and Softball Saskatchewan must be satisfied that the team has shown a substantial connection to the Association with which they affiliate to be eligible for admission to Softball Saskatchewan.**

- D. **Adult Teams** that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and the privilege to play for Provincial titles. Adult teams must demonstrate that no association or league exists in their center and/or district to be accepted and approved for membership.
- E. **Center** (minor softball) - Any city, town, or village incorporated, as defined by the Department of Urban Affairs, and listed in the most recent Municipal Directory and which had a minor softball association affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan the previous season.
- F. **Non-Center** (minor softball) - Any city, town, or village incorporated, as defined by the Department of Urban Affairs, and listed in the most recent Municipal Directory and which did not have a minor softball association affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan the previous season.
- G. **Age Divisions:** Masters (40+ Male, 35+ Female), Men's & Women's (M/F), U23 Men's & Women's (Canadians) and Minor (includes both Male and Female) in the following age categories: U20 M/F, U19 F, U17 M/F, U15 M/F, U13 M/F, U11 M/F and U9/U7/U5 (Timbits Softball) M/F.
- H. **Provincial Championship Categories: Minor Girls - A, B, & C, Minor Boys – 'Open', Adult – A, 'Open' & Masters.**
- I. **Umpire Associations:** Will qualify for membership into Softball Saskatchewan if they have five (5) or more registered umpires in their association.

Rule 1: RESIDENCY

Section 1: General

- A. Players and coaches registered on a team with the Association must be residents of Saskatchewan as of **May 15th** of the current playing year. Players and coaches who are not Canadian citizens may participate in a Provincial Championship if they have been CONTINUOUS residents of Saskatchewan for one (1) calendar year before the Provincial

Championship registration deadline date (June 1st) and meet all other residency requirements. Players and coaches registered on teams in categories that lead to a Canadian Championship must adhere to the Softball Canada Residency Rule of May 1st.

- B. An urban player is defined as any player who lives within the corporate limits of any city, town, village, or hamlet. The street address must be supplied.
- C. **Google Maps using numbered roads will be used in determining a player's primary residence. Rural players must use the legal land description of the home quarter (Box numbers and sites are not acceptable). The most recent statistics Canada census numbers will be used to determine population.**
- D. For minor softball registration purposes, the address for players from the center/non-center shall be the address of the player's parent(s) and/or the address of the person who is in loco parentis of the player within the district. Postal addresses (i.e., post box numbers or sites) are not acceptable. They must list the center/non-center they reside nearest to or reside in within the district.
- E. For minor softball registration purposes, the address from rural areas shall be the center/non-center closest to the residence of the player's parent(s) and/or the person who is in loco parentis of the player within the district.
- F. For adult softball registration purposes, the address shall be the player's place of residence.
- G. For adult softball registration purposes, the address for players from rural areas shall be the center closest to the player's place of residence.

- H. A player living in the rural area shall determine the closest center/non-center by a straight line between the closest point of the center/non-center city/town/village limits to the closest point to the quarter section or acreage on which the said residence is located.

Section 2: Dual Residency Regulations

- A. It shall be the obligation/responsibility of Softball Saskatchewan, in their sole and unfettered discretion to implement residency affiliation and registration regulations for the formation of teams.
- B. Minor players must register in the district where their parent(s)/court-appointed guardian(s) reside.
- C. Residence is established by:
- i. The parent's usual residence when parents live in the same house, or if one of the parents is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent.
 - ii. In cases where parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player; OR, if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives; OR again, if the player lives equally with both parents, his/her place of residence shall be determined by Softball Saskatchewan.
- D. When legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence shall be determined by Softball Saskatchewan. The term "usual residence" is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.



Rule 2: AGE CLASSIFICATION (MALE & FEMALE)

All ages before January 1 of the current playing year.

Timbits

Under 5 - Male/Female	Born in 2019, 2020
Under 7 - Male/Female	Born in 2017, 2018
Under 9 - Male/Female	Born in 2015, 2016

Minor

Under 11 - Male/Female	Born in 2013, 2014
Under 13 - Male/Female	Born in 2011, 2012
Under 15 - Male/Female	Born in 2009, 2010
Under 17 - Male/Female	Born in 2007, 2008
Under 19 - Female (A & B)	Born in 2005, 2006
Under 20 - Female (C)	Born in 2004, 2005, 2006
Under 20 Male	Born in 2004, 2005, 2006

Adult

Under 23- Men	Born in 2001, 2002, 2003
Master Women's Fastpitch	35 during the current year
Master Men's Fastpitch	40 during the current year

Rule 3: PROOF OF AGE

Associations and Leagues are responsible for verifying the birthdate of all players and coaches who are members of their Association/League. Proof of age must be in the form of a copy of birth or baptismal certificate, passport, or a Saskatchewan Health Services card.

Rule 4: AFFILIATION (MEMBERSHIP)

Affiliation with Softball Saskatchewan is done online through the RAMP Registration system.

Section 1: Application for Affiliation (Membership)

- A. Application for affiliation (membership) will be accepted from associations, leagues, teams (players, coaches, and managers), and umpire associations as outlined below.

- B. **Minor teams that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and the privilege to play for Provincial titles. A team must be affiliated with a minor association/league that is in good standing, and Softball Saskatchewan must be satisfied that the team has shown a substantial connection to the Association with which they affiliate to be eligible for admission to Softball Saskatchewan.**
- C. All minor players must affiliate and try out/register with their local or nearest minor softball association within their district.
- D. Any **minor** player or coach wishing to play or coach with more than one **affiliated** association/league **must receive a release from the Board of the Association or League the player/coach is a member of and signed by the President before playing any games.** A copy of this written approval must be provided to the Executive Director of Softball Saskatchewan. Any player or coach violating this rule may be suspended.
- E. Minor softball associations in all centers shall be under one governing body. This body must affiliate with Softball Saskatchewan on or before the time they affiliate their teams (players, coaches, managers) or any teams governed by this body will not be affiliated. It will be the responsibility of that body for the accuracy of all player affiliation information.
- F. **Adult teams that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and the privilege to play for Provincial titles. Adult teams must demonstrate that no association or league exists in their center and/or district to be accepted and approved for membership.**
- G. **Clubs, Societies, or any organization whose sole purpose is in the organization and/or promotion of a tournament/event will qualify them for admission into Softball Saskatchewan.**
- H. Approved applicants will receive membership in the Association by paying the annually set affiliation fees, submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office. To be covered by the Softball

Saskatchewan Insurance Program, players, coaches, and managers on teams must be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan **on/or before May 15th for minors and June 1st for adults**. All coaches must also have completed their Respect in Sport (RiS) training by this date. Information regarding the RiS is available on our website under the Respect in Sport tab. The program takes about 3 hours to complete and is free of charge.

*** MINOR Affiliation (Membership) Deadline Date: May 15th**

*** ADULT Affiliation (Membership) Deadline Date: June 1st**

- I. Affiliation/Membership Fee Structure:
 - i. \$50.00 (Association/League)
 - ii. \$12.00/player FP (U9 player fee - born in 2015 or later)
 - iii. \$17.00/player FP (minor players born in 2014 or earlier)
 - iv. \$17.00/player FP (all adult players born 2001 or earlier)
 - v. \$12.00/FP coach, manager, or volunteer
 - vi. **Slo-Pitch/Orthodox - \$75.00/team**
 - vii. **FSIN Championships/Tony Cote Games - \$75.00/team**
- J. Affiliation fees are non-transferable from one player to another. (i.e., if a player is deleted from a roster, their affiliation fee is nontransferable to a player being added). Once paid, a player's affiliation fee remains with them the entire season, the player being added must have their affiliation fee paid.
- K. All softball teams including players, coaches, and managers must be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan through an Association or league to be covered under our Insurance Program and to be eligible to register for Provincial Championships.
- L. Umpire Associations: Will qualify for membership into Softball Saskatchewan if they have five (5) or more registered umpires in their association.
- M. Affiliated teams attending tournaments will be covered by the Insurance Program **ONLY** if the tournament is **SANCTIONED** by Softball Saskatchewan.

- N. Affiliated teams attending tournaments & competitions in Canada, outside the province of Saskatchewan, will be covered by the insurance program **ONLY** if a Travel Permit is obtained before attending. The Travel Permit is available on our website. Travel permits are not needed for Western or Canadian Championships. **Insurance is NOT provided for out-of-county travel.**
- O. The Association, through the Board of Directors, reserves the right to refuse any application for affiliation (membership) in Softball Saskatchewan.

Rule 5: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section 1: General

All teams (players & coaches) registering for Provincial Championships must first be affiliated. All minor teams (players and coaches/managers) registering for Provincial Championships must be affiliated members of a local minor association or league. Softball Saskatchewan must be satisfied that the team has shown a substantial connection to the Association/League in which they affiliate. The Association, through the Board of Directors, reserves the right to refuse any application for registration in Provincial Championships and has the authority to re-categorize teams.



Section 2: Provincial Championship Entry Fees

Minor Fastpitch	Player Roster	Reg. Fee	Travel Fund	Total Amount
Under 19 'A' Women's	15	222.00		222.00
Under 19 'B' Women's	15	222.00	300.00	522.00
Under 20 'C' Women's	20	222.00		222.00
Under 17 'A' Girls	15	210.00	300.00	510.00
Under 17 'B' & 'C' Girls	20	210.00		210.00
Under 15 'A' Girls	15	200.00	300.00	500.00
Under 15 'B' & 'C' Girls	20	200.00		200.00
Under 13 'A' Girls	15	200.00	300.00	500.00
Under 13 'B' & 'C' Girls	20	200.00		200.00
Under 11 'A' & 'B' Girls North and South	20	200.00		200.00
Under 20 'Open' Men's	15	222.00	300.00	522.00
Under 17 'Open' Boys	15	210.00	300.00	510.00
Under 17 'Open' Boys ***	20	210.00		210.00
Under 15 'Open' Boys	15	200.00	300.00	500.00
Under 15 'Open' Boys ***	20	200.00		200.00
Under 13 'Open' Boys	15	200.00	300.00	500.00
Under 13 'Open' Boys ***	15	200.00		200.00
Under 11 'Open' Boys	20	200.00		200.00
*** For those teams not checking the 'Yes' box on the Letter of Intent Form				
Adult Fastpitch	Player Roster	Reg. Fee	Travel Fund	Total Amount
Women's 'A'	15	277.50	300.00	577.50
Women's 'Open'	20	277.50		277.50
U23A Men	15	277.50	300.00	577.50
Men's 'A'	15	277.50		277.50
Men's 'Open'	20	277.50		277.50
Master Men	20	277.50		277.50

GST and PST are included in all registration fees where applicable.

Section 3: Provincial Championship Registration Procedures

- A. All teams entering Provincial Championships in categories that lead to a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship must submit the completed Provincial Championship team entry form, the appropriate Letter of Intent, and a \$2,000 bond, with registration fees, to the Softball Saskatchewan office in Regina by 4:00 pm on or before MAY 15th. (All entry forms must be accompanied by payment of fees (separate cheques/payment for fees required)).**
- B. All teams entering Provincial Championships that DO NOT lead to a Canadian or Western Canadian must submit the completed Provincial Championship team entry form and fees to the Softball Saskatchewan office by 4:00 pm on or before JUNE 1st. All entry forms must be accompanied by payment of fees.**
- C. Late Provincial Championship team entry forms will be accepted until 4:00 pm three (3) days following the entry deadline with an additional \$100 late entry fee. No exceptions.**
- D. Incomplete provincial entry forms will not be accepted, they will be returned and must be resubmitted before the deadline. Late entry fees may apply.**
- E. Minor team provincial rosters must be received via email to guy@softball.sk.ca in a fillable PDF Form (available on our website) on or before 4:00 pm on JUNE 1st. Incomplete rosters or those that are not in the proper format will not be accepted, they will be returned and must be resubmitted before the deadline.**
- F. Adult team provincial rosters must be received via email to guy@softball.sk.ca in a fillable PDF Form (available on our website) on or before 4:00 pm on JUNE 15th. Incomplete rosters or those not in the proper format will not be accepted, they will be returned and must be resubmitted before the deadline.**

Section 4: Provincial Roster Coaching Requirements

1. ALL coaches and managers MUST be affiliated before being listed on a provincial roster.
2. ALL persons listed on a provincial roster (coach/manager) MUST have their Respect in Sport (RiS) for ACTIVITY LEADERS (not workplace, parent, etc.).
3. Provincial rosters allow for up to a maximum of five (5) coaches/managers.
4. **Provincial rosters must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is of the same gender as the category the team is registering in, and this coach must be on the bench during all games.** (i.e.: Female teams must have a minimum of one (1) female coach, and male teams must have a minimum of one (1) male coach).

Section 5: N.C.C.P. Coaching Certification Requirements

Coach Certification Pathways:

- A. **CSOP - Community Sport On-Going Participation** (CSC-Community Softball Coach). Coaches who complete the e-learning (FOCS-Part 1 and MED) and the in-person clinic are deemed to be TRAINED (there is no certification at this level).
- B. **Comp. Intro. – Competition Introduction**
Coaches who complete the e-learning (FOCS-Part 1 & 2 and MED), online modules #1, #2, #3, and the in-person clinic are deemed to be TRAINED. Coaches can become CERTIFIED after completing and passing the on-field evaluation.
- C. **Comp. Dev. – Competition Development**
This pathway is for coaches who are interested in the Canada Games and National team opportunities and is administered by Softball Canada.

Coach E-Learning (Pre-requisites to take the above pathways)

- Part 1- Foundations of Coaching Softball (FOCS)
- Part 2- Foundations of Coaching Softball (FOCS)
- Online Evaluation: Make Ethical Decisions (MED)

Coach Certification Terminology

- **CSOP Trained** – Coaches who have completed e-learning (FOCS 1 & MED) and in-person clinic. There is no certification at this level.
 - **Comp. Intro. Trained** - Coaches who have completed the e-learning (FOCS 1,2 & MED) online module(s), and in-person clinic.
 - **Comp. Intro. Certified**– Coaches who have completed the Comp. Intro Trained requirements and have passed the on-field evaluation.
1. For teams registering in the U11 OPEN Boys & U11 OPEN Girls Provincial Championship categories
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach on the provincial roster who has taken the CSOP In-person clinic and the online MED and is on the bench at the championships. Anyone listed on a Provincial Roster must have their Respect in Sport (RiS).
 2. **For female teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that DO NOT lead to a Western or Canadian Championships (U13 B & C Girls, U15 B & C Girls, U17 B & C Girls, and U20C Women's):**
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach on the provincial roster who is CSOP TRAINED and on the bench at the championships.
 3. For male teams registering in Provincial Championship categories (U13 'Open', U15 'Open', U17 'Open' and U20 'Open') and who do not wish to attend a Western or Canadian Championship (check 'No' on the Letter of Intent):
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach on the provincial roster who is CSOP TRAINED and on the bench at the championships.
 4. **For female MINOR teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Western Canadian (U13 A and U19 B):**
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is Comp. Intro. CERTIFIED and on the bench at the championship.

5. **For male MINOR teams registering in Provincial Championship categories (U13 'Open', U15 'Open', U17 'Open' and U20 'Open') and who wish to attend a Western Canadian Championship (checked 'Yes' on the Letter of Intent):**
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is Comp. Intro. CERTIFIED and on the bench at the championship.
6. **For MINOR teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Canadian Championship (U15A Girls, U17A Girls, U19A Women's and U15 and U17 Open Boys and U20 'Open' Men's):**
 - The head coach must be identified on the provincial roster and must be Comp. Intro. CERTIFIED and who attends all games.
 - Any assistant coach who wishes to be on-field and in the coaches, box must be Comp. Intro. TRAINED.
7. **For ADULT teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Western Canadian (Men's & Women's).**
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is CSOP TRAINED and on the bench at the championship.
8. **For ADULT teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Canadian Championship (U23A Men's and Men's & Women's):**
 - The head coach must be identified on the provincial roster and must be Comp. Intro CERTIFIED and who attends all games.
 - Assistant coaches only require their Respect in Sport (RiS).
 - Master teams only require all coaches to have their Respect in Sport (RiS).
9. **The required trained or certified coach must be in attendance and on the bench at all Provincial Championship games. Effect: Absent coach is fined \$100.00, and no base coaches will be allowed on the playing field. The required trained or certified coaches not attending Provincial Championships may be suspended. Teams requiring a certified coach for Provincial**

Championships, and who do not have this person on the roster at the registration deadline, will be fined \$100.00. No exceptions. Teams adding a certified coach after the roster registration deadline will still be fined \$100.00.

Section 6: MINOR Provincial Championship Team Formation

1. Teams registering in ALL Minor age categories must make their player selections from within the Sask Sport District, of which they reside or attend school.
2. **Minor Player Evaluations/Tryouts**
Minor Softball Associations and their teams cannot start their player evaluation/tryouts until February 1st annually. This will take effect starting the 2025 softball season.
3. **Age Category Information**
 - A. **U19 and U20 Women's Categories - U19 A, B, and U20 C**
 - **U19 A**
 - For teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian Championship teams must submit the appropriate Canadian Championship Letter of Intent.
 - There are no population limits.
 - Associations who form "A" teams may also register team(s) in "B" and or U20C.
 - **U19 B**
 - Is for teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Western Canadian Championship and teams must submit the appropriate Western Canadian Championship Letter of Intent.
 - There are no population limits.
 - **U20 C**
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
 - There are no population or community limits in the U20C category.

B. U17 Girls Categories - A, B, and C

- **A Category**
 - For teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian OR Western Championship teams must submit the appropriate Letter of Intent.
 - There are no population or community limits in the A category.
 - Associations that register an A team may also register a team(s) in B and or C and not have to meet the population or community limits.
- **B Category**
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
 - Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
 - there are no population limits and Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 6 communities.
- **C Category**
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
 - Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
 - Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 7 communities and a maximum of 20,000 population.

C. U15 Girls Categories - A, B, and C

- **A Category**
 - For teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian OR Western Championship
 - Teams must submit the appropriate Letter of Intent.
 - There are no population or community limits.
 - Associations that register an A team may also register a team(s) in B and or C and not have to meet the population or community limits.

- **B Category**
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
 - Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
 - Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 6 communities and a maximum of 25,000 population.
- **C Category**
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
 - Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
 - Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 5 communities and 15,000 population.

D. U13 Girls Categories - A, B, and C

- **A Category**
 - For teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Western Canadian Championship
 - Teams must submit the appropriate Letter of Intent.
 - There are no population limits.
 - Associations that register an A team may also register a team(s) in B and or C and not have to meet the population or community limits.
- **B Category**
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
 - Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
 - Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 6 communities and a maximum of 25,000 population.
- **C Category**
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.

- Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
- Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 5 communities and a maximum of 10,000 population.

E. U11 Girls Categories

- There will be two (2) categories in both the North and South. The North will be further split into 2 divisions – A and B and the South will be further split into 2 divisions – A and B. This means there will be 4 Provincial Champions in the U11 Category.
- **A Category**
 - No population or community limits
 - Associations who register “A” teams may also register team(s) in “B” and not be required to meet the community and population limits.
- **B Category-** teams are allowed to have players from a maximum of 5 communities and 10,000 population.

F. U20 Boys Category - The U20 “OPEN” category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian OR Western Championship MUST submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns.

G. U17 Boys Categories - The U17 “OPEN” category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian OR Western Championship MUST submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.

H. U15 Boys Categories - The U15 “OPEN” category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian OR Western Championship MUST submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.

- I. **U13 Boys Categories** - The U13 “OPEN” category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Western Championship **MUST** submit a Western Canadian Letter of Intent. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
- J. **U11 Boys Categories** - The U11 “OPEN” category is for ALL teams. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
- K. **Population Limits** - **To determine communities, any community with a population of 200 or less will not be counted in the maximum number of communities.** The most recent Statistics Canada census numbers will be used to determine the population. To determine residency, we use Google Maps and numbered roads to determine a player’s primary residence.
- L. **Affiliated Player (AP) Minor Boys ONLY** - Players may register on two teams for Provincials. If two championships are on at the same time AP players can only participate in one championship. Coaches must identify on the Provincial Roster if a player is registered on two teams by using an Affiliated Player (AP) designation. The first commitment of the player **MUST** be to his age-eligible team. (i.e.: a U13 Player must first commit to his U13 team before playing with a U15 team). An AP player cannot be overaged. A team can add a maximum of three (3) AP players of which only one (1) can be utilized as a pitcher.
- M. District 2 (Regina) and District 6 (Saskatoon) must register a minimum of the following teams in the Provincial Championships.
- **A minimum of 4 teams in the U11A Girls category**
 - A minimum of 4 teams in the U13A Girls category
 - A minimum of 4 teams in the U15A Girls category
 - A minimum of 2 teams in the U17A Girls category
 - A minimum of 1 team in the U19A Women’s category

NOTE: District 2 and District 6 may register teams in the ‘B’ and ‘C’ Categories.

Section 7: ADULT Provincial Championship Team Formation

1. Men's Categories

There will be four (4) categories: U23A Men's, Men's A, Master Men's, and Men's "OPEN."

The U23 A category is for teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian Championship and teams must submit the Canadian Championship Letter of Intent.

The Men's A category is for teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend Canadians OR Westerns, teams will submit a Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns

The "OPEN" category does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship. Teams MAY be split into two separate categories after the Entry deadline pending the number of entries.

The Master Men's category is for teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian Championship and teams must submit the Canadian Championship Letter of Intent.

2. Women's Categories

There will be two (2) categories: Women's A and Women's "OPEN".

The Women's A category is for teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend Canadians OR Westerns, teams will submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns.

The "OPEN" category does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship. Teams MAY be split into two separate categories (OPEN Green and OPEN White) after the Entry deadline pending the number of entries.

Section 8: Provincial District Boundaries

A. The province shall be divided into nine (9) Districts:

District 1- Southeast

District 6- Saskatoon

District 2- Regina

District 7- Northwest

District 3- Southwest

District 8- Northeast

District 4- East Central

District 9- North

District 5- Central

- B. The Softball Saskatchewan Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish Provincial team registration boundaries in all minor divisions; the map showing the Provincial District boundaries is at the back of this Handbook.
- C. For a complete listing of communities and member Associations/Leagues by District please refer to the lists at the back of this Handbook.

Section 9: Provincial Championship Draws

- A. All draws for Provincial Championships shall be made by Softball Saskatchewan and will be in a round-robin (RR) format. Teams that enter Provincial Championships do so with the understanding that the RR format constitutes more games and therefore, teams may expect to begin Provincial Championships as early as FRIDAY MORNING, depending on the category and the number of teams accepted into the Provincial Championship. In all instances, Softball Saskatchewan will try to schedule Friday games based on practicality and the need for the games to be completed to accommodate the weekend schedule. Every effort will be made to post Provincial draws on the Softball Saskatchewan website two (2) weeks before the championship.

While pairings of the opening round remain a draw situation, the opening games must involve the pairing representing the closest teams to the Provincial site in their first games. Consideration will be given to the host team to have prime time for their second game of the day.

- B. When possible, there will be Bronze Medal games in all U11, U13, U15, and U17 age categories of the Provincial Championship.**
- C. When there is only one (1) team registered in a category, no Provincial Championship will be held. If the category leads to a Western or Canadian, the team will still advance based on the Letter of Intent.
- D. Every effort will be made to provide all teams with a minimum of three (3) games for the Provincial Championships. NOTE: Upon completion of the RR, criteria will be used to seed teams for the playoff round there will be no tiebreaker game(s).

- E. Please note that there will be mandatory coaches' meetings before all Provincial Championships. The meetings will be held the week before the Provincials via Zoom. Any team not attending this meeting will forfeit their opportunity to take part in the coin toss to determine home/away for all RR games which will be done at this meeting.
- F. Undefeated team(s) after the RR will have a choice of being the home team in the playoff round until their first loss (if any) in the playoff round. If both teams in the playoff round were undefeated in the RR, then a coin toss will be held.
- G. All Provincial Championship games must be played to completion- NO TIES.

Section 10: Provincial Championship Tiebreaking Procedures

Final standings in the RR shall use the following criteria to determine the order of finish:

NOTE 1: *No Provincial Championship games will remain a tie.*

NOTE 2: *If a game is tied after seven (7) complete innings, the teams will revert to the international tie-breaking rule starting in the top of the eighth (8th) inning.*

NOTE 3: *The final score of a game is also the score used for tiebreaking purposes. We no longer revert to the last complete inning.*

NOTE 4: *If the home team is ahead after 6.5 innings of play, they will NOT bat in the seventh (7th) inning. This rule will also be in effect if the.*

Run Ahead Rule *comes into play after 2.5, 3.5, 4.5 or 5.5 innings.*

- A. Two (2) teams tied:
 - i. The winner of the RR game between the tied teams receives the higher placement.
 - ii. In the event the two (2) teams did not play each other in the Round Robin (RR):
 - i. The difference of plus and minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus per game for all games played in the round robin will be used to determine the higher placement. Is still tied, then:

- ii. The least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the RR will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:
- iii. Total runs for each team, with a maximum of seven (7) runs per game for all games played in the RR, will be used to determine the higher placement.

B. Three (3) teams tied

- i. If all three (3) teams have played each other then the winner of the RR games between the tied teams will receive the higher placement.
- ii. If only one (1) team has played all teams they are tied with and have won both games, then they will receive the higher placement. The two (2) remaining teams will revert to the two (2) teams tied criteria above.
- iii. If the teams have, or have not, played each other, the difference of plus or minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus per game for all games played in the RR will be used to determine the highest placement. If the two (2) teams remaining have played each other, the head-to-head game will be used to determine 2nd and 3rd placements. If the two (2) teams have NOT played each other, the plus/minus criteria will be used to determine 2nd and 3rd placements. If still tied, then:
 - i. Least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the RR will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:
 - ii. Total runs for each team (with a maximum of seven (7) runs per game, for all games played in the RR) will be used to determine the higher placement.

C. Four (4) or more teams tied:

- i. If four (4) or more teams are tied, the following criteria will be used:
 - i. The difference of plus or minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus for

all games played in the RR, will be used to determine all four (4) placements. If still tied, then:

- ii. The least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the RR will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:
- iii. Total runs for each team, with a maximum of seven (7) runs per game, for all games played in the RR, will be used to determine the higher placement.

Section 11: Provincial Championship Procedures

- A. Provincial rosters must have a minimum of eleven (11) players listed at the time of provincial registration (**Exception: For U11 and U13 the minimum is 10 players**). Teams can list up to five (5) coaches/managers on the provincial roster. All players and coaches/managers must first be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan before their names can appear on a provincial roster form.
- B. Coaches must be familiar with using line-up cards as they will be used at all championships. Generally, line-up cards are submitted to scorekeepers ½ hour before game time and provided to the umpires at the pre-game plate conference. The line-up cards are provided to all hosts of Provincial Championships and are usually available from the scorekeeper.
- C. **The certified coach is responsible and accountable for signing a copy of the provincial roster verification form** before the first game of provincials to verify the accuracy of all information appearing on the roster registration form. Players must be able to produce identification (birth certificate or health card) at Provincial Championships if requested by the Softball Saskatchewan Representative. Failure to produce identification may constitute removal from the Provincial Championships.

- D. A player shall be considered registered with a team when his/her name appears on a roster registration form that has been received by the Softball Saskatchewan office.
- E. Players who have registered with an association/team may be released up to the established registration deadline date. Notification of the release must be in writing to the Executive Director.
- F. Managers and coaches may NOT participate as players unless they are registered as such.
- G. No player shall be allowed to register with more than one (1) team in Provincial Championships (except minor male and Masters). Any player violating this rule shall be automatically suspended from further softball competition for the current season. Players are encouraged to participate on teams within their age category. Further, players are not allowed to register in categories two (2) age groups above their actual age in the following categories: U13 may not register in U17, U15 may not register in U19 and U17 may not register in Women's. U19/U20 girls and U20 boys aged players may register on an adult team provided they have obtained a release from their local minor association.
- H. No team may register in an age category where a maximum of six (6) players on the roster are less than the minimum of said category.

Section 12: Multiple Participation

Adult players shall be allowed to register and participate with one (1) fastpitch team (except Masters). Softball Saskatchewan will not allow any other forms of multiple participation in Provincial, Western, or Canadian Championships. **Note: See Minor Male AP Rule 5, Section 6 (L).**

Section 13: Minor Player Releases (must obtain every year if necessary)

For participation in the Provincial Championships, players must follow the following process:

*NOTE: all minor players must register and if a team is available, tryout with their local or nearest recognized minor softball association within their district. **Softball Saskatchewan supports players playing at the highest level possible.***

- A. Player releases must include written approval from the Board/Executive of the Association or League the team, player/coach is a member of, and signed by the President.**
- B. Players residing in a community with a recognized minor softball association must obtain a release from this association. Players who reside in a non-center or rural residence where there is no minor association must obtain a release from their nearest recognized minor association. If released, these players can register where they choose to within the district.**
- C. For players wishing to register with an association U19 A, U17 A, U15 A, or U13 A team outside the district they must ALSO obtain releases from all Associations who have an A team within the district and apply for a district transfer.**
- D. Players who are non-residents of Regina and Saskatoon may register in Regina or Saskatoon if they attend a softball academy or school in Regina or Saskatoon during the softball season. These players will still require a district transfer. Proof of school attendance, signed by the principal, must be provided with the team's provincial roster. Players will be placed on teams according to Regina or Saskatoon minor softball league rules/policies.**
- E. Players who are released to register on an A team outside their local or nearest association and or District and are not successful in making the A team must return to their home or closest association to register on a B or C team.**
- F. Players must obtain a release from their local or nearest minor association to register on an adult team.**

- G. To determine the nearest center, we will use Google Maps and numbered roads. The player release application form is available on our website. Applications must provide the rationale as to why there is no opportunity for the player to register on a team within or near their residence within the district.

Section 14: Player Protection Rule

Players who previously registered outside their home or nearest association for two (2) consecutive years with the same team for Provincial Championships within or outside of their district will have the option of registering with that association again if they wish.

Section 15: Provincial Championship District Transfer

All U13 Girls & Boys, U15 Girls & Boys, U17 Girls & Boys, and U19 Women's and U20 Men's players may apply for a district transfer. Players who wish to register on a **U17A, U19A Girls**, or U20 'Open' Boys teams must apply by the February 1st deadline. For all other players who wish to register in any other category, the deadline is **April 15th**. Players applying for a district transfer must complete the application form available on our website. If necessary, district transfer requests must include the player release form. Applications must provide the rationale as to why there is no opportunity for the player to register on a team within their district. Final approval of applications will be complete upon review by the Softball Saskatchewan Board of Directors.

Note: We will not accept District Transfers in the U11 age division

Section 16: Inter-Provincial Player Transfer

Any "A" player or coach who is a permanent resident of Saskatchewan and wishes to register on a U17A or **U19A** team outside the province must apply in writing for an inter-provincial transfer by the February 1st deadline. The deadline for all other categories is May 1st. Applicants must demonstrate what efforts were made to register on a team within Saskatchewan. Any player or coach who is not a permanent resident of Saskatchewan and wishes to register on a Saskatchewan team must have a written letter of permission from the provincial/territorial softball association they reside in. This letter of permission must be received by Softball Saskatchewan by April 1st if registering on an "A" team and by May 1st if registering on any other team. The inter-provincial transfer application form is available on our website.

Section 17: Team Withdrawal from Provincial Championships

In the event of a team withdrawing from Provincial Championships the team's registration fee will not be refunded. Teams withdrawing within three (3) days of the Provincial Championship will be fined \$200.00 which will be split equally between the host and Softball Saskatchewan.

Section 18: Injury Replacement for Provincial Playoffs

Teams may be allowed to replace injured players. Injured players, and/or legal guardians for minors, must submit a signed **doctor's certificate** to the Executive Director seven (7) days before the first scheduled date of the Provincial Championships. The doctor's certificate must state the following:

- A. That the player sustained an injury or has an illness that will prevent him/her from participating.
- B. The length of time that the player will be unable to participate in sport. Injured players will be ineligible from further participation at the Provincial, Western Canadian, or Canadian Championships. Replacement players must be affiliated as of May 15th and not registered with another team in the Provincial Championships. Any false claims will be subject to suspension of the offending player, coaches, and/or managers.

NOTE: Injury Certificates (notes) must be signed off by only a medical doctor.

Section 19: Postponement or Delay of Provincial Championships

- A. If inclement weather or other factors lead to a postponement of a Provincial Championship, it shall be held at the earliest date possible or the following weekend.
- B. Any game that is suspended for any reason shall be continued from the point of suspension at the first opportunity possible within the current tournament.
- C. The Softball Saskatchewan representative shall be empowered to take such steps, as necessary, to ensure the completion of a Provincial Championship.

- D. If a Provincial Championship is partially completed during the days that it was officially set for and then rescheduled for a later date, the following shall apply:
- i. All completed games shall stand.
 - ii. Any games suspended before five (5) complete innings of play must be resumed from the point of suspension.

Section 20: Provincial Championship Awards

Softball Saskatchewan will provide medals to the top teams in all minor age divisions (U11, U13, U15, U17, U19 Girls & U20 Boys). Adult divisions will receive a prize package for the provincial champion and finalist. When no Provincial Championship is played, no prize package is provided. Players and coaches in all minor age divisions will receive a participation t-shirt.

Section 21: Official Softball at Provincial Championships

Hosts of Provincial Championships must use **Rawlings** softballs. Softball Saskatchewan will supply a portion of the balls to be used at the Provincial Championships. Host centers that do not use the official Rawlings softball will not receive their Provincial Championship membership assistance program (MAP) grant. The official softballs are:

- A. U11 & U13 Boys and Girls- Rawlings Red Dot- 11" Optic (PX11RYLC)
- B. All other female categories- Rawlings Red Dot- 12" Optic (PX2RYLC).
- C. All other male categories- Rawlings K-Master- 120 12" Optic (C120YCC).

Section 22: Bid to Host Provincial Championships

- A. Provincial Championship hosting applications will be accepted from only affiliated leagues/ associations.
- B. 2025 bid to host applications must be received by the Softball Saskatchewan office on or before November 1st, 2024. Host sites will be determined by the Executive Director.

- C. Categories that remain open to bid will be awarded by the Executive Director.
- D. There is a \$50.00 hosting fee for Provincial Championships.

Section 23: Provincial Championship Representative

The Association will have a representative in attendance at all Provincial Championships. This representative shall exercise the authority of the Board of Directors at the championship and submit a written report to the Softball Saskatchewan office on all rulings. The Provincial Championship representative shall be empowered to take such steps as necessary to ensure the completion of the Provincial Championship under their authority.

Section 24: Financial Responsibility

- A. Officers of Softball Saskatchewan and participating players, coaches, managers, and assigned umpires are not required to pay gate admission at the Provincial Championships.
- B. All expenses incurred by the host in any Provincial Championship are the responsibility of the same; any profits realized at these championships are to be retained by the host.

Section 25: Umpires

- A. Provincial Championship assignments:
 - i. The District Umpire-in-Chief will assign umpires to all Provincial Championships. Umpires assigned shall be those who live near the championship location, regardless of which district they live in.
 - ii. The Umpire Development Committee (UDC) MAY assign umpires to Provincial Championships which lead to a National or Western Canadian Championship.
- B. Provincial Championship umpire fees shall be paid at a rate of:
 - i. **\$40 per game for plate/base umpire in the U11 & U13 age groups.**
 - ii. **\$45 per game for base/plate umpire in all age groups U15 and older.**
 - iii. If a one (1) umpire system must be used, the umpire fee is \$60 per game.

NOTE: *In addition, \$5.00 from every Provincial Championship game will be returned, by the host, to Softball Saskatchewan for future umpire recruitment, retention, and development initiatives upon completion of the championship.*

- C. The following expenses shall also be paid to umpires working Provincial Championships who must travel from outside the host center:
 - i. Car allowance- \$0.47 per kilometre (both ways)
 - ii. Hotel/ motel allowance- actual costs.
- D. All umpire fees and expenses shall be paid for by the host organization and the Association shall not have any responsibilities therein.
- E. In all Provincial Championship games, the two (2) umpire system shall be used, unless the three (3) umpire system is requested by the hosting committee. **In all U17 A, U19 A, U23 A Men's, and Men's and Women's A Provincial Championship a three (3) umpire system must be used in the championship final game ONLY.**

Section 26: Protests

- A. No protests shall be considered if they involve a decision by an umpire based solely on the umpire's judgment. Protests that will be received and considered concern matters of the following types:
 - i. Misinterpretation of a playing rule.
 - ii. Failure of an umpire to apply the correct ruling to a given situation.
 - iii. Failure of an umpire to impose the correct penalty for a given violation.
- B. A protest may properly involve a matter of judgment and the interpretation of a rule and in such an instance the finding of fact by the umpire cannot be the subject of the protests but the application of the rule to the facts as found by the umpire shall be the subject of a protest.

- C. Concerning any protest regarding the matters referred to in A i, ii & iii (hereinafter called game-play protests) notification of intent to protest must be made immediately before the next pitch, and
- i. The coach/manager of the protesting team shall immediately notify the plate umpire that the game is being continued under protest. The plate umpire shall notify the opposing manager, official scorekeeper, and Provincial Championship representative.
 - ii. All interested parties shall take notice of the conditions surrounding the making of the decision that will aid in the correct determination of the issue.
NOTE: *on appeal plays, the appeal must be made before the next pitch, legal or illegal, or before the defensive team has left the field. For this rule, the defensive team has “left the field” when all players have left fair territory on the way to the bench or dugout area.*
 - iii. In all Provincial Championships, protests arising from gameplay shall be dealt with immediately and before play resumes. The results will be announced by the umpire.

Section 27: Ejections at Provincial Championships

Umpires officiating at any Provincial Championship game must complete and submit to the Softball Saskatchewan office the Game Incident/Ejection Report and notify the Provincial Championship representative of any ejection. The Game Incident/Ejection Report is a fillable form available on the Softball Saskatchewan website under the umpire tab.

Rule 6: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYING RULES

Section 1: General Rules

- A. The softball rules, as outlined in the Softball Canada Rule Book, will govern in all Provincial Championships, except where superseded by Softball Saskatchewan’s Operating Rules.

NOTE: *we do not use the minor softball rules at the back of the Softball Canada Rule Book for the U11 age category.*

- B. Teams (including players, coaches, and managers) shall be uniformly dressed at the Provincial Championships, as outlined in the Softball Canada Rule Book.
- C. Run Ahead Rule - All Provincial Championship fastpitch (FP) games (except all U11 Round Robin and championship games and U13 Round Robin games) will end after:
 - i. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 innings of play if there is a difference of fifteen (15) runs, or
 - ii. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 innings of play if there is a difference of ten (10) runs, or
 - iii. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, or 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings of play if there is a difference of seven (7) runs.
- D. No metal spikes or shoes with detachable cleats are allowed in the U11 and U13 age categories.
- E. Helmets are mandatory for batters, base runners, catchers, on-deck batters, and minor-age players who coach in the first and third base coach's box. In all categories of minor softball, a protective batting helmet is fully enclosed, with two (2) earflaps, a foam liner, and a peak.
- F. All male and female batters, on-deck batters, and baserunners in the U13, U15 & U17 age categories must wear an attached face mask. We also recommend that all defensive infield players wear facial protection.
- G. Anyone warming up the pitcher, on or off the diamond, must also wear a mask, helmet, and throat protector while receiving warm-up pitches before and during the game.
- H. Minor catchers must wear a protective helmet and mask with the attached throat protector. In addition, all minor catchers must wear shin guards which offer protection to the kneecap, body protectors, and athletic support with a protective cup (male and female).

- I. Batters' box in all age categories. After entering the batters' box, the batter must remain in the box with a least one (1) foot between pitches and while taking signals and practice swings.

Exceptions:

- i. If the ball is hit foul or fair.
 - ii. On the swing, slap, or check swing.
 - iii. If forced out of the box by a pitch.
 - iv. On a wild pitch or passed ball.
 - v. If there is an attempted play.
 - vi. If time has been called.
 - vii. If the pitcher leaves the 8 ft circle or the catcher leaves the catcher's box.
 - viii. On a three-ball pitch that is a strike, which the batter thinks is a ball.
- J. Effects: If the batter leaves the batters' box and delays play and none of these exceptions apply, the umpire may warn the batter or call a strike.

NOTE: Any number of warnings and called strikes can be made with each batter. No pitch must be thrown and the ball is dead.

- K. In all minor categories, the "Re-Entry Rule" is waived in the case of injury if all substitutes have been used. The injured player who has been substituted is ineligible for the remainder of the game. The substitution must occur at the time of injury.
- L. In all Provincial Championship games, seven (7) innings will constitute a legal game with the following **exceptions**:
- i. In ALL games in the U11 age category and ONLY in the Round Robin in the U13 age category.
 - ii. If a game is tied after seven (7) innings, it shall be played out to completion. The tiebreaker rule applies beginning at the top of the eighth (8) inning.

Section 2: U11 Playing Rules

NOTE: We do not use the minor softball rules at the back of the Softball Canada Rule Book for the U11 age category.

A. Time limit

- i. In the U11 male and female Provincial Championships there is a time limit where no new inning will start after 90 minutes in ALL games (Round Robin (RR) and Championship Round).
- ii. Time starts when the plate umpire calls, "Play Ball!" to start the game.
- iii. No games end in a tie. The tiebreaker rule will begin immediately after the time limit expires in the RR if necessary.
- iv. No additional time will be added to games in case of injury or protest.

NOTE: The home team will be responsible for scorekeeping and keeping track of the pitching and catching rules. The sheets will be turned in to the Host/Supervisor immediately following each game.

B. The Game

- i. The Infield Fly Rule does not apply.
- ii. **There will be no Run Ahead Rule in the RR. All games will be played in five (5) innings or to the maximum time limit of (90) minutes.**
- iii. Maximum of five (5) runs per half inning. Once the fifth (5th) run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They do not start on base the next inning.
- iv. A coin toss will determine the home team for all RR games in the Provincial Championships. **(This is being done at the Coaches Meeting before the Championships).** Undefeated team(s) after the RR will have the choice of being the home team in the playoff round until the first loss, if any, in the playoff round. If both teams in the playoff round were undefeated in the RR, then a coin toss will be held.
- v. Everyone on the roster and in attendance must bat in all Provincial Championship games. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions. Effect: A coach who does not

allow every player on the roster and in attendance to bat shall be removed from the game and suspended from further participation in the championship. Softball Saskatchewan shall review reported instances of coaches who do not follow this rule. Injured player(s) who are unable to bat cannot return to play in that game after being declared injured.

- vi. Each player listed on the line-up card must play a minimum of two (2) innings (12 outs) by the end of the 4th inning in each game. In a time-limit situation (RR) a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players. In a mercy situation (Championship Round) a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players. Violations of this rule will result in the head coach being suspended for one (1) game in the Provincial Championships.
- vii. If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line-up card and scorebook.
 - i. Unlimited defensive substitutions
 - ii. Coaches must be familiar with using line-up cards as they will be used at all championships. Generally, line-up cards are submitted to scorekeepers ½ hour before game time and provided to the umpires at the pre-game plate conference. The line-up cards are provided to all hosts of Provincial Championships and are usually available from the scorekeeper.

C. Ranking

- i. After the RR, teams are ranked after the RR games based on:
 - 1. Win/loss record (there are no tie games in the Qualifying Round).
 - 2. Games played against each other.
 - 3. Total plus/minus of all games (runs for, minus against) with a maximum (+/-) per game being five (5) runs.
 - Least runs allowed in all games by each team.

- Total runs scored in all games by each team.
 - Positions settled by a coin toss.
- ii. When using criteria #2, if one (1) team has beaten all the other teams whom they are tied with, then that team will be ranked highest regardless of whether the remaining teams have played one another.
 - iii. When using criteria #3, team records are based on all games in the RR.
 - iv. If the game is over, and the bottom one-half of the inning is not required, the home team does not bat in the bottom of the inning. The final score of a game is used for tiebreaking criteria.
 - v. Teams will be ranked according to this criterion to determine seeding for playoffs. No tiebreaker game is required.

D. Pitching

- i. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of three (3) innings in ALL games. Should a pitcher throw one (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for a pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitched is that the coach is ejected, the player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be re-played.
- ii. In the event of a suspension in play, resulting in a day(s) delay, at U11 Provincial Championships, the pitching rule is carried over to the new day and the game resumes from the point of suspension.
- iii. The conference rule (regarding pitchers) in U11 will allow one (1) conference per pitcher, per inning, and the second (2) conference will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position but may remain in the game in another position.
- iv. All pitchers must wear a protective face mask.
- v. Walks are allowed.
- vi. There are no intentional walks.

- vii. A team is permitted unlimited offensive conferences per inning.
 - viii. A team is permitted two (2) defensive conferences per inning. With the third conference, the pitcher must be removed from the pitcher position for the balance of the inning.
- E. Catchers
- i. Catchers may catch a maximum of three (3) innings in RR games and three (3) innings in Championship Round games.
- F. Batting
- i. The batter is out on the third strike, regardless of whether the ball is caught or not, the ball remains alive.
 - ii. All batters, on-deck batters, and base runners must wear helmets that have an attached face mask.
 - iii. Bunting is permitted.
 - iv. Designated player use is not permitted.
 - v. There are no intentional walks.
- G. Base running
- i. Players cannot advance to home on a steal, passed ball, or wild pitch. The player must be batted in or forced home by a walk.
 - ii. Runners may leave the base when the ball has crossed the plate. If they leave early, they will be called out.
 - iii. Sliding is allowed.
- H. Distances and measurements
- i. Base path distance: 15.24m (50')
 - ii. Pitching distance: 10.06m (33')
 - iii. Softball: Rawlings 27.95cm (11") Red Dot

Section 3: U13 Playing Rules

A. Time limit

- i. **For all categories of U13 Boys and Girls the Round Robin will utilize 5-inning games and NO TIME LIMIT. All Championship Round games are seven (7) innings.**

- ii. No games end in a tie. The tiebreaker rule will begin immediately after the time limit expires in the RR if necessary.

B. The Game

- i. Maximum of five (5) runs per half inning. Once the fifth (5th) run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They do not start on base the next inning.
- ii. **The Run Ahead Rule for all games is applied when one team leads another by ten (10) runs after four (4) innings, seven (7) runs after five (5) innings or six (6) runs after six (6) innings.**
- iii. For all categories of U13 Boys and Girls, each player listed on the lineup card must play a minimum of two (2) innings (12 outs) by the end of the 4th inning in each game. In a **Run Ahead game**, a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players. Violations of this rule will result in the head coach being suspended for one (1) game in the Provincial Championships.
- iv. If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line-up card and scorebook.

C. Ranking

- i. After the Round Robin, teams are ranked after the RR games based on:
 - 1. Win/loss record (there are no tie games in the Qualifying Round).
 - 2. Games played against each other.
 - 3. Total plus/minus of all games (runs for, minus against) with a maximum (+/-) per game being five (5) runs.
 - Least runs allowed in all games by each team.
 - Total runs scored in all games by each team.
 - Positions settled by a coin toss.
- ii. When using criteria #2, if one (1) team has beaten all the other teams whom they are tied with, then that team will

be ranked highest regardless of whether the remaining teams have played one another.

- iii. When using criteria #3, team records are based on all games in the RR.
- iv. If the game is over, and the bottom one-half of the inning is not required, the home team does not bat in the bottom of the inning. The final score of a game is used for tiebreaking criteria.
- v. Teams will be ranked according to this criterion to determine seeding for playoffs. No tiebreaker game is required.

D. Pitching

- i. Pitchers in all U13 categories may pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game in the RR and four (4) innings in the Championship Round. Should a pitcher throw one (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for a pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitcher is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be replayed.
- ii. The conference rule (regarding pitchers) in U13 will allow one (1) conference per pitcher, per inning and the second (2) conference will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position but may remain in the game in another position.
- iii. In the event of a suspension in play results in a day(s) delay at a U13 Provincial Championship the pitching rule is carried over to the new day and the game resumes from the point of suspension.
- iv. All pitchers must wear a protective face mask.

E. Catchers

- i. Catchers may catch a maximum of three (3) innings in RR games and four (4) innings in Championship Round games.

F. Batting

- i. **In only U13 B & C Girls everyone on the roster and in attendance must bat in all Provincial Championship games. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions.**
Effect: A coach who does not allow every player on the roster and in attendance to bat shall be removed from the game and suspended from further participation in the championship. Softball Saskatchewan shall review reported instances of coaches who do not follow this rule. Injured player(s) who are unable to bat cannot return to play in the game after being declared injured.
- ii. **U13 A Girls and U13 “Open” Boys will use the 9-person batting order.**
- iii. All batters, on-deck batters, and base runners must wear helmets that have an attached face mask.
- iv. There are no intentional walks.
- v. 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.

G. Base running

- i. **Runners may leave the base when the ball has left the pitcher's hand.** If they leave early, they will be called out.
- ii. Sliding is allowed.
- iii. Players can steal home.

H. Distances and measurements

- i. Base path distance: 16.76m (55')
- ii. Pitching distance: 11.58m (38')
- iii. Softball: Rawlings 27.95cm (11") Red Dot

Section 4: U15 Playing Rules

- A. All categories of U15 Boys and Girls, Provincial Championship games will have a **maximum of seven (7) runs scored per half inning. If in the top 7th inning of play, a team is up by more than seven (7) runs, then the game is over.**
- B. Pitchers in all U15 categories may pitch a maximum of four (4) innings in all Round Robin games. There is no limit on innings pitched in the Championship round. Should a pitcher throw one

(1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitcher. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for a pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitcher is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be replayed.

- C. The conference rule (regarding pitchers) in U15 will allow one (1) conference per pitcher per inning and the second (2) conference will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position but may remain in the game in another position.
- D. In the event of a suspension in play resulting in a day(s) delay at the U15 Provincial Championships, the pitching rule is carried over to the new day and the game resumes from the point of suspension.
- E. All male and female batters, on-deck batters, and baserunners must wear helmets that have an attached face mask.
- F. All pitchers in the U15 age division must wear a protective mask.
- G. **The designated player (DP) rule may be used in only the U15 A Girls and "Open" Boys categories.**

Section 5: U17 Playing Rules

- A. **In the U17B & C Girls categories, Provincial Championship games will have a maximum of seven (7) runs scored per half inning. If in the top 7th inning of play, a team is up by more than seven (7) runs, then the game is over.**
- B. All batters, on-deck batters, and baserunners must wear a helmet with an attached face mask.
- C. All pitchers must wear a protective mask.

Section 1: Eligibility

A. Canadian AND Western Canadian Championships:

1. The following Provincial Championship categories lead to a Canadian and Western Canadian Championship:
 - i. U15A Girls & U15 'Open' Boys
 - ii. U17A Girls & U17 'Open' Boys
 - iii. U20 'Open' Men's
 - iv. Men's & Women's A
 - v. Master Men's
2. Softball Saskatchewan will approve sending the following teams to the above Canadian AND Western Canadian Championships:
 - i. If the provincial championship has Eight (8) teams OR less, then the TOP 2 teams that check the "YES" box on the Letter of Intent will advance to Canadians. Three (3) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.
 - ii. The NEXT 2 teams that check the "YES" box on the Letter of Intent will advance to Western Canadians. Three (3) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.
 - iii. If the provincial championship has Nine (9) teams OR more teams, then the TOP 3 teams that check the "YES" box on the Letter of Intent will advance to Canadians. Four (4) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.
 - iv. The NEXT 2 teams that check the "YES" box on the Letter of Intent will advance to Western Canadians. Three (3) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.
 - v. The appropriate Letter of intent must be received by the May 15th deadline. Teams registering in a category that leads to a Canadian and Western Canadian Championship must submit a **\$2,000 bond** with their Provincial Championship Entry Form in addition to the registration fee. **(Separate cheques/payments must be made).**

- vi. All teams who do not fulfill their obligations to attend a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship will forfeit their bond of **\$2,000** and for Canadian Championships their \$850 Softball Canada registration fee.
- vii. Teams attending the Canadian Championships are responsible for paying a Softball Canada team registration fee of \$850 Per team.
- viii. For those Canadian Championship that allow import player(s), we will allow them to be added before or after the Provincial Championships. If added after provincials, they are also considered a pickup(s). Import player(s) must be released from their province of residence.

B. Canadian Championships

1. **The following provincial championship categories lead to ONLY a Canadian Championship:**
 - i. **U19 Women's and U23 Men's**
2. **Softball Saskatchewan will approve sending the following teams to the above Canadian Championships:**
 - i. **The top Two (2) teams that check the "YES" box on the Letter of Intent to out-of-province championships and three (3) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.**
 - ii. **The appropriate Letter of intent must be received by the May 15th deadline.** Teams registering in a category that leads to a Canadian Championship must submit a **\$2,000 bond** with their Provincial Championship Entry Form in addition to the registration fee. **(Separate cheques/payments must be made).**
 - iv. All teams who do not fulfill their obligations to attend a Canadian Championship will forfeit their bond of **\$2,000** and for Canadian Championships their \$850 Softball Canada registration fee.

- v. Teams attending the Canadian Championships are responsible for paying a Softball Canada team registration fee of \$850 Per team.
- v. For those Canadian Championship that allow import player(s), we will allow them to be added before or after the Provincial Championships. If added after provincials, they are also considered a pickup(s). Import player(s) must be released from their province of residence.

C. Western Canadian Championships

1. **The following provincial championship categories will lead to a Western Canadian Championship:**
 - i. **U13 A Girls and U13 'Open' Boys**
 - ii. **U19 B Women's**
2. **Softball Saskatchewan will approve sending the following teams to the above Western Canadian Championships:**
 - i. **The TOP two (2) teams that check the "YES" box will advance to Western Canadians. Three (3) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.**
 - ii. **Teams must submit a \$2,000 bond with their Provincial Championship entry form in addition to the registration fee. Teams who do not fulfill their obligations to attend Western Canadian Championships will be fined.**

D. Host Team:

In categories that lead to a Canadian AND/OR Western Canadian and when Saskatchewan is hosting the Canadian Championships the highest-ranking team from the Host center will be the Host team.

In categories that lead to a Canadian AND/OR Western Canadian and when Saskatchewan is hosting the Western Canadian Championships, the team from the Host center will be the Host team regardless of rankings. If there is more than one team from the Host center the Host team will be determined by rankings at the provincial championships.

E. Defending Champions:

Canadian Championships:

- i. In all Canadian Championship categories, the previous year's champions are eligible to attend their respective Canadian Championship, subject to the following considerations:
 - a. **At least seven (7) players from the previous year's championship roster are still on the current provincial roster and in attendance. If the previous champion does not have seven (7) returning players, the provincial/territorial body can declare their Provincial Champion (or top-seeded team) as Defending Champion.**
 - b. They follow Softball Saskatchewan's team and player registration procedures.

Western Canadian Softball Championships:

- i. In all Western Canadian Championship categories, the defending championship team is not guaranteed a berth in the following year's championships.

Section 2: Player Pickups for Canadian and Western Canadian Championships

- A. Pickups are allowed following the Provincial Championships from categories as outlined in the player pickup charts below. Teams may add a maximum of three (3) registered players to their registration roster. However, player pickups cannot exceed the Softball Canada or Western Canada player roster quota, which is seventeen (17) players. The master quota is twenty (20) players.
- B. **Teams eligible to pick-up players will be determined by the order of finish at the Provincial Championships. The highest-ranked teams attending the Canadian Championships get the first choices of pickups, and then the highest-ranked teams attending Westerns get the next choices.**
- C. All players will only be eligible to be picked-up once. Players cannot be picked up for both Western and Canadian Championships. Players may only participate in one Western Canadian but may participate in two (2) Canadian Championships.

- D. Player pickups who refuse to join a team attending a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship may lose the right to participate as a pickup in all championships. Any dispute regarding refusal to be picked up will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the President (or his/her designate) and two (2) board members.
- E. Registered players meeting age requirements but playing in an older age category are allowed to be picked-up should their team not advance past the Provincial Championship. However, the category the player is registered in gets the first choice of pickup following pickup procedures.
- F. The team with the first choice of pickups following a Provincial Championship has 48 hours from the time of winning the Provincial Championship to notify the Executive Director of their pickups, if any. The team with the second choice of pickups has 48 hours from the time of being contacted to notify the Executive Director. The team with the third choice of pickups has 48 hours from the time of being contacted to notify the Executive Director.
- G. Players who are picked up to go to a Canadian Championship may return to his/her team and be able to participate in a Western Canadian Championship in the same year. Additionally, players who are picked up to go to a Canadian Championship must first complete their commitment to their team attending Westerns before playing in a Canadian Championship.
- H. Players registered on an **“A”** team playing in a Canadian Championship cannot be picked up by a team going to a Western Canadian Championship. (Exception: in male fastpitch only, Senior ‘A’ categories may pick up players from U23 ‘A’ category).

MINOR FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART

ELIGIBLE PICK-UPS	Refer top down, not left to right	U19 A	U19 B	U17 A	U17 B	U15 A	U15 B	U13 A
	U19 A Women's	X						
	U19 B Women's	X	X					
	U17 A Girls	X	X	X				
	U17 B Girls	X	X	X	X			
	U15 A Girls			X	X	X		
	U15 B Girls			X	X	X	X	
	U15 C Girls					X	X	
	U13 A, B, & C Girls					X	X	X

MINOR MALE CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART

ELIGIBLE PICK-UPS	Refer top down, not left to right	U20 Open	U17 Open	U15 Open	U13 Open
	U20 Open Men's	X			
	U17 Open Boys	X	X		
	U15 Open Boys		X	X	
	U13 Open Boys			X	X
	U11 Open Boys				X

ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART

ELIGIBLE PICK-UPS	Refer top down, not left to right	Men's A	Women's A	Master Men's	U23 Men's
	Men's A	X			
	Women's A		X		
	Master Men's			X	
	Men's Open	X		X	
	Women's Open		X		
	U23 A Men's	X			X
	U20 Open Men's	X			X
	U19 A & B Women's		X		

Section 3: Travel Assistance

- A. Teams participating in an in-province Canadian or Western Canadian Championship shall do so at their own expense.
- B. Teams participating in an out-of-province Canadian or Western Canadian shall be funded by the Softball Saskatchewan Travel Fund.
 - i. Fund will be distributed and allotted as follows:
 - i. Two (2) teams attending out-of-province championship.
 - A. 60% to the highest-ranking team
 - B. 40% to the second highest-ranking team.
 - ii. Three (3) teams attending out-of-province championship:
 - A. 50% to the highest-ranking team.
 - B. 30% to the second highest-ranking team.
 - C. 20% to the third highest-ranking team.
 - ii. Funding will be distributed based on ground miles using the following formula: Total Softball Saskatchewan travel fund dollars divided by total miles traveled by all teams. This will provide a per-mile rate to be used for all teams traveling.
- C. Team Travel Fund
 - i. Money in this fund will be allotted to ALL teams participating in out-of-province Canadian or Western Canadian Championships. Money in this fund comes from the \$300 travel fund fee paid by all teams registering in categories leading to a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship.
 - ii. Funding will be distributed based on ground miles using the following formula: Total team travel fund dollars divided by total miles traveled by all teams. This will provide a per-mile rate to be used for all teams traveling.

Section 4: Bid to Host

- A. Associations interested in hosting a Canadian Championship should contact Softball Canada.
- B. Bids to host a Western Canadian Championship must be submitted in writing to the Softball Saskatchewan office by October 1st, one (1) year before the year of the event. A bid to host package, including criteria, is available from the Softball Saskatchewan office.

Section 5: Coaches at Canadian and Western Canadian Championships

Certified coaches not in attendance at a Western Canadian Championship will be fined \$250. Certified coaches not in attendance at a Canadian Championship will be fined \$2500 in addition may be suspended by Softball Saskatchewan.

Section 6: Injury Replacement for Western and Canadian Championships

Teams will be allowed to replace injured players. Injured players and/or legal guardians for minors must submit a signed doctor's certificate to the Executive Director three (3) days before the first scheduled date of the Western Canadian and Canadian Championships. The **doctor's** certificate must state the following:

- i. That the player sustained an injury or has an illness that will prevent him/her from participating.
- ii. The length of time the player will be unable to participate in the sport.
- iii. Injured players will be ineligible for further participation at the Western Canadian and Canadian Championships. Replacement players must be listed on a provincial roster. Player pickups take precedence over injury replacement. Any false claims will be subject to suspension of the offending player, coaches, and/or managers.

Rule 8: TRAVEL PERMITS

All affiliated teams, players, and umpires that travel outside of Saskatchewan but within Canada to a sanctioned competition or tournament must have a travel permit to be covered under the Softball Saskatchewan Insurance program. All travel permits are obtainable by

contacting the Softball Saskatchewan office or on our website. The deadline to submit travel permits is two (2) weeks before departure. Insurance is **NOT** provided for out-of-county travel.

Rule 9: TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS

- A. All tournaments must be sanctioned by Softball Saskatchewan through the Executive Director. No tournament will be sanctioned unless the tournament committee or association is an affiliated member of Softball Saskatchewan.
- B. All Softball Saskatchewan/ Softball Canada rules and regulations shall apply.
- C. No sanctioned tournament shall accept entries from any team that is not an affiliated member of Softball Saskatchewan or any other provincial softball association. It will be the responsibility of the tournament organizers to ensure that all teams participating in their tournament are affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan or another provincial association.
- D. No team, player, or coach, who is a member of Softball Saskatchewan is permitted to play in a game with, or against, a non-member of Softball Saskatchewan without permission from Softball Saskatchewan.
- E. Any team, player, coach, or manager of an affiliated team taking part in an unsanctioned tournament may be suspended.
- F. All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be umpired by registered umpires in Saskatchewan. Umpires who participate in unsanctioned tournaments may be suspended.
- G. If any team withdraws from a sanctioned tournament after the entry has been accepted, the team shall be reported to Softball Saskatchewan for disciplinary action if deemed necessary.
- H. No tournament sanctions will be issued that conflict with any Provincial Championships scheduled for the same dates.

- I. Tournaments must use provincial team classification when inviting teams to participate in their event (i.e., U15 or Men's/Women's, etc.).
- J. A list of teams competing in the tournament must be submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office before the first game of the tournament.
- K. All irregularities, problems, conflicts, etc., must be reported to the Softball Saskatchewan office no later than five (5) days after completion of the tournament.
- L. Application for a tournament sanction must be made at least two (2) weeks before the tournament date. Tournament sanctions must always be posted during the tournament.

Rule 10: SUSPENSIONS/ APPEALS

Section 1: Suspension of Association Members

- A. Any member violating the bylaws, operating rules, and/or policies of the Association or refusing to abide by a decision made by the Board of Directors, may be expelled or suspended with the right to appeal.
- B. Any member of the Association may be suspended for any of the following:
 - a. Conduct detrimental to the game of softball.
 - b. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - c. Physical violence, proceeding, during, or following a game.
 - d. Commission of fraud, such as playing under an assumed name, or falsifying any documentation supplied to the Association.
 - e. Participating in a game where a suspended player, umpire, or team is involved.
 - f. Violation of Association policies.

Section 2: Suspension Procedures

- A. Suspension procedures will follow what is outlined in the Association's Safe Sport Dispute Resolution Policies found on our website.
- B. A league or association wishing Softball Saskatchewan to honor their suspension must provide written documentation stating the team or individual(s) whom they are suspending and the reasons for the suspension. The request will then be reviewed by Softball Saskatchewan-appointed representatives.

Section 3: Right of Appeal

Any members suspended by the Association may file an appeal as outlined in the Appeal Policy found on our website or available from our office.

Section 4: Penalty for Violation

So that the game of softball, as controlled by Softball Saskatchewan, and its members shall not be affected by financial interest, any appeal to courts of law, or a lawyer in anticipation of legal action, BEFORE all processes of appeal through Softball Saskatchewan and if applicable, through Softball Canada, are exhausted, shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct. Individuals who resort to such a procedure shall automatically and immediately be suspended from all privileges and affiliations with Softball Saskatchewan and its member associations.

Rule 11: CONCESSION APPLICATION

- A. Any request for a concession to an operating rule must be in writing and submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office, with attention to the Executive Director, and will only be accepted between January 1st and August 31st of each year. All applications must be made by the individual player, coach, or association who desires the concession to the operating rule. The committee appointed by the President reserves the right to entertain blanket concession applications from associations. Applicants who are denied their concession will not be eligible to apply for the same concession for two (2) years. The applicant shall have the right to make a brief presentation when the concession is heard by the

Concession Committee (Zoom Video conferencing). Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$157.50 (\$150 + \$7.50 GST). If the concession application is successful, the registration fee will be refunded.

- B. A concession hearing shall be held as soon as reasonably possible after the date the concession is received. The Executive Director will notify the party(s) applying for the concession of the date and time the concession will be heard. The Executive Director shall supply, in writing, within seven (7) days of the date of the decision of the Concession Committee, to the member(s) requesting a concession. The decision of the Concession Committee shall be final and binding (no appeals allowed).



Rule 12: FASTPITCH DISTANCE TABLES

Female

Age	Ball Size	Pitching Distance	Baselines
U5	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U7	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U9	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U11	11" (27.95cm)	33' (10.06m)	50' (15.24m)
U13	11" (27.95cm)	38' (11.58m)	55' (16.76m)
U15	12" (30.50cm)	40' (12.20m)	60' (18.30m)
U17	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
U19	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
U23	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
ADULT	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
MASTERS	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)

Male

Age	Ball Size	Pitching Distance	Baselines
U5	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U7	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U9	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U11	11" (27.95cm)	33' (10.06m)	50' (15.24m)
U13	11" (27.95cm)	38' (11.58m)	55' (16.76m)
U15	12" (30.50cm)	42' (12.80m)	60' (18.30m)
U17	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
U20	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
U23	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
ADULT	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
MASTERS	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)

SLO-PITCH OPERATING RULES

Rule 1: RESIDENCY

Players signing with teams that are registered with the Association must be residents of Saskatchewan as of May 1st of the current playing year. Categories, that lead to a Canadian Championship, must adhere to the Softball Canada residence rule.

Rule 2: AFFILIATION/MEMBERSHIP

- A. Applications will be accepted from teams (players and coaches), league executives, and umpire associations. Approved applicants will receive membership in the Association by paying the annually set affiliation fee accompanied by the Team Affiliation Certificate submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office. To be covered by the Softball Saskatchewan Insurance and Benefits Program, teams (including players and coaches) must be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan by May 1st.
- B. Affiliated teams attending a tournament will be covered by the Insurance and Benefits Program ONLY if the tournament is sanctioned by Softball Saskatchewan.
- C. Teams attending tournaments outside of Saskatchewan must obtain a travel permit to be covered by the Insurance and Benefits Program.
- D. Teams may affiliate with a maximum of twenty (20) players and five (5) coaches.
- E. Teams must be affiliated members of Softball Saskatchewan before they can register for provincial playoffs.
- F. The Association, through its Board of Directors, reserves the right to refuse any application for affiliation in Softball Saskatchewan.
- G. Slo-pitch affiliation fee - \$75.00/team**

Rule 3: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

Section 1: Fee Structure

Category	Player Quota	Provincial Registration Fee	Total
Men's Open	17	\$277.50	\$277.50
Co-ed Open (6 & 4)	20	\$277.50	\$277.50
Women's Open	20	\$277.50	\$277.50

GST and PST are included in all registration fees where applicable.

Please note teams registering in 'open' categories can be eligible to attend Canadian Championships. **Teams qualifying to attend a Canadian Championship must also pay the Softball Canada Team Registration Fee of \$850 before the championship. This fee is collected by Softball Saskatchewan and submitted to Softball Canada.**

Section 2: Provincial Regulations

- A. Teams may register for provincial playoffs by submitting the completed Provincial Playoff team entry form and Letter of Intent to the Softball Saskatchewan office with the appropriate fee by April 15th.
- B. A roster registration form listing all players and coaches, including signatures, must be submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office by May 15th.
- C. Rosters must have a minimum of twelve (12) players on the roster registration form.
- D. All players and coaches/ managers must first be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan before they can sign a roster registration form for Provincial Playoffs.
- E. A player shall be considered registered with a team when his/her name appears on a provincial roster registration form, which has been received by the Softball Saskatchewan office.

- F. Managers and coaches may NOT participate as players unless they are registered as such.

Rule 4: PLAYING RULES

- A. The slo-pitch rules outlined in the Softball Canada Rule Book will govern all Provincial Championships.
- B. Bats: before each Provincial Championship the Provincial Playoff Representative, in cooperation with the UIC, will determine the eligibility of bats based upon the safety of the players.
- C. All offensive players must wear a batting helmet with two (2) ear flaps.

Rule 5: PLAYER PICKUPS FOR CANADIANS

Teams attending the Canadian Championships may pick up a maximum of three (3) players provided they do not exceed the maximum size of the roster for the championships. Players being picked up must have participated in the Provincial Slo-Pitch Championships during the year of competition.

Rule 6: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

All Provincial Championships will utilize round-robin draws whenever possible.

SOFTBALL SASKATCHEWAN BYLAWS

Softball Saskatchewan - (Called the "Association")

General Bylaw No. 1

A bylaw relating generally to the transaction of the activities and affairs of the Association.

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Section 1: Interpretation

1.1. Definitions

In these bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:

- A. "Act"- the Non-profit Corporations Act (Saskatchewan), and any statute that may be substituted therefore, as from time amended.
- B. "Administrative District"- those districts established by Section 4 of these bylaws.
- C. "Appoint" included "Elect" and vice versa.
- D. "Articles"- the articles of incorporation, the articles of amalgamation of the articles of continuance of the corporation as the case may be as from time to time amended or restated.
- E. "Board"- the Board of Directors of the corporation.
- F. "Bylaws"- this bylaw and all other bylaws of the Corporation from time to time in force and effect.

- G. "Directors"- the members of the Board of Directors.
- H. "League"- a conference of two (2) or more softball teams that have agreed to associate for competition purposes and that are recognized by the Association.
- I. "Meeting of Members"- an annual meeting of members and a special meeting of members.
- J. "Member"- includes players, coaches, managers, members of a league, executive members, members of an umpire's association included on an affiliation form, and individually registered umpires.
- K. "Operating Rules"- those rules and regulations passed by the board in accordance with paragraph 5.01 herein.
- L. "President"- the President of the board elected in accordance with paragraph 5.11.
- M. "Province"- Province of Saskatchewan.
- N. "Softball"- includes fast-pitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball.
- O. "Unanimous Member Agreement"- a written agreement among all the members of the corporation, or among all such members and a person who is not a member, that restricts, in whole or in part, the powers of the directors to manage the activities and affairs of the corporation, as from time to time amended.
- P. "Voting Delegate"- those individuals appointed by the members of the Association, in accordance with paragraphs 8.04 and 8.05, to attend meetings of members.

1.2. Interpretations

Except as otherwise provided in section 1.01, words and expressions defined in the act have the same meanings when used herein; and words importing the singular number include the plural and vice

versa; words importing gender include the masculine, feminine, and neutral gender; words importing persons include individuals, bodies corporate, partnerships, trusts, and unincorporated organizations.

Section 2: Preamble

2.1. Name

The name of the Association shall be “Softball Saskatchewan” (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”).

2.2. Jurisdiction

Softball Saskatchewan is the Provincial Sport Governing Body whose purpose is to foster, develop, promote, and regulate the playing of amateur fastpitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball in Saskatchewan, within the framework of the Canadian Amateur Softball Association.

2.3. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Association are:

- A. To foster, develop, improve, promote, and regulate the playing of amateur fastpitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball in Saskatchewan.
- B. To make, adopt, vary, and publish operating rules, bylaws, and constitutions for the regulation of the playing of amateur fastpitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball in Saskatchewan.
- C. To institute, promote, and regulate tournament play in all classifications of amateur fastpitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball as may be deemed to be in the best interest of amateur softball in Saskatchewan.
- D. To regulate amateur fastpitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball in Saskatchewan concerning competitions leading to Saskatchewan championships, and participation by Saskatchewan players or teams in Saskatchewan, interprovincial, national, or international championships.

- E. To subscribe to, become a member of, and cooperate with other associations. Whether incorporated or not, whose objectives are all together, or in a part, similar to those of the Association.

Section 3: Membership

3.1. Membership

The membership of the Association shall consist of:

- A. Team members- being amateur softball teams (including players, coaches, and managers) that have agreed to comply with and abide by the bylaws and operating rules of the Association, as amended from time to time, and whose applications for membership have received the approval of the board.
- B. League members- being amateur softball leagues, all teams which are members of the Association, and which leagues have agreed to comply with and abide by the bylaws and operating rules of the Association, and amended from time to time, and whose applications for membership have received the approval of the board.
- C. Umpire's association members- being amateur softball umpires and umpire associations interested in furthering the aims and objectives of the Association, and which have agreed to comply with and abide by the bylaws and operating rules of the Association, and whose applications for membership have received the approval of the board.
- D. Life members- being individuals recognized by the board as having contributed to the game of softball or having furthered the aims and objectives of the Association, and when nomination as a Life Member in the Association has been approved by the board.
- E. Highschool softball academies and university/ collegiate softball programs are eligible to be members of the Association by paying the annual association fee of \$50 and have agreed to comply with and abide by the bylaws and operating rules of the Association and whose applications for membership have received the approval of the board.

3.2. Application for Membership

Membership application shall be made to the Executive Director and the board may, in its absolute discretion, approve or refuse the application of any team, league, or umpire's association for membership in the Association. Excepting that no amateur softball league may become a member of the Association unless all teams in such league are members of the Association. Nomination of an individual as a Life Member of the Association shall be made to the Executive Director and the Board, may, in its absolute discretion, approve or refuse any such nomination.

3.3. Membership Fees and Dues

Membership fees and dues shall be payable on an annual basis by a specified time and in such amounts as shall from time to time be fixed for an annual period by the Board of Directors. Team membership fees and dues for different age groups may vary.

Section 4: Administrative Districts

4.1. Administrative Districts

For the purpose of the Association and for the purpose of carrying out the aims and objectives of the Association, the province of Saskatchewan shall be divided into the following eight administrative districts:

- A. District 1- Southeast (Weyburn/Estevan)
- B. District 2- Regina
- C. District 3- Southwest (Moose Jaw/ Swift Current)
- D. District 4- South Central (Yorkton/ Melville)
- E. District 5- Central (Humboldt/ Southey)
- F. District 6- Saskatoon
- G. District 7- Northwest (North Battleford/ Lloydminster)
- H. District 8- Northeast (Prince Albert/ Melfort)

4.2. District Boundaries

The boundaries of the administrative district may be established and varied from time to time at the discretion of the board.

Section 5 Directors

5.1. Board of Directors

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the board, which shall consist of a president (elected), past president, eight (8) directors that are elected from each of the eight (8) administrative districts, and one (1)

director appointed by the board of directors for the position of Aboriginal Director. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the board may make, amend, or repeal all operating rules and decisions in respect of matters pertaining to:

- A. The game of softball.
- B. The format, scheduling, administering, and playing of tournaments and playoffs.
- C. The classification of players, teams, and leagues
- D. The qualifications of players, teams, and leagues.
- E. The eligibility of any player to be a member of, or play, for any team or in any league.
- F. The eligibility of any coach or manager to coach or manage any team or in any league.
- G. The eligibility of any team to play in any league.
- H. The eligibility of any member of an umpire's association to umpire the game of softball.
- I. The better carrying out of the aims and objectives of the Association.

5.2. Special Determining Powers

Without restricting the generality of paragraph 5.01, the board may govern, regulate, and make decisions respecting any matter concerning the affairs of the Association and, in particular, but without limitation, has the authority to:

- A. Appoint one or more persons to represent the Association at the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Softball Association.
- B. Govern, regulate and make decisions respecting any matter.
- C. Concerning amateur fastpitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball in Saskatchewan.
- D. Govern, regulate and make decisions respecting any matter.
- E. Concerning play-off and tournament play in Saskatchewan.
- F. Suspend the membership of any member of the Association for any reasons it deems sufficient.

- G. Rule that any player is ineligible to be a member of or play for any team or in any league.
- H. Rule that any coach or manager is ineligible to coach or manage any team or in any league.
- I. Rule that a member of any umpire's association is ineligible to umpire in any league.
- J. Rule that any team is ineligible to play in any league.
- K. Deal with, decide, and settle any matter, issue, or question not expressly provided by the bylaws or operating rules of the association. All decisions made by the board are final.

5.3. *Nomination and Election Procedures*

- A. Nominations for the Board of Directors:
 - i. Any current member may submit a written nomination for a candidate to be elected to the Board, to the Executive Director, by April 1st of the election year. An individual may not nominate him or herself for election. The President may be a resident of any administrative district. District directors must be permanent resident of the administrative district from which they are elected. Any person seeking to be elected as a director of the Association must be a team member, league member, or umpire association member. The nomination shall be accompanied by a personal profile and a consent form signed by the nominee (an electronic signature is sufficient for this purpose).
 - ii. Notice of the nomination and copies of the consent form and personal profile shall be circulated to the members who register to attend the annual general meeting.
 - iii. A candidate may withdraw from the election at any time prior to the start of voting.
 - iv. A paid employee of Softball Saskatchewan, or any local softball association, shall not be entitled to be nominated for election as a director.

B. Election of Directors

- i. Association elections shall be carried out by a written ballot at the annual general meeting.
- ii. The president and directors shall be elected on separate ballots. To be elected a candidate must receive fifty (50) percent plus one (1) of the votes cast. Until a candidate reaches this majority, the candidate receiving the least number of votes on any ballot shall be removed from the next ballot to be cast for the office.

C. Period of Office

- i. The directors of the association shall continue in office until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed as provided by these bylaws.

D. Resignation or Termination of Office

- i. A director may resign his/her office by forwarding a notification in writing to the Executive Director of the Association.
- ii. A director may be removed from office by a resolution to that effect passed by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the members at any annual general meeting. A director may be removed or suspended from office for any conduct deemed detrimental to the Association by a unanimous vote of all remaining directors. An appeal of this decision may be made by the members at the next annual general meeting.
- iii. Where the position of a director becomes vacant for whatever reason, the remaining directors may appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacant position's term of office.
- iv. The Aboriginal director position appointed to the Board will be a person of Aboriginal ancestry and must be a resident of Saskatchewan.
- v. Directors from administrative districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be elected in the south region at the annual general meeting in April 2020 in Regina (these elections would then be held every two (2) years in Regina). These 2-year terms= unlimited terms.

- vi. Directors from administrative districts 5, 6, 7, and 8 shall be elected in the north region at the annual general meeting in April 2019 in Saskatoon (these elections would then be held every two (2) years in Saskatoon). These are 2-year terms= unlimited terms.
- vii. The Aboriginal director appointed by the Board shall serve a 2-year term from the date of appointment. Should this director for some reason be unable to complete their term, then the Board may appoint another person to the position.
- viii. The past president shall serve as an inactive member of the Board of Directors for two (2) years. This term may be extended upon a majority vote by the Board of Directors.

5.4. Quorum of Directors

The quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board shall be five (5) members of the Board of Directors (directors and/or president) or such greater number as the Board may from time to time determine.

5.5 Action by the Board

The powers of the Board may be exercised by resolution passed at a meeting at which a quorum is present or by resolution in writing signed by all directors entitled to vote on the resolution at a meeting of the Board.

5.6. Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be held from time to time and at such places as the President may determine. If all directors consent, a director may participate in a meeting of the Board or of a committee of the Board by means of telephone facilities enabling all persons participating in such meeting by such means to be deemed to be present at the meeting. Any such consent shall be effective whether given before or after the meeting to which it relates and may be given with respect to all meetings of the Board and committees of the Board held while a director holds office.

5.7. Notice of Meeting

The Board of Directors shall meet on a regular basis. Notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Board shall be given to each director no less than seven (7) days before the meeting is held. The Board of Directors may meet without notice when a quorum of the Board has voted to do so.

5.8. President

A president will be elected for a three (3) year term (two (2) terms maximum of six years) at the annual general meeting in April 2019 in Saskatoon. The president shall:

- A. Preside over all Association and Board Meetings.
- B. Be an ex-officio member of all Association committees.
- C. Supervise the general administration and management of the Association.
- D. Supervise the work of the Executive Director.
- E. Supervise tasks assigned to members of the Board and ensure that all Association constitutions, bylaws, operating rules, and policies are respected.
- F. At the first meeting of the Board following the annual general meeting, ensure that the Board elects a director as vice-president who shall perform the duties of the president in his/her absence.

5.9. Treasurer

The Board shall appoint a treasurer for a one (1) year term that shall:

- A. Be responsible for supervising the receipt of all monies received by the Association and for the deposit of the same in such bank, credit, union, or trust company as may be designated by the Board.
- B. Present a full and detailed account of receipts and disbursements to the Board whenever requested.
- C. When directed by the Board, cause to be prepared an audited statement of the financial position of the Association.

- D. Perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of treasurer.

5.10. Votes to Govern

Every question at all meetings of the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes cast on the question. In case of an equality of votes, the President shall be entitled to cast a vote.

5.11. Remuneration and Expenses

The directors shall serve without remuneration and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profits from his or her position as such, except:

- A. A director may be reimbursed for such reasonable expenses as may be incurred in the performance of his or her duties.
- B. A director who is also appointed an officer of the Association by the Board, in his capacity as an officer, be entitled to receive such remuneration as is established by the Board pursuant to paragraph 6.01.

5.12. Committee of Directors

The Board may, from its numbers, appoint committees of directors and may delegate to such committees any of the powers of the Board except those which, under the Act, a committee of directors has no authority to exercise. Any committee so appointed may, subject to the resolution of the Board and the bylaws, meet for the transaction of business, adjourn, and otherwise regulate, its meetings as it sees fit.

5.13. Advisory Committees

The Board may, from time to time, appoint such other committees as it may deem advisable, but the functions of any such other committees shall be advisory only.

Section 6: Officers

6.1. Appointment

Subject to any unanimous member agreement, the Board may elect or appoint officers of the Association. The offices to be filled and the duties of such officers shall be those designated by the Board and until duties are designated, shall be those usually pertaining to such offices. Where

a person has more than one office, each office shall be deemed separate from the others and an officer may sign documents or describe himself by any one or more of the offices that he holds, or he may use the name of all offices held by him. The terms of employment and the remuneration of officers appointed by the Board shall be settled by it from time to time.

6.2. Executive Director

Without restricting the generality of section 6.01, the Board shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be responsible for the day-to-day business of the Association and shall be accountable only to the Board.

6.3. District Liaisons

Without restricting the generality of Section 6.01, the Board shall appoint the Umpire-in-Chief, three (3) Deputy Umpire-in-chiefs, and district liaisons for the coordination of softball program development, in each administrative district. All liaisons appointed by the Board must be residents of the district which they represent.

6.4. Term of Office

The Board may at any time, in its discretion, remove any officer of the Association, without prejudice to such officer's rights under any employment contract. Otherwise, each officer appointed by the Board shall hold office for the term of his appointment or until his successor is appointed.

Section 7: Dispute Resolution

All matters related to dispute resolution will be resolved according to the Softball Saskatchewan Dispute Resolution Suite which includes:

- A. Code of Conduct Policy
- B. Conflict of Interest Policy
- C. Discipline & Complaints Policy
- D. Alternate Dispute Resolution Policy
- E. Appeal Policy
- F. Complaints & Appeals Supplement

Section 8: Meetings of Members

8.1. Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of members shall be held during April each year at such time and such place in Saskatchewan as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

8.2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of members may be held at such times and places as may be determined by the Board. All business transacted at a special meeting of members, or at an annual meeting of members, other than:

- A. Consideration of financial statements.
- B. Consideration of an auditor's report.
- C. The election of directors.
- D. The reappointment of an incumbent auditor.
- E. The consideration of bylaws submitted by the directors is deemed to be special business.

8.3. Notice of Meetings

Notice of the time and place of each meeting of members shall be given in such a manner as may be directed by the Board no less than fifteen (15) days before and no more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting to each director, member, zone, regional coordinator, the Umpire-in-Chief, Deputy Umpire-in-Chief, and the auditor. Any such person may, in any manner, waive notice of, or otherwise consent to a meeting of members, and the attendance of any such person at a meeting, except where he attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called if in advertence does not nullify a meeting. Notice of a meeting at which special business is to be transacted shall state:

- A. The nature of that business is sufficient detail to permit the members to form a reasoned judgment therein.
- B. The test of any special resolution to be submitted to the meeting.

8.4. Members Votes

Each team member, league member, and umpire's association member shall be entitled to appoint one (1) of their numbers as a voting delegate to attend meetings of members. Only the voting delegates, so appointed, shall attend the meetings of the members. Each voting delegate shall have the right to exercise one (1) vote at any meeting of the members.

Team members may appoint a voting delegate only from their respective rosters of players, coaches, and managers.

League members may only appoint one of their executive members as a voting delegate.

Umpire association members may appoint a voting delegate only from their respective umpire's association executive.

Life members are entitled to attend and be heard at any meetings of members but are not entitled to vote at any such meetings.

8.5. Voting by Officers

In addition to the voting delegates described in paragraph 8.4., the following shall be entitled to be present and exercise in person one (1) vote at any meeting of the members:

- A. Each member of the Board.
- B. The Umpire-in-Chief
- C. Three (3) Deputy Umpire-in-Chief's
- D. The Master Learning Facilitator
- E. All district liaisons are appointed by the Board.

8.6. No Voting by Proxy

No member, or other person entitled to vote at any meeting of members, shall be entitled to vote by proxy.

8.7. Chairman of Meetings

The chairman of any meeting of members shall be the President of the Board, or in his absence, any other director of the Association.

8.8. Votes to Govern

Every question raised at any meeting of the members shall, unless otherwise required by these bylaws, be determined by the majority of votes cast on the question. In case of an equality of votes, either upon a show of hands or upon a ballot, the President shall be entitled to cast a vote.

8.9. Show of Hands

Any question at a meeting of the members shall be decided by a show of hands, except when:

- A. The election of directors shall be made by secret ballot.
- B. A secret ballot shall be held upon request of ten (10) voting delegates.

8.10. Quorum

Twenty (20) voting delegates present at any meeting of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 9: Financial Matters

1.1. Accounts

- A. All approved accounts shall be paid by cheque.
- B. All cheques written on the operating account at the provincial office of the Association shall be signed by two (2) of the following: President, Treasurer, or Executive Director.
- C. If the Treasurer is unable to act, the President or appointed director shall perform the duties of the Treasurer.

1.2. Audit and Inspection of the Books

- A. The books and records of the Association shall be kept by the Executive Director under the strict supervision of the Treasurer and shall be audited each year by an independent auditor. This independent auditor shall be designated by the Board at its first regular meeting following the annual general meeting.
- B. The books and records of the Association may be inspected by members of the Association, by appointment made through the office of the President, at the provincial office of the Association. Such a member must be in good standing with the Association. The expenses of travel, housing, and loss of time inspecting the books shall be borne by the requesting member.

1.3. Borrowing Power

Upon resolution passed by no less than three-quarters of the Board, the Association may from time to time:

- A. Borrow money upon the credit of the Association.
 - a. Issue, reissue, sell, or pledge bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness or guarantee of the Association, whether secured or unsecured.

- b. Mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, or otherwise create an interest in or charge upon all or any property (including the undertaking rights) of the Association, owned or subsequently acquired by way of mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise, to secure payment of any such evident of indebtedness or guarantee of the association. Nothing in this section limits or restricts the borrowing of money by the Association on bills of exchange or promissory notes made, drawn, accepted, or endorsed by or on behalf of the Association.

1.4. Indemnities to Directors and Others

Every director or officer of the Association, or other person, who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the Association or any company controlled by it and their heirs, executors and administrators, and estate and effects, respectively, shall from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of funds of the Association, from; and:

- A. All cost, charges, and expenses whatsoever which such director, officer, or other person sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit, or proceedings which is brought, commenced, or prosecuted against him, or in respect of any act, deed, the matter of thing whatsoever made, done or permitted by him, in or about the executive of the duties of his office or in respect of any such liability.
- B. All other costs, charges, and expenses which he sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges, or expenses as are occasioned by his own willful neglect or default.

Section 10: Amendment

- A. Amendments to the bylaws shall be made by resolution from a member of the Board of Directors.
- B. A notice of motion to amend the bylaws must be received in writing by the provincial office of the Association by April 1st and the provincial office of the Association shall forward copies of all notices of motions to the membership at least seven (7) days before the annual general meeting for those members registered for the annual general meeting.

- C. When a notice of motion has not been served as provided for in B) above of this section 10.01, the bylaws may be enacted, repealed, or amended at any annual general meeting provided all voting members present at the annual general meeting are in favor of having the matter discussed on the floor. If such a unanimous vote is obtained then a two-thirds majority is required to enact, repeal, or amend the particular bylaw.
- D. This bylaw shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the act.

Section 11: Effective Date

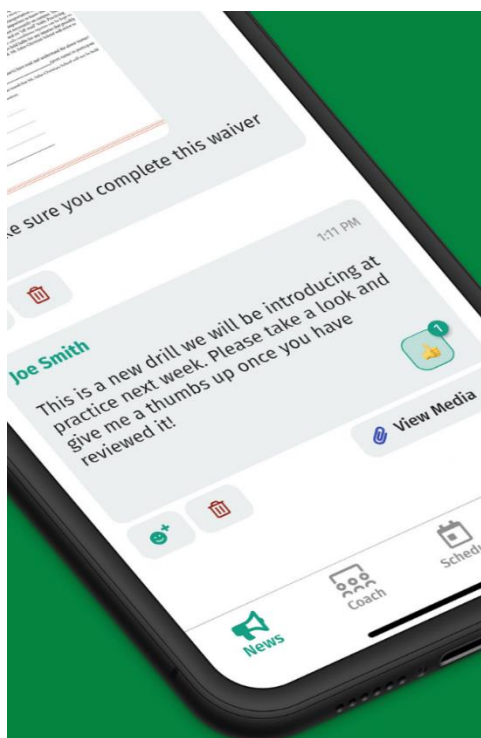
Subject to its confirmation by the members, in accordance with the Act, this bylaw shall come into force on the date it is passed by the Board.



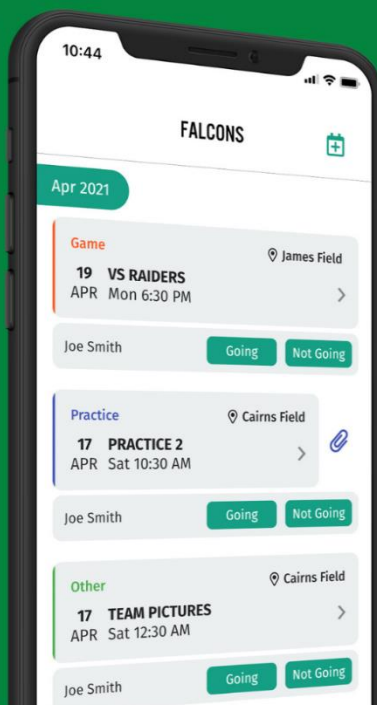
2024 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP DATES & LOCATIONS

U15 GIRLS	Ile-Perrot, QC	August 14 - 18
U15 BOYS	St-Leonard-d'Aston, QC	August 14 - 18
U17 GIRLS	Calgary, AB	July 31 - August 4
U17 BOYS	St-Gervais, QC	August 6 - 11
U19 WOMEN'S	Saskatoon, SK	July 31 - August 4
U20 MEN'S	Carp, ON	August 20 - 25
U23 MEN'S	Kitchener, ON	July 30 - August 4
WOMEN'S	Blackfalds, AB	August 7 - 11
MEN'S	Saskatoon, SK	August 28 - September 1
MASTER MEN'S	Saskatoon, SK	August 28 - September 1
MEN'S SLO-PITCH	Leduc, AB	August 11 - 17
WOMEN'S SLO- PITCH	Leduc, AB	August 11 - 17

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- Pitcher development
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Gradual progression and introduction to competition.

For more information, or to book a coaches/parents orientation,
contact our Program Coordinator,
Jacqueline Eiwanger at (306) 780-9235 or jac@softball.sk.ca



U9 FESTIVAL

The logo features the text 'U9' in large black letters on a green rectangular background, and 'FESTIVAL' in white letters on a dark grey rectangular background. To the right is the Saskatchewan Softball logo, which is a circular emblem with 'SOFTBALL' at the top and 'SASKATCHEWAN' at the bottom, surrounding a green diamond with a white 'SS' inside. The entire graphic is surrounded by green dots and lines.

— This festival is a unique 2-day tournament for U9 players. We utilize •
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More than 2,000 athletes, coaches and officials will converge on the Border City to share in the thrill of competition and camaraderie on the provincial stage. Upwards of 1,100 community volunteers will be recruited to help welcome thousands of visitors to Lloydminster during the seven days of Games competition.

The Saskatchewan Games Council looks forward to partnering with the City of Lloydminster and the 2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games Host Society to stage an incredible celebration of sport, volunteerism and community.

The softball event will take place in the first half of the games from July 21st to July 24th, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) GRANTS

Funding for the Membership Assistance Program (MAP) Grant is received from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund through the sale of lottery tickets in the province of Saskatchewan. To be eligible to receive MAP funds, your organization must offer community or club-level sport development initiatives with the province. Your organization is required to acknowledge and publicly recognize that the MAP support received is derived from the proceeds of the sale of lottery tickets in Saskatchewan.

Softball Saskatchewan allocates MAP funds for the following initiatives:

- A. **Provincial Championships-** maximum \$250.00/team participating.
- B. **N.C.C.P. Coaching Clinic** - covers all expenses except registration fees and manuals.
- C. **Umpire Certification Schools** – covers all expenses except registration fees and manuals and is to develop umpires of all ages and abilities.
- D. **Athlete Skills Clinics** – provide clinics on basic skills, pitching, and hitting.
- E. **Timbits Orientations** – provide orientations for coaches and parents teaching athletes under 9 years of age.
- F. **Softball Development** – provide minor leagues with resources to purchase equipment and softballs while allowing adult leagues to assist with umpire costs for year-end tournaments.

For more information on the above M.A.P. Grants, please contact the Softball Saskatchewan office.

SOFTBALL SASKATCHEWAN UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE POLICY

Section 1: Vision and Goals

Vision Statement

That the Softball Saskatchewan Umpire Program in partnership with the Softball Canada Umpire Program, local Umpire Associations, and District U.I.C.'s provides leadership in identifying, developing, and promoting officials and programs necessary to effectively service our membership.

Goals

To ensure that quality programs and services are provided in a safe and inclusive environment that is created to address the wants, needs, and development of our members.

To provide quality opportunities and initiatives that will help recruit new and retain existing members.

To provide quality information and instruction to educate all members.

To ensure access to quality growth opportunities by providing consistent and accountable evaluation programs promptly to all members.

To ensure communication is provided on a timely and consistent basis that creates an awareness of programs and services related to umpire recruitment and development.

Section 2: Umpire Development Committee Structure

- A. The Umpire Development Committee (UDC) shall consist of one (1) member of the Board of Directors, Umpire-In-Chief and four (4) Deputy Umpire-In-Chiefs (DUIC-North, DUIC-South, DUIC-At Large North, DUIC-At Large South). All five (5) Umpire-In-Chief positions are appointed by the Board of Directors.**

- B. The UIC, DUIC-South, and DUIC At Large North positions will be appointed in even years and the DUIC-North and DUIC-At Large South positions will be appointed in odd years. Applications will be accepted on December 1st for the next 2-year term.**

Section 3: Budget

The budget for the umpire program is prepared by the Umpire Development Committee, approved by the Board of Directors, and administered by the Executive Director.

Section 4: District U.I.C.

- i. The U.I.C., in consultation with the District Director, shall appoint the respective District U.I.C.
- ii. Term of office shall be unlimited.

Section 5: Registration

A. Softball Saskatchewan Registration

- i. Attend a Provincial umpire clinic yearly and pay the registration fee set by Softball Saskatchewan. (Must be a registered Softball Saskatchewan Umpire to work Provincial Playoffs)
- ii. **Umpires selected for a Western or Canadian Championship must attend an In-Person Umpire Clinic.**
- iii. **Active Umpires: An umpire who renews their certification annually and passes all requirements.**
- iv. The online exam must be completed by July 1st.
- v. Umpire Associations: Will qualify for membership into Softball Saskatchewan if they have five (5) or more registered umpires in their association.

B. Registration Fees

Under 18 years of age (ALL LEVELS) Born: 2006 or later	\$35.00
Level 1	\$70.00
Level 2	\$80.00
Level 3	\$95.00
Level 4 & 5	\$100.00

All umpires are also registered with Softball Canada and the \$18 Softball Canada registration fee is included as part of the above fee.

C. Certification Levels

- i. Individuals must be a minimum of twelve (12) years of age to register as an umpire.

Level 1

Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an umpire clinic. • Obtain 60% or more on the Level 1 Certification Exam.
On-field Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officiate local minor or adult softball and Provincials
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a provincial umpire clinic once every two (2) years • Write the Softball Canada exam and obtain 60% or more

Level 2

Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Level 1 Umpire for a minimum of one (1) • Be at least 16 years of age
Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an umpire clinic • Obtain 70% or more on the Level 2 Certification Exam
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive one (1) successful local or regional evaluation
On-field Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officiate at local and provincial level and/or adult softball
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a clinic once every two (2) years. • Write the Softball Canada exam and obtain 70% or more

Level 3

Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Level 2 umpire for a minimum of two (2) years.
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Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend an umpire clinic • Obtain 80% or more on the Level 3 Certification Exam
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive one successful evaluation
On-field Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officiate provincial minor or adult softball • Qualified to officiate U19 Women's fast pitch, U20 Men's fast pitch, U23 Women's fastpitch, and U23 Men's fastpitch.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a clinic annually • Write the Softball Canada exam and obtain 80% or more

Level 4

Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Level 3 umpire for a minimum of two (2) years.
Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive two (2) successful evaluations by a provincial representative and recommendations forwarded to the UDC. • Receive a successful Level 4 evaluation at a U20 Men's, U19 Women's, or a Masters fastpitch Canadian Championship.
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a Softball Canada Level 4 Umpire Theory Clinic. • Obtain 80% or more on the Level 4 Certification Exam
On-field Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officiate provincial minor or adult softball. • Officiate a Canadian Championship • Receive a successful Level 5 Evaluation

Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a clinic annually. • Write the Softball Canada Exam and obtain 80% or more. • Be active in Provincial officiating programs.
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Level 5: This program is operated by Softball Canada.

- D. Umpires Leaving the system (Levels 1-4): If an umpire does not officiate or register as an umpire for a period of two (2) or more years, they may return to their current level upon approval from the U.I.C. This may only happen once.

Section 6: Player and Coach Incident/Ejection Reports

Players and coaches who are ejected from a game or where an incident occurs must be reported. The Incident/Ejection Report is in a fillable format and available on the Softball Saskatchewan website. Incident/Ejection Reports must be completed within three (3) days for any League game, Sanctioned Tournament game, or Provincial Championship game. Incident/Ejection Reports for Association/League games and sanctioned tournaments will be forwarded to Associations/Leagues to be dealt with, all others can be forwarded to Softball Saskatchewan.

Section 7: Evaluations

The Softball Saskatchewan Umpire Development Committee will establish an approved list of evaluators to do evaluations.

- A. Umpires traveling to Westerns or Canadians are 1st priority.
- B. Supervisors will be compensated for the weekend expenses.
 - i. An honorarium and daily per diem.
 - ii. 0.47/km return mileage.
 - iii. Accommodations will be compensated if required.
- C. Evaluations are to be distributed as follows:
 - iii. The umpire being evaluated will receive a copy.
 - iv. Softball Saskatchewan Office.
 - v. The Provincial UIC and the District UIC.

- D. The Umpire Development Committee may organize two (2) Evaluation events annually one (1) in the north and one (1) in the south. These events may or may not be done at Provincial Championships. The UDC may assign umpires and evaluators to these events.

Section 8: Provincial Playoff Assignments

- A. The District Umpire-In-Chief will assign umpires to all Provincial Championships. Umpires assigned shall be those who live near the Championship location regardless of which district they live in.
- B. Provincial Championships leading to a Canadian Championship.
 - i. Umpires selected to a Canadian Championship **MAY** be assigned by the UDC to a Provincial Championship for an evaluation.
 - ii. The UDC will be responsible for any accommodations and transportation if necessary. Game fees are supplied by the host committee.
 - iii. The UDC **MAY** assign a qualified evaluator/supervisor to selected Provincial Finals to assess and assist the umpires.
 - iv. If more umpires are required, the District umpire-in-chief will assign.

Section 9: Canadian/Western Applications

- A. Umpires may submit their intent to attend a championship the following year to the Executive Director by September 30th.
- B. Selections are based on the following:
 - i. Umpires are asked to apply progressively; you shall apply for Western Canadians before Canadians
 - ii. Umpires are eligible to apply for consecutive Westerns or Canadians

Section 10: Canadian and Western Canadian Championship Selections

- A. The UDC shall select umpires for Canadians and Westerns from the applications received and recommendations from the UDC &

District Umpire-In- Chief's, for submission to the Board of Directors for their approval.

- B. Umpires working Western Canadian or Canadian Championships shall be required to work Provincial Championships.
- C. Umpires may not be selected for all categories of a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship.
- D. Umpires selected to work any Western or Canadian Championship MUST attend an Umpire Clinic in the year of the Championship. In the Year that the UDC hosts an Elite Umpire Clinic, this is the clinic that will be attended by all umpires assigned to a Canada Games, Western Canadian, or Canadian Championships.
- E. Umpires Selected for a MINOR Canadian Championship must provide a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search by April 15th.
- F. **Umpires must demonstrate a substantial connection to working our provincial championships and to their local associations to support their selection to a championship.**

Section 11: Umpiring at Provincials

- A. Provincial Championship assignments:
 - i. The District Umpire-in-Chief will assign umpires to all Provincial Championships. Umpires assigned shall be those who live near the championship location, regardless of which district they live in.
 - ii. The Umpire Development Committee (UDC) MAY assign umpires to Provincial Championships which lead to a National or Western Canadian Championship.
- B. Provincial championship umpire fees shall be paid at a rate of:
 - i. **\$40 per game for plate/base umpire in U11 and U13 age categories**
 - ii. **\$45 per game for plate/base umpire in all age categories above U13.**

- iii. If a one (1) umpire system must be used, the umpire fee is \$60 per game.

NOTE: In addition, \$5.00 from every Provincial Championship game will be returned, by the host, to Softball Saskatchewan for future umpire recruitment, retention, and development initiatives upon completion of the championship.

- C. The following expenses shall also be paid to umpires working Provincial Championships who must travel from outside the host center:
 - i. Car allowance- \$0.47 per kilometre (both ways)
 - ii. Hotel/ motel allowance- actual costs.
- D. All umpire fees and expenses shall be paid for by the host organization and the Association shall not have any responsibilities therein.
- E. In all Provincial Championship games, the two (2) umpire system shall be used, unless the three (3) umpire system is requested by the hosting committee. In all U17 A, U19 A & B, U23 A, and Men's and Women's A Provincial Championships a three (3) umpire system must be used in the championship final game ONLY.

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INSURANCE PROGRAM

Coverage Eligibility

All registered players, managers, coaches, and officials of Softball Saskatchewan, whose names are on file and in good standing with the association, are eligible for insurance coverage. Our insurance provider is AON Reed Stenhouse.

Please be advised that insurance coverage through Softball Saskatchewan is a secondary policy and is only to be used if the claimant has no other personal insurance coverage or has a claim beyond the limits of their personal coverage. Association and League Executives must obtain their own Directors and Officers (D & O) insurance and are encouraged to do so.

Request for Certificate of Insurance (To make a claim)

If you need a certificate of insurance for a sanctioned event, please fill out the certificate request form available on our website and email it to info@softball.sk.ca

Claim Information

All insurance claims must be received by Softball Saskatchewan and forwarded to All Sport within 30 days of the date of the accident. Please note that the insurance company does not pay medical bills directly and will not process incomplete forms. The claimant is responsible for paying all bills. All approved claims will be refunded directly to the claimant.

Claim Procedure

There are 3 easy steps for completing your insurance claim correctly:

1. Download the claim instruction sheet available on our website.
2. Download the required claim form(s): Athletic Accident Claim Forms
3. Send completed forms along with any invoices for expenses you incurred to info@softball.sk.ca

Questions?

Questions regarding the insurance coverage extended to members of Softball Saskatchewan should be directed to the Softball Saskatchewan Office at 306-780-9235.

OR

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RESPECT IN SPORT (RiS)

Softball Saskatchewan is committed to creating a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Coaches have a responsibility to create a sporting environment that is free from harassment, abuse, bullying, and neglect. **Softball Saskatchewan requires that ALL coaches participating in the sport of softball must complete the online Respect in Sport (RiS) certification, as required by Sask Sport Inc.**

The Softball Saskatchewan Respect in Sport policy can be found on our website.

To register:

- A. Visit the website <https://saskrc.respectgroupinc.com>
- B. Select “REGISTER A NEW USER”
- C. For username and password, please use your first and last name as entries for the username and no spaces should be included.
- D. When you have completed the registration, select “SUBMIT.”
- E. Select the appropriate language.
- F. Read the program instructions
- G. Click “PROGRAM CONTENT” to start the Activity Leader Program

If you have already taken an equivalent program, visit our website for instructions on how to add softball to your profile.



TOLL FREE: 1-888-329-4009

TEXT: 1-306-717-9636

resource@respectgroupinc.com

MERCHANDISE & RESOURCES

Softball Resources	Price
2024/2025 Softball Canada Rulebook	\$15.00
Scorebook (25 games)	\$15.00
Line-up Cards	\$15.00
Umpire Accessories	
Indicators	\$10.00
Bat Rings	\$8.00
Promotional Items	
Softball Saskatchewan Hats	\$20.00
Softball Saskatchewan Pins	\$1.00
<i>GST/PST included in the above prices</i>	

AWARDS PROGRAM

Softball Saskatchewan is inviting nominations for the following awards:

Male & Female Athlete of the Year

- A. Include personal accomplishments for 2024 (i.e., recognition at Westerns or Canadians as all-star, MVP, Top Batter, or Top Pitcher).
- B. Include team accomplishments for 2024.
- C. Include other accomplishments or personal involvement in softball.

Coach of the Year

- A. Include accomplishments of your team in 2024.
- B. Include the philosophy of coaching.
- C. Include other involvement in softball.

Volunteer of the Year

- A. Include all activities the nominee was involved within 2024.
- B. Did the person do something “extra” or “special” in our sport?

Marilyn O’Driscoll Junior Umpire of The Year

- A. Applicants must be Under 18, born in 2006 or later.
- B. Include accomplishments for 2024 and involvement with Softball in your community, district, and or the province.
- C. Did the person do something “extra” or “special” in our sport?

Umpire of the Year

- D. Include accomplishments for 2024 and involvement with Softball Saskatchewan.
- E. Did the person do something “extra” or “special” in our sport?

Service Awards (maximum of 3)

- A. Outline the individual’s involvement in Softball (i.e., coach, player, umpire, and volunteer).
- B. Highlight accomplishments and/or achievements.
- C. Indicate the number of years they have been in our sport.

Ed Mann Memorial Bursary (Male/Female- \$500 each)

This award is for individuals participating at the grassroots level. Include contributions made to our sport at the provincial and/or community level.

The Awards Program Nomination Form is available on our website: Please submit a resume with the nomination form. The deadline for nominations for these awards is October 1st, 2024.

Send Nominations to: info@softball.sk.ca

NOTICE OF SOFTBALL SASKATCHEWAN 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2024 Softball Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting will be held **virtually** on Saturday, April 27th. Pre-registration will be mandatory and for more information please contact the Softball Saskatchewan office at info@softball.sk.ca or call 306-780-9235. All who register for the AGM will receive the materials and information via email before the meeting.

Remember, you will be actively participating in setting guidelines that will promote and foster the growth of fastpitch, slo-pitch, and orthodox softball in Saskatchewan.

SOFTBALL SASKATCHEWAN HALL OF FAME

I. Purpose

The Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor those individuals and teams who have participated, served, represented, and or impacted the sport of softball in Saskatchewan.

II. Nominations

- A. Nominations may originate from any current or former member(s) in good standing with Softball Saskatchewan. Nominations must be accompanied by documents covering in as great a detail as possible, the athletic accomplishments, the service record, or both, of the

person(s) and or club or team being nominated. Letters of support from local softball organizations, leagues, and Associations would be beneficial.

- B. Written nominations are encouraged to provide as much support documentation as possible covering the athletic, builder, and or officials' accomplishments or the service record or both, of the person(s) nominated (e.g., newspaper clippings). The claimed accomplishments or service record shall be supported by documentary evidence where there is any possibility of doubt.
- C. Nominations must be in the hands of the Committee by **September 1st** for consideration that year.
- D. Successful nominees for the Hall of Fame will be inducted at the Annual General Meeting of Softball Saskatchewan. All nominations approved by the Awards Committee shall be forwarded for final approval to the Board of Directors of Softball Saskatchewan with a recommendation for enrollment in the Hall of Fame.
- E. Nominations to the Hall of Fame will remain active for five (5) years. After this time the nominee will be notified to re-submit a new updated nomination.
- F. Successful nominees and information on the Hall of Fame will be included on a new Hall of Fame page on our Softball Saskatchewan Website.

III. General Eligibility

- A. To be eligible for nomination the nominee must have been a resident of Saskatchewan during most of the time for which outstanding performance/service is claimed.
- B. Except for exceptional circumstances, be retired from Softball Saskatchewan participation in their nominated category for at least five (5) years before being eligible for selection to the Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame.

IV. Specific Eligibility Criteria

The Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame will have the following categories and eligibility for induction:

A. Athletes

- A. Have made a significant contribution to the winning of a medal in a minimum of five (5) provincial championships; or
- B. Have made a significant contribution to the winning of a medal in a minimum of four (4) Western Canadian, or two (2) Canadian Championships; or
- C. Have compiled an outstanding record at Provincial, Western Canadian, Canadian, or international competitions for at least ten (10) years.

B. Coaches

- A. Have coached, with distinction, at least six (6) teams at Provincial Championships (can be the same team or different teams); or
- B. Have coached, with distinction, at least four (4) teams at Western Canadian Championships or two (2) teams at Canadian Championships; or
- C. Have made notable contributions to the development of coaching in Saskatchewan or Canada.

C. Teams

- A. A club team that has won at least five (5) Provincial Championships within an eight (8) year period; or
- B. A club team that has represented Saskatchewan and won a medal in a least four (4) Western Canadian Championships within a nine (9) year period; or
- C. A club team that has represented Saskatchewan and won a medal in a least three (3) Canadian Championships within a nine (9) year period; or
- D. A provincial team that has won a gold medal at a Canada Games.
- E. For a team to be eligible for induction most players must be over the age of 35 at the time of nomination.

D. Umpires

- A. Have been a registered Softball Saskatchewan umpire for a minimum of fifteen (15) years.
- B. Have umpired with distinction in a least five (5) Western Canadian Championships; or
- C. Have umpired with distinction in a least three (3) Canadian Championships; or
- D. Have made notable contributions to the development of umpires in Saskatchewan or Canada.

E. Builders

- A. Have served, with distinction, as a member of Softball Saskatchewan for a minimum of fifteen (15) years; and
- B. Have made significant contributions to the sport of softball in Saskatchewan or Canada in an exemplary manner.

V. Recognition

Each successful nominee will receive:

- A. One (1) acrylic trophy or plaque.
- B. A Hall of Fame pin for each recipient in attendance. Additional pins may be purchased by those inductees not in attendance at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

VI. Annual Limit

Each year Softball Saskatchewan shall have a limit of five (5) selections to the Hall of Fame.

2024 LIST OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS & LEAGUES

District 1 – Minor Associations

Alameda Minor Ball
Arcola Minor Ball
Carlyle Minor Ball
Carnduff Minor Sports
Estevan Girls Softball
Grenfell Minor Ball
Indian Head Minor Ball
Kipling Minor Ball
Lampman Minor Ball
Moosomin Minor Ball
Ochapowace Minor Ball
Oxbow Minor Ball
Radville Minor Ball
Redvers Minor Ball
Quad Town Minor Ball
Wawota Minor Ball
Weyburn Minor Ball
White Butte Storm Softball
Whitewood Minor Ball

District 1 – Adult Associations

Pilot Butte Slo-Pitch League
White City Slo-Pitch League
South East Men's Fastball
League
Lampman Ladies Ball League

District 2 – Minor Associations

Regina Minor Softball League

District 2 – Adult Associations

Regina Ladies League
Rambler Park Fastball League
Regina Senior Slo-Pitch League

District 3 – Minor Associations

Assiniboia Minor Ball
Cabri Minor Ball
Coronach Minor Ball
Bengough Minor Ball
Gravelbourg Minor Ball
Gull Lake Athletic Association
Kincaid Minor Ball
Lafleche Minor Ball
Leader Minor Ball
Maple Creek Minor Ball
Moose Jaw Minor
Mossbank Minor
Ogema Minor Ball
Rockglen Minor Ball
Shaunavon Youth Ball
Swift Current Minor Ball

District 3 – Adult Associations

Moose Jaw Senior Ladies
Fastball

District 4 - Minor Associations

Canora Minor Ball
Churchbridge Minor Sports
Cote First Nation
Craik Minor Ball
Esterhazy Minor Ball
Foam Lake Minor Ball
Grayson Minor Ball
Ituna Minor Ball
Langenburg Minor Ball
Melville Minor Ball
Neudorf Minor Ball
Okanese Minor Ball

Preeceville Minor Ball
Stockholm Minor Ball
Yorkton Crush

District 5 – Minor Associations

Asquith Minor Ball
Beechy Minor Ball
Cupar Minor Ball
Davidson Junior Athletic
Delisle Minor Ball
Dundurn Minor Softball
East Central Softball
Fort Qu'Appelle Minor Ball
Hanley Minor Ball
Humboldt Minor Ball
Kelvington Minor Ball
Langham Minor Ball
Lanigan Minor Ball
Lucky Lake Minor Ball
Lumsden Minor Ball
Martensville Minor Ball
Muenster Mite A's
Outlook Amateur Sports
Association
Osler Minor Ball
Quill Lake Minor Ball
Rosebud Royals
Southey Minor Ball
Twin City Angels Softball
Wadena Minor Sports
Warman Minor Ball
Watrous Minor Ball
Watson Minor Ball
Wynyard Minor Ball

District 5 – Adult Associations

Richardson Pioneer Men's
Fastball League
Last Mountain Ladies League
Fort Qu'Appelle Slo-Pitch

District 6 – Minor Associations

Saskatoon Minor Softball
League

District 6 – Adult Associations

Saskatoon Amateur Softball
Association

District 7- Minor Associations

Battlefords Minor Softball
Biggar Minor Ball
Doddsland/Plenty Minor Ball
Edam Minor Ball
Elrose Minor Ball Association
Eston Minor Ball
Glaslyn Minor Ball
Hillmond Minor Ball
Kerrobert Minor Ball
Kindersley Minor Sports
Lashburn Minor Ball
Luseland Minor Ball
Macklin Minor Ball
Maidstone Minor Ball
Meadow Lake Minor Ball
Medstead Minor Ball
Perdue Minor Ball
Rosetown Minor Athletic
Association
St. Walberg Minor Ball
Turtleford Minor Ball
Unity Minor Ball
Wilkie Minor Ball

District 8 – Minor Associations

Arborfield Minor Ball
Big River Sports
Canwood Minor Sports
Carrot River Minor Ball
Debden Minor Ball
Duck Lake Minor Ball
Hague Minor Ball
Hudson Bay Minor Softball
Kinistino Minor Ball
Laird Minor Ball
Leoville Minor Ball
Melfort Minor Ball

Naicam Minor Sports
Nipawin Minor Ball
Porcupine Plain Minor Ball
Prince Albert Minor Softball
Association
Rosthern Minor Ball
Shell Lake Minor Ball
Shellbrook Minor Sports
Association
Spiritwood Minor Ball
Tisdale Minor Ball
Waldheim Minor Ball
Wakaw Minor Ball

SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES BY DISTRICT

District 1

Alameda
Alida
Antler
Arcola
Balgonie
Beaubier
Bellegarde
Benson
Bienfait
Broadview
Carievale
Carlyle
Carnduff
Ceylon
Colgate
Coppersands
Corning
Cowessess
Davin
Edenwold
Edgeley

Emerald Park
Estevan
Fertile
Fillmore
Fleming
Frobisher
Gainsborough
Glen Ewen
Glenavon
Grenfell
Griffin
Halbrite
Indian Head
Kahkewistehaw
Kendal
Kennedy
Kenosee Lake
Khedive
Kipling
Kisbey
Kronau
Lajord

Lake Alma
Lampman
Lang
Langbank
Macoun
Manor
Maryfield
McClean
McTaggart
Midale
Milestone
Minton
Montmartre
Moosomin
North Portal
North Weyburn
Odessa
Oxbow
Pangman
Parkman
Perry
Peebles

Pilot Butte
Qu'Appelle
Radville
Redvers
Rocanville
Sakimay
Sedley
Sintaluta
Steelman
Storthoaks
Summerberry
Torquay
Tyvan
Vibank
Wapella
Wawota
Welwyn
Weyburn
White City
Whitewood
Wilcox
Windthorst
Yellowgrass
Zagime First
Nation
Zehner

District 2

Regina

District 3

Abbey
Admiral
Assiniboia
Avonlea
Belle Plain
Bengough
Bethune
Big Beaver

Bracken
Briercrest
Brownlee
Bushell Park
Cabri
Cadillac
Caron
Caronport
Central Butte
Chamberlain
Chaplin
Climax
Coronach
Courval
Craik
Crane Valley
Dilke
Drinkwater
Eastend
Fife Lake
Findlater
Fox Valley
Frontier
Glenbain
Gravelbourg
Gull Lake
Hazenmore
Hazlet
Hodgeville
Holdfast
Kincaid
Lafleche
Leader
Limerick
Mankota
Maple Creek
Mendham
Meyronne
Moose Jaw

Morse
Mortlach
Mossbank
Ogema
Pennant
Pense
Pontiex
Prelate
Richmond
Riverhurst
Rockglen
Rouleau
Sceptre
Shamrock
Shaunavon
Spring Valley
Stewart Valley
Stony Beach
Swift Current
Tompkins
Tugaske
Tuxford
Verwood
Viceroy
Waldeck
Webb
Willowbunch
Wood Mountain
Wymark

District 4

Abernathy
Balcarres
Bangor
Bredenbury
Buchanan
Canora
Churchbridge
Dubuc

Ebenezer
Endeavour
Esterhazy
Fishing Lake
Foam Lake
Gerald
Goodeve
Grandora
Grayson
Hyas
Insinger
Ituna
Jedburgh
Kamsack
Katepwa
Killaly
Kuroki
Langenburg
Lebret
Lemburg
Lintlaw
Margo
Melville
Mikado
Neudorf
Norquay
Okanese
Okla
Pasqua
Pelly
Preeceville
Rhein
Saltcoats
Sheho
Springside
Spy Hill
Stockholm
Sturgis
Tantallon

Waldron
West Bent
Willowbrook
Wroxton
Yorkton

District 5

Aberdeen
Annaheim
Asquith
Beechy
Big Quill
Birsay
Bladworth
Broderick
Bruno
Buena Vista
Bulyea
Burr
Clair
Clavet
Colonsay
Conquest
Corman Park
Craven
Cupar
Dalmeny
Davidson
Deer Valley
Delisle
Demaine
Drake
Dundurn
Duval
Dysart
Earl Grey
Elbow
Elfros
Elstow

Englefeld
Fort Qu'Appelle
Fosston
Furdale
Govan
Grand Coulee
Grasswood
Hanley
Hawarden
Humboldt
Imperial
Kannata Valley
Kelvington
Kenaston
Lake Lenore
Langham
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Leroy
Lestock
Liberty
Lipton
Lockwood
Lucky Lake
Lumsden
Macrorie
Manitou Beach
Markinch
Martensville
Middle Lake
Muenster
Nokomis
Nut Mountain
Osler
Outlook
Plunkett
Prairie Rose
Punnichy
Quill Lake
Quinton

Raymore
Regina Beach
Rose Valley
Shields
Silton
Simpson
Skyview Estates
Southey
Spalding
St. Brieux
St. Denis
St. Front
St. Gregor
Strasbourg
Strongfield
Thode
Vanscoy
Vonda
Wadena
Warman
Watrous
Watson
Whisper River
Estates
Wishart
Wynyard
Young

District 6

Saskatoon

District 7

Arelee
Battleford
Biggar
Borden
Brock
Cactus Lake
Cando

Coleville
Cutknife
Delmas
Denzil
Dinsmore
Doddsland
Dorintosh
Eatonia
Edam
Elrose
Eston
Fiske
Flaxcombe
Flying Dust First
Nation
Frenchman Butte
Glaslyn
Glidden
Hafford
Handel
Harris
Hillmond
Kelfield
Kerrobert
Kindersley
Kinley
Kyle
Landis
Lashburn
Livelong
Lloydminster
Lone Rock
Loon Lake
Luseland
Macklin
Maidstone
Major
Marengo
Marshall

Maymont
Meadow Lake
Medstead
Meota
Mervin
Milden
Neilburg
Neulange
North Battleford
Onion Lake
Paradise Hill
Paynton
Perdue
Pierceland
Plenty
Rabbit Lake
Rapid View
Richard
Rockhaven
Rosetown
Ruddell
Senlac
Sovereign
Spruce Lake
St. Walburg
Tessier
Turtleford
Unity
Vawn
Waseca
Waterhen Lake
Wilkie

District 8

Albertville
Alvena
Arborfield
Archerwill
Aylsham

Bellevue
Big River
Birch Hills
Bjorkdale
Blaine Lake
Canwood
Carrot River
Chelan
Chitek Lake
Choiceland
Christopher Lake
Codette
Debden
Domremy
Duck Lake
Fairy Glen
Green Lake
Gronlid
Hague
Hepburn
Hoey
Holbein
Hudson Bay
Kinistino
Lac Vert
Laird
Leask

Leoville
Love
Macdowall
Marcelin
Meath Park
Melfort
Meskanaw
Mildred
Mistatim
Mont Nebo
Mullignar
Naicam
Neuhorst
Nipawin
Pakwaw Lake
Parkside
Pleasantdale
Porcupine Plain
Prince Albert
Red Earth
Ridgedale
Rosthern
Sarilla Country
Estates
Shell Lake
Shellbrook
Spiritwood
Spruce Home

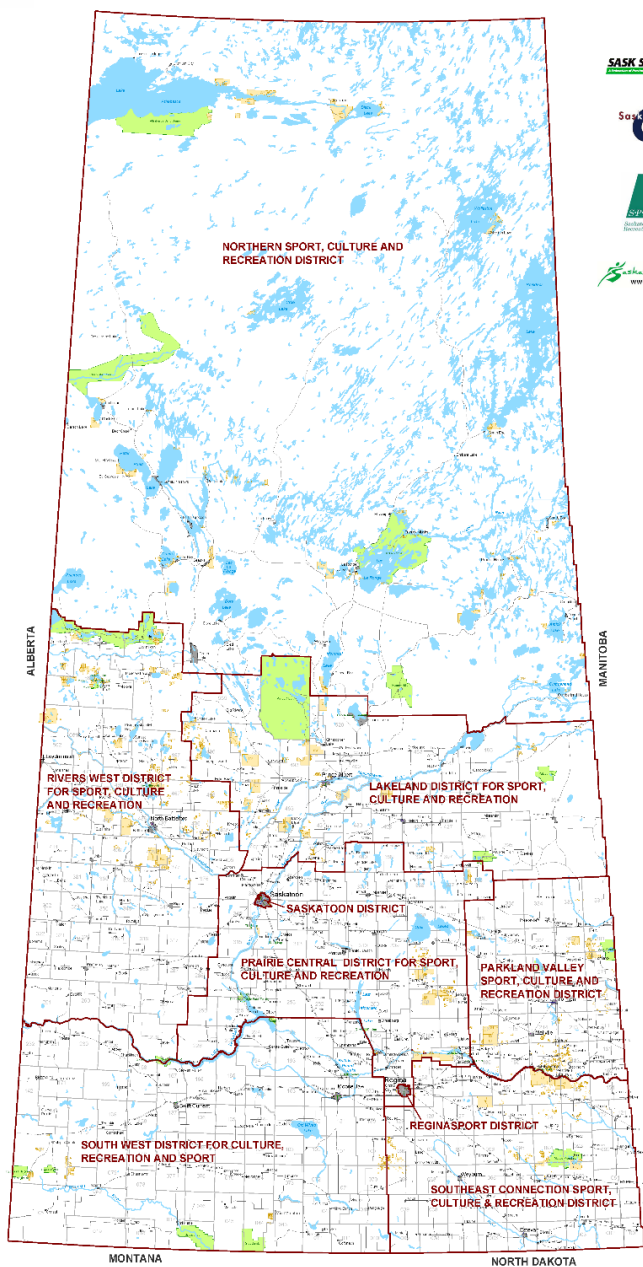
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Sylvania
Tisdale
Tway
Victoire
Wakaw
Waldheim
Weekes
Weldon
White Fox
Zenon Park

District 9

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Canoe Narrows
Ile-A-Lacrosse
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