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# MAKE IT A SUMMER OF SOFTBALL

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to what promises to be another incredible softball season! Whether you are a seasoned veteran or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of our vibrant and growing softball community in Saskatchewan.

This season marks a fresh start and a renewed opportunity for teamwork, growth, and sportsmanship. Softball is more than just a game—it's about building friendships, learning life skills, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Typically, our member associations are among the most active in Canada to bring Western, Canadian and International championships to our Province. 2025 will be no different as Prince Albert will play host to the 2025 WBSC Men's World Championships from July 8th – 15th at Prime Ministers Park. The event will feature Team Canada and the top eight (8) Men's teams in the world.

Warman will be hosting their first ever Canadian Championship, the 2025 U17 Girls from July 30th to Aug. 3rd. This event typically features over 24 of the best teams from across Canada. Saskatoon will continue their long tradition of annually hosting Canadian Championships by hosting both the U20 Men's and Senior Women's Fastpitch Championships being held from July 30th – Aug. 3rd. The Carnduff Steelers are coming off back-to-back Gold Medals and will once again be defending their Women's title. To finish off an exciting summer of great softball Regina Minor will play host to the U17 Girls Western Canadians from Aug. 7th – 10th.

As we gear up for the exciting months ahead, I want to thank everyone who makes this sport possible—our dedicated coaches, tireless volunteers, supportive families, and, of course, our amazing players who bring their energy and passion to the field.

To the players: This is your season to shine! Give it your all, have fun, and never forget the value of teamwork and perseverance.

To the families and fans: Your encouragement from the sidelines means everything. Thank you for being the heart of our community.

To our volunteers: Your hard work behind the scenes ensures every player has a chance to succeed. We couldn't do this without you.

As we embark on this journey together, let's commit to a season filled with respect, inclusivity, and enthusiasm both on and off the field. Let's cheer for every effort, celebrate each victory, and support one another in overcoming challenges.

Gary MacDonald - President Softball Saskatchewan

	IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER		
April 1	Board of Director Nomination Deadline		
April 26	Softball Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting		
	(AGM). Being held virtually.		
May 15	Affiliation Deadline (Minor)		
	Provincial Championship Entry Deadline for		
	categories leading to Canadians and Westerns		
June 1	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		
October 1	Awards Program Nomination Deadline		
October 25	Semi-Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon being		
	held in Regina		

#### (Changes from the 2024 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:
  - 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 bv 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 to 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), Men's & Women's (M/F), U23 Men's (Canadians) and Minor (includes both Male and Female) in the following age categories: U20 M, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 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).
- 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. Residency 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 2020, 2021
Under 7 - Male/Female	Born in 2018, 2019
Under 9 - Male/Female	Born in 2016, 2017

#### Minor

Under 11 - Male/Female	Born in 2014, 2015
Under 13 - Male/Female	Born in 2012, 2013
Under 15 - Male/Female	Born in 2010, 2011

Under 17 - Male/Female	Born in 2008, 2009
Under 19 - Female	Born in 2006, 2007
Under 20 Male	Born in 2005, 2006, 2007

#### Adult

Under 23- Men	Born in 2002, 2003, 2004
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 must be affiliated with managers on teams Softball Saskatchewan on/or before May 15<sup>th</sup> for minors and June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>

- I. Affiliation/Membership Fee Structure:
  - i. \$50.00 (Association/League)
  - ii. \$12.00/player FP (U9 player fee born in 2016 or later)

- iii. \$17.00/player FP (minor players born in 2015 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.

#### Section 1: General

All teams (players & coaches/managers) who register for the Provincial Championships must first be affiliated. All minor teams (players and coaches/managers) who register 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: Determining "A" Associations

All Associations who wish to register "A" team(s) in Provincial Championships must apply by the following deadlines:

U19 Women's & U17 Girls	Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>
U15 Girls	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
U13 Girls	April 1 <sup>st</sup>

Associations selected to register "A" teams in each age category will be notified within two weeks of the application deadline. These will be the only teams allowed to register in the U13 and above "A" categories of Provincial Championships.

Minor Fastpitch	Player	Reg.	Travel	Total
	Roster	Fee	Fund	Amount
Under 19 'A' Women's	15	222.00	315.00	537.00
Under 19 'B' Women's	15	222.00	315.00	537.00
Under 19 'C' Women's	20	222.00		222.00
Under 17 'A' Girls	15	210.00		210.00
Under 17 'B' & 'C' Girls	20	210.00		210.00
Under 15 'A' Girls	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 15 'B' & 'C' Girls	20	200.00		200.00
Under 13 'A' Girls	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 13 'B' & 'C' Girls	20	200.00		200.00
North and South				
Under 11 'A' & 'B' Girls	20	200.00		200.00
North and South				

Section 3: Provincial Championship Entry Fees

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Under 20 'Open' Men's	15	222.00		222.00
Under 17 'Open' Boys	15	210.00	315.00	525.00
Under 17 'Open' Boys ***	20	210.00		210.00
Under 15 'Open' Boys	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 15 'Open' Boys ***	20	200.00		200.00
Under 13 'Open' Boys	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
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 Fastaitch	Player	Reg.	Travel	Total
Adult Fastpitch	Roster	Fee	Fund	Amount
Women's 'A'	15	277.50		277.50
Women's 'Open'	20	277.50		277.50
U23A Men	15	277.50	315.00	592.50
Men's 'A'	15	277.50	315.00	592.50
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Men's 'Open'	20	277.50		277.50

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

#### Section 4: Provincial Championship Registration Procedures

- A. All teams entering Provincial Championships in categories that lead to a <u>Canadian or Western Canadian Championship</u> 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 <u>MAY 15<sup>th</sup></u>. (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 <u>three (3) days</u> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 <u>guy@softball.sk.ca</u> in a fillable PDF Form (available on our website) on or before 4:00 pm on JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 5: Provincial Roster Coaching Requirements

- 1. <u>ALL</u> coaches and managers <u>MUST</u> be affiliated before being listed on a provincial roster.
- <u>ALL</u> persons listed on a provincial roster (coach/manager) <u>MUST</u> 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 6: 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 elearning (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 elearning (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 A & B 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).
- For female teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that <u>DO NOT</u> lead to a Western or Canadian Championships (U13 B & C Girls, U15 B & C Girls, U17 B & C Girls, and U19 C 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.
- 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.
- For MINOR teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Western Canadian (U13 A Girls, U13 Open Boys and U19 B Girls):
  - U19 B teams must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is Comp. Intro. CERTIFIED and on the bench at the championship.
  - U13 A Girls and U13 Open Boys teams must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is Comp. Intro. TRAINED and on the bench at the championship.
- 5. For MINOR male teams registering in Provincial Championship categories (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.
- 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 7: MINOR Provincial Championship Team Formation

 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 (Elementary or High School).
 Further, players who are non-residents of Regina and Saskatoon may register in Regina or Saskatoon if they attend a softball academy or school (Elementary or High School) in Regina or Saskatoon during the February – June education period. These players will still require a District Transfer. Proof of school attendance, signed by the principal, must be provided with the District Transfer.  Minor Player Evaluations/Tryouts Minor Softball Associations and their teams cannot start their player evaluation/tryouts until: <u>Minor Female</u> December 15<sup>th</sup> – U19 A category January 15<sup>th</sup> – All remaining A categories February 15<sup>th</sup> – All B and C categories

Minor Male evaluations can be held anytime.

- 3. Age Category Information
  - A. <u>U19 Women's Categories</u> A, B, C
    - A Category
      - 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 "C".
    - B Category
      - 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.
    - C Category
      - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
      - There are no population or community limits in the U19C category.
  - B. U17 Girls Categories A, B, and C
    - A Category
      - For teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a <u>Canadian OR Western</u> 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 6 communities and a maximum of 25,000 population.

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

- A Category
  - For teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a <u>Canadian OR Western</u> 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.
  - There will be two provincials, one in the north and one in the south.

- 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 <u>Western</u> 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.
- There will be two provincials, one in the north and one in the south.
- Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 5 communities and a maximum of 15,000.
- C Category
  - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
  - There will be two provincials, one in the north and one in the south.
  - 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.

#### NOTE: North/South Provincial Championships

The dividing line for North/South Provincial Championships is a horizontal line across the province through Davidson and Yorkton. Davidson is in the North and Yorkton is in the South.

- F. <u>U20 Boys Category</u> The U20 "OPEN" category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian <u>OR</u> Western Championship <u>MUST</u> submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns.
- G. <u>U17 Boys Categories -</u> The U17 "OPEN" category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian <u>OR</u> Western Championship <u>MUST</u> submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
- H. <u>U15 Boys Categories -</u> The U15 "OPEN" category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian <u>OR</u> Western Championship <u>MUST</u> submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either

Canadians or Westerns. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.

- I. <u>U13 Boys Categories -</u> The U13 "OPEN" category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Western Championship <u>MUST</u> submit a Western Canadian Letter of Intent. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
- J. <u>U11 Boys Categories -</u> The U11 "OPEN" category is for ALL teams. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
- K. <u>Population Limits</u> 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. <u>Affiliated Player (AP) Minor Boys ONLY -</u> 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 or 'C' Categories.

#### Section 8: ADULT Provincial Championship Team Formation 1. Men's Categories

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

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 <u>OR</u> 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 <u>OR</u> 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 9: Provincial District Boundaries

A. The province shall be divided into nine (9) Districts: District 1- Southeast District 2- Regina District 3- Southwest District 4- East Central District 5- Central District 6- Saskatoon District 7- Northwest District 8- Northeast District 9- North

- 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 10: 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 11: 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 (8<sup>th</sup>) 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  $(7^{th})$  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:
  - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placements. If the two (2) teams have NOT played each other, the plus/minus criteria will be used to determine 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

- 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 of 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:
    - 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 12: 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 girls and U20 boys aged players may register on an adult team provided they have obtained a release from their local minor association.

#### Section 13: 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. **U23 Men's Players can also register with one (1) other Men's team**. Note: See Minor Male AP Rule 5, Section 6 (L).

### Section 14: Minor Player Releases and District Transfers (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.

- A. Before trying out or evaluating in another association a player must have a release from their home or nearest association and provide this signed release to the association they are trying out with and to the Softball Saskatchewan Executive Director. Further, if an association has a player registered for a tryout/evaluation from outside their district it is their responsibility to ensure the player has an approved release and or district transfer if required.
- B. 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.
- C. District Transfer Deadline Dates: Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> U19A Women's April 1<sup>st</sup> U17A Girls April 15<sup>th</sup> U11A Girls, U13A Girls and U15A Girls May 1<sup>st</sup> All Minor B and C Girls categories and all Minor Boys categories

Final approval of applications will be complete upon review by the Softball Saskatchewan Board of Directors.

- D. 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 that had a team registered in that age category the previous year. If released, these players can register where they choose to within the district.
- E. For players wanting to register with an association U19 A, U17 A, U15 A, U13 A or U11 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.

- F. Players who are non-residents of Regina and Saskatoon may register in Regina or Saskatoon if they attend a softball academy or school (Elementary or High School) in Regina or Saskatoon during the February – June education period. These players will still require only a district transfer. Proof of school attendance, signed by the principal, must be provided with the District Transfer. Players will be placed on teams according to Regina or Saskatoon minor softball league rules/policies.
- G. 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 that A team must return to their home or next closest association that has a B or C team (if available) within the District. Players can only tryout/evaluate for one (1) A Team. However, if there is no B or C team available in their home or closest association, players may tryout for another A team and another release and transfer is required.
- H. Players must obtain a release from their local or nearest minor association to register on an adult team.
- 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 15: 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 want. These players will not require a release from their home or nearest association but must still submit a District Transfer Form.

#### Section 16: Inter-Provincial Player Transfer

Before trying out or evaluating in another association a player must have a release from their home or nearest association and provide this signed release along with an Inter-Provincial Application to the Softball Saskatchewan Executive Director.

Any "A" player or coach who is a permanent resident of Saskatchewan and wishes to register on a team outside the province must apply in writing for an inter-provincial transfer by the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The deadline for all other categories is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applicants must demonstrate what efforts were made to register on an "A" team within or outside their District of residence in 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 January 15<sup>th</sup> if registering on an "A" team and by May 1<sup>st</sup> if registering on any other team. The inter-provincial transfer application form is available on our website. Final approval of applications will be complete upon review by the Softball Saskatchewan Board of Directors.

#### 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 medical professional** note to the Executive Director seven (7) days before the first scheduled date of the Provincial Championships. The note 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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. 2026 bid to host applications must be received by the Softball Saskatchewan office on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. 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. \$50 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. Mileage allowance- \$0.50 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 only the championship final game.

#### 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 supervisor. Note: Once the umpire crew has left the diamond no protest will be accepted.
  - 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.
- iv. At provincial championships the Protest Committee will be selected by the championship supervisor and will include one 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 ½ or 3 innings of play if there is a difference of fifteen (15) runs, or
  - ii. 3 ½ or 4 innings of play if there is a difference of ten (10) runs, or

- iii. 4 ½, 5, 5 ½, 6, or 6 ½ 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, ondeck 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 warmup 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).
- 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.
  - 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 Boo.

- 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.
  - Maximum of five (5) runs per half inning. Once the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) 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 4<sup>th</sup> inning in each game. In a time-limit situation (RR or 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
  - 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.
- 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.
  - 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
  - Maximum of five (5) runs per half inning. Once the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They do not start on base the next inning.
  - ii. In the Round Robin if either team is ahead by six (6) runs any time after 4 complete innings, the game is over.
  - iii. 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 in the Championship Round ONLY.
  - iv. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - v. 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.
- 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Rule 7: CANADIAN/WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### 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:
    - If the provincial championship has Eight (8) teams or less, then the Top Two (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 Two (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 Three (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 Two (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 15<sup>th</sup> 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:
  - 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.
  - The appropriate Letter of intent must be received by the May 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

- 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.
- iv. 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:
  - 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.
- 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).

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MINOR FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART						
ELIGIBLE PICK-UPS	Refer top down, not left to right	U19 A	U19B	U17 A	U15 A	U13 A
	U19 A Women's	Х				
	U19 B & C Women's	Х	Х			
EPI	U17 A Girls	Х	Х	Х		
3IBL	U17 B & C Girls	Х	Х	Х		
ELIC	U15 A Girls			Х	Х	
	U15 B Girls			Х	Х	
	U15 C Girls				Х	
	U13 A, B, & C Girls				х	Х

MINOR MALE CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART						
Sq	Refer top down, not left to right	U20 Open	U17 Open	U15 Open	U13 Open	
PICK-UPS	U20 Open Men's	Х				
	U17 Open Boys	Х	Х			
ELIGIBLE	U15 Open Boys		Х	Х		
	U13 Open Boys			Х	Х	
	U11 Open Boys				Х	

ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART						
	Refer top down, not left to right	Men's A	Women's A	Master Men's	U23 Men's	
ELIGIBLE PICK-UPS	Men's A	х				
Ś	Women's A		Х			
Ā	Master Men's			Х		
BLE	Men's Open	Х		Х		
	Women's Open		Х			
	U23 A Men's	Х			Х	
	U20 Open Men's	Х			Х	
	U19 A & B Women's		Х			

#### Section 3: Travel Assistance

- 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.
  - 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

A. Teams participating in an in-province Canadian or Western Canadian Championship shall do so at their own expense.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 medical professional note to the Executive Director three (3) days before the first scheduled date of the Western Canadian and Canadian Championships. The note 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 for submitting 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 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> 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 members requesting a concession. The decision of the Concession Committee shall be final and binding (no appeals allowed).

Age	Ball Size	<b>Pitching Distance</b>	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)

#### Female

#### 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)

#### Rule 1: RESIDENCY

Players signing with teams that are registered with the Association must be residents of Saskatchewan as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 (Membership) \$75.00/team

#### 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: 2025 Provincial Championships

A. Teams may register for 2025 provincial championships by submitting the completed provincial championship team entry form and Letter of Intent to the Softball Saskatchewan office with the appropriate fee by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Note: To help teams prepare for attending a Canadian championship we are going to start qualifying teams a year in advance. For teams to qualify to attend the 2026 Canadian Championships they must affiliate and register for our qualifying championship to be held in Sept. of 2025. The date & location of this championship is TBA.

All players must be affiliated (members) by the provincial roster deadline of August 15<sup>th</sup>. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> is also the Team Entry and provincial roster deadline.

# Section 3: 2025 (June) Provincial Regulations

A. Teams may register for provincial championships by submitting the completed provincial championship team entry form and Letter of Intent to the Softball Saskatchewan office with the appropriate fee by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

- B. A roster registration form listing all players and coaches, including signatures, must be submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Men's Rosters must have a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of seventeen (17) players on the roster registration form and a maximum of five (5) coaches.
- D. Women's Rosters must have a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of twenty (20) players on the roster registration form and a maximum of five (5) coaches.
- E. All players and coaches/ managers must first be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan before they can sign a roster registration form for Provincial Playoffs.
- F. 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.
- G. 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. For 2025 all eligible bats must have the following stamp visible for inspection:



D. 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.

Note: For teams that qualify to attend the 2026 Canadian Championships, only those players that participated in the September 2025 Provincial Championships are eligible for pickup.

# **Rule 6: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS**

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

#### SOFTBALL SASKATCHEWAN BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I GENERAL

1.1 <u>Purpose</u> – These By-laws relate to the general conduct of the affairs of Softball Saskatchewan.

1.2 <u>Definitions</u> – The following terms have these meanings in these By-laws:

- a) Act the Non-Profit Corporations Act, 2022 or any successor legislation.
- b) Administrative District those regional districts established by the Association (described in Schedule 1) from which the Association draws its District Directors
- c) Association Softball Saskatchewan
- Auditor an individual, partnership, or corporation appointed by the Members at the Annual Meeting to audit the books, accounts, and records of the Association for a report to the Members at the next Annual Meeting in accordance with the Act.
- e) Board the Board of Directors of the Association.
- f) District Liaison a position appointed by the Board to sit on committees and/or perform certain duties on behalf of the Board.
- g) Days days including weekends and holidays.
- h) *Director* an individual elected or appointed to serve on the Board pursuant to these By-laws.
- Member Proposal A Member Proposal, submitted to the Association at least ninety (90) days before the anniversary date of the previous Annual Meeting, must include the proposal itself, the names and signatures of at least 5% of the voting Members, and, optionally, a statement of support for the proposal (consisting of fewer than 200 words). A Member Proposal may not be substantially similar to Member Proposal that was proposed at a meeting of the Members in the past two calendar years.
- j) In Writing shall include both hard copy and electronic communication in a form determined appropriate by the Board.

- *Officer* an individual elected or appointed to serve as an Officer of the Association pursuant to these By-laws.
- Ordinary Resolution a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast on that resolution.
- m) Special Resolution a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast on that resolution or signed by all the voting Members entitled to vote on that resolution.

1.3 <u>Registered Office</u> – The registered office of the Association will be located within the Province of Saskatchewan.

1.4 <u>No Gain for Members</u> – The Association will be carried on without the purpose of gain for its Members and any profits or other accretions to the Association will be used in promoting its objects.

1.5 <u>Ruling on By-laws</u> – Except as provided in the Act, the Board will have the authority to interpret any provision of these By-laws that is contradictory, ambiguous, or unclear, provided such interpretation is consistent with the objects of the Association.

1.6 <u>Conduct of Meetings</u> – Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, meetings of the Members and meetings of the Board will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order (current edition).

1.7 <u>Interpretation</u> – Words importing the singular will include the plural and vice versa and words importing persons will include bodies corporate. Words importing an organization name, title, or program will include any successor organizational name, title, or program.

1.8 <u>Jurisdiction</u>- The Association 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.

# ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

2.1 <u>Categories</u> – The Association has the following categories of Member:

- a) Individual Member Individuals holding the following positions:
  - i. Directors
  - ii. Umpire-in-Chief
  - iii. Deputy Umpire-in-Chief (x4)
  - iv. District Umpire-in-Chief (x8)
  - v. Master Learning Facilitator
- b) Team Members Amateur softball teams (consisting of players, coaches, and managers) that have had their application for membership approved by the Board (or designate).
- c) Association Members Amateur softball league or association, which consist of Team Members, that have had their application for membership approved by the Board (or designate).

2.2 <u>Registration/Affiliation</u> – Each category of Member must affiliate with the Association by registering with the Association and agree to abide by the Association's By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

# Authority of Members

2.3 <u>Membership Authority</u> – The Members of the Association will have the following powers:

- a) To appoint the Auditor
- b) To amend the By-laws
- c) To elect Directors; and
- d) As provided in the Act and in these By-laws

# Admission and Renewal of Members

2.4 <u>Admission and Renewal of Members</u> – Any candidate will be admitted or renewed as a Member if:

- a) The candidate member makes an application for membership in a manner prescribed by the Association;
- b) The candidate member was previously a Member, the candidate member was a Member in good standing when the candidate ceased to be a Member;
- c) The candidate member has paid fees as prescribed by the Board;

- d) The candidate member agrees to uphold and comply with the Association's governing documents;
- e) The candidate member meets any other condition of membership determined by the Board;
- f) The candidate member has met the applicable definition listed in Section 2.1; and
- g) The candidate member has been approved by Ordinary Resolution by the Board or by any committee or individual delegated this authority by the Board.

# Membership Fees and Duration

2.5 <u>Duration</u> – Unless otherwise determined by the Board, membership with the Association begins on the date the Board (or designate) accepts the Member's registration and ends on a date determined by the Board (or designate) common to all Members or when the Member resigns or is terminated from membership.

2.6 <u>Fees</u> – Membership fees will be determined by the Board. Fees may vary depending on the category of membership and, for Team Members, within the membership category based on the age of the participants.

2.7 <u>Deadline</u> – Members will be notified in writing of the membership fees at any time payable, and if the membership fees are not paid within sixty (60) days of the membership renewal date or notice of default, the Member in default will automatically cease to be a Member of the Association.

# Transfer, Suspension, and Termination of Membership

2.8 <u>Transfer</u> – Membership in the Association is non-transferable.

2.9 <u>Suspension</u> – A Member may be suspended, pending the outcome of a discipline hearing in accordance with the Association's policies related to discipline, or by Special Resolution of the Board at a meeting of the Board provided the Member has been given notice of and the opportunity to be heard at such meeting.

2.10 <u>Effects of Suspension</u> – A suspended Member is not in good standing, may not vote at meetings of the Members, is not permitted to

have any sport-related involvement with the Association, and may be subject to a probationary period before being reinstated to good standing.

2.11 <u>Termination</u> – Membership in the Association will terminate immediately upon:

- a) The expiration of the Member's membership, unless renewed in accordance with these By-laws;
- b) The Member fails to maintain any of the qualifications or conditions of membership described in Section 2.1 of these By-laws;
- c) Resignation by the Member by giving written notice to the Association;
- d) Dissolution of the Association;
- A decision made by the Board (or designate) or a disciplinary panel in accordance with these By-laws or the Association's policies;
- f) The Member's death or dissolution (as applicable); or
- g) By Ordinary Resolution of the Board or of the Members at a duly called meeting, provided fifteen (15) days' notice is given and the Member is provided with reasons and the opportunity to be heard. Notice will set out the reasons for termination of membership and the Member receiving the notice will be entitled to submit a written submission opposing the termination.

2.12 <u>May Not Resign</u> – A Member may not resign from the Association when the Member is subject to disciplinary investigation or action by the Association.

2.13 <u>Arrears</u> – A Member will be expelled from the Association for failing to pay membership fees or monies owed to the Association by the deadline dates prescribed by the Board. Any fees, subscriptions, or other monies owed to the Association by suspended or expelled Members will remain due.

2.14 <u>Discipline</u> – A Member may be disciplined in accordance with the Association's policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members or, upon fifteen (15) days' written notice to a Member the

Board may pass a resolution authorizing disciplinary action or the termination of membership for violating any provision of the articles or By-laws. The notice shall set out the reasons for the disciplinary action or termination of membership. The Member receiving the notice shall be entitled to give the Board a written submission opposing the disciplinary action or termination not less than five (5) days before the end of the 15-day period. The Board shall consider the written submission of the Member before making a final decision regarding disciplinary action or termination of membership.

# **Good Standing**

2.15 <u>Definition</u> – A Member will be in good standing provided that the Member:

- a) Has not been suspended or expelled from membership, or had other membership restrictions or sanctions imposed;
- b) Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the Association;
- c) Has complied with the By-laws, policies, and rules of the Association;
- d) Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the Association, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board; and
- e) Has paid all required membership fees.

2.16 <u>Privileges of Good Standing</u> – Subject to these By-laws and other governing documents of the Association, Members in good standing may be entitled to the following privileges:

- a) To attend, participate, and vote at meetings of the Members;
- b) To participate in the Association's activities; and
- c) To participate in other events associated with the Association.

2.17 <u>Cease to be in Good Standing</u> – Members that cease to be in good standing, as determined by the Board (or designate) or a disciplinary panel, will not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Members or be entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership until such time as the Board is satisfied that the Member has met the definition of good standing.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

3.1 <u>Annual Meeting</u> – The Association will hold meetings of Members at such date, time and place as determined by the Board within the Province of Saskatchewan. The Annual Meeting will be held within fifteen (15) months of the last Annual Meeting and within six (6) months of the Association's fiscal year end. Any Member, upon request, will be provided, not less than twenty-one (21) days before the annual meeting, with a copy of the approved financial statements or auditor's report (if any).

3.2 <u>Special Meeting</u> – A Special Meeting of the Members may be called at any time by Ordinary Resolution of the Board or upon the written requisition of five percent (5%) or more of the Members for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Association that does not fall within the exceptions listed in the Act or is otherwise inconsistent with the Act, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the deposit of the requisition.

3.3 <u>Participation/Holding by Electronic Means</u> – Any person entitled to attend a meeting of Members may participate in the meeting by telephonic or electronic means that permit all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting if the Association makes such means available. A person so participating in a meeting is deemed to be present at the meeting. The Board or Members, as the case may be, may determine that the meeting be held entirely by telephonic or electronic means that permit all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.

3.4 <u>Notice</u> – Written or electronic notice of the date of the Annual Meeting of the Members will be given to all Members in good standing, Directors, and the Auditor (if appointed) at least fifteen (15) days and not more than fifty (50) days prior to the date of the meeting. A further notice will be provided ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting containing a proposed agenda, and reasonable information to permit Members to make informed decisions. Association/League Members will be responsible to distribute notice of Members Meetings to their Team Members.

3.5 <u>Waiver of Notice</u> – Any person who is entitled to notice of a meeting of the Members may waive notice, and attendance of the person at the meeting is a waiver of notice of the meeting, unless the person attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting was not lawfully called in accordance with these By-laws.

3.6 <u>Error or Omission in Giving Notice</u> – No error or omission in giving notice of any meeting of the Members shall invalidate the meeting or make void any proceedings taken at the meeting.

3.7 <u>New Business</u> – No other item of business will be included in the notice of the meeting of the Members unless notice in writing of such other item of business, or a Member's proposal, has been submitted to the Board thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the Members in accordance with procedures as approved by the Board. Copies of all such proposals together with copies of any amendments thereto then proposed by the Board and copies of all resolutions put forward by the Board shall be sent to all Members with the agenda and the notice calling an Annual Meeting.

3.8 <u>Quorum</u> – Ten (10) voting Members (and/or Delegates representing Members) present will constitute a quorum. If a quorum is present at the opening of a meeting of the Members, the Members present may proceed with the business of the meeting, even if a quorum is not present throughout the meeting.

3.9 <u>Scrutineers</u> – At the beginning of each meeting, the Board may appoint one or more scrutineers who will be responsible for ensuring that votes are properly cast and counted.

3.10 <u>Adjournments</u> – With the majority consent of the Members present and after quorum is ascertained, the Members may adjourn a meeting of Members and no notice is required for continuation of the meeting if the meeting is held within thirty (30) days. Any business may be brought before or dealt with at any adjourned meeting which might have been brought before or dealt with at the original meeting in accordance with the notice calling the same.

3.11 <u>Attendance</u> – The only persons entitled to attend a meeting of the Members are the Members, the Delegates representing Members, the Directors and Officers, the auditors of the Association, and others who are entitled or required under any provision of the Act to be present at the meeting. Any other person may be admitted only if invited by the Chair or with the majority consent of the Members present.

3.12 <u>Chair</u> – The President will be the Chair of all meetings of Members unless another individual is designated by the President or appointed by the Board and approved by an Ordinary Resolution of the voting Members in attendance in person.

#### Voting at Meetings of Members

3.13 <u>Voting Rights</u> – Members in good standing at the time of the meeting of the Members at which a vote is to be taken have the following voting rights at all meetings of the Members:

- a) Individual Member One vote each
- b) Team Members One vote each, to be exercised by the appointed Delegate
- c) Association Members One vote each, to be exercised by the appointed Delegate

3.14 <u>Delegates</u> – Members will appoint in writing (inclusive of electronic notice) to the Association, twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting of Members, the name of the Delegate(s) to represent the Member. Delegates must be at least 18 years of age, of sound mind, and be acting as the Member's representative. Delegates have only one vote and may not vote by proxy. Delegates must:

- a) For Team Members, be part of the team's roster of players, coaches, and managers;
- b) For Association/League Members, be affiliated with executive of the Association/league;

3.15 <u>Voting Powers</u> – Each voting Member votes on every issue. For clarity, Members who are Directors vote during elections (which includes a sitting Member voting on the issue of their re-election, if applicable)

3.16 <u>Record Date for Voting</u> – The Directors may set a date as the record date for the purpose of determining Members entitled to vote at

any meeting of Members. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is to be held by more than twenty-one (21) days. If no record date is set, the record date is 5:00pm on the day immediately preceding the first date on which the notice is sent or, if no notice is sent, the beginning of the meeting.

3.17 <u>Proxy Voting</u> – Proxy voting is not permitted.

3.18 <u>Absentee Voting</u> – Absentee voting is not permitted.

3.19 <u>Voting by Electronic Means</u> – A Member may vote by electronic means if:

- a) The Association has made available a procedure that permits voting by electronic means;
- b) The votes may be verified as having been made by the Member entitled to vote; and
- c) The Association is not able to identify how each Member voted.

3.20 <u>Determination of Votes</u> – Votes will be determined by a show of hands, orally, or electronic ballot, except in the case of elections which require a secret ballot, unless a secret or recorded ballot is requested by a Member.

3.21 <u>Majority of Votes</u> – Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, an Ordinary Resolution will decide each issue. In the case of a tie, the issue is defeated.

#### ARTICLE IV GOVERNANCE Composition of the Board

4.1 <u>Directors</u> – The Board will consist of nine (9) Directors:

- a) President
- b) Eight (8) District Directors

4.2 <u>Board Observer</u> – An individual (such as the Past President or a District Liaison may be invited to serve as a Board Observer and attend meetings of the Board in a non-voting capacity provided the individual is interested in serving in the position and has been approved by Ordinary Resolution of the Board. Board Observers are not Directors and may be

asked to leave a meeting (or part of a meeting) of the Board at the discretion of the Board at any time.

4.3 <u>Past President</u> – The immediate Past President of the Association (or another Past President, at the Board's discretion) may be appointed into the position of Past President provided that this individual is interested in serving in the position and has been approved by Ordinary Resolution of the Board. The Past President is a Board Observer and not a Director. The Past President serves at the discretion of the Board.

#### **Eligibility of Directors**

4.4 <u>Eligibility</u> – To be eligible to serve as a Director, an individual must:

- a) Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- b) Not have been found by a court in Canada or elsewhere to lack capacity;
- c) Not be in the status of bankrupt;
- d) Not be a paid employee of the Association;
- e) Have the power under law to contract;
- f) Not been convicted of an offence in connection with the promotion, formation or management of a body corporate or unincorporated business, or of an offence involving fraud, unless conditions have been met under Section 9-5 (1) (3) of the Act; and
- g) For District Directors, be a resident of the applicable Administrative District (described in **Schedule 1**);

#### **Election of Directors**

4.5 <u>Nomination</u> – Any nomination of an individual for election as a Director will:

- a) Include the written consent of the nominee by signed or electronic signature;
- b) Comply with the procedures established by the Board (or designate); and
- c) Be submitted to the Registered Office of the Association twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual Meeting. This timeline may be extended by Ordinary Resolution of the Board.

4.6 <u>Nominations from the Floor</u> – No nominations for the election of Directors will be accepted from the floor.

4.7 <u>Circulation of Nominations</u> – Valid nominations will be circulated to Members at the Annual Meeting prior to the elections.

4.8 <u>Election</u> – At each meeting of the Members at which elections are held, elections will be held for any elected Director position for which the incumbent Director's term is expiring and/or any Director position that is vacant.

4.9 <u>Election</u> – District Directors will be elected at each Annual Meeting as follows:

- a) <u>District Director 1, 2, 3, and 4</u> will be elected at alternate Annual Meetings to those listed in sub-section b.
- b) <u>District Director 5, 6, 7, and 8</u> will be elected at alternate Annual Meetings to those listed in sub-section a.

4.10 <u>Elections</u> – Elections for each elected position will be decided in accordance with the following:

- a) <u>One Valid Nomination</u> Winner elected by Ordinary Resolution.
- b) <u>Two or More Valid Nominations</u> The nominee(s) receiving the greatest number of votes and an Ordinary will be elected. In the case of a tie, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be deleted from the list of nominees and a second vote will be conducted. If there continues to be a tie and more nominees than positions, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be deleted from the list of nominees until there remains the appropriate number of nominees for the position(s) or until a winner is declared.

4.11 <u>Post-Election Eligibility</u> – An elected Director who does not meet the eligibility requirements for election as Director will have fourteen (14) days to become eligible for the position or will be removed as a Director of the Association.

4.12 <u>Terms</u> – The President will be elected for a three-year term. District Directors will be elected for two-year terms. Directors will hold office until they or their successors have been duly elected in accordance with these By-laws, unless they resign, or are removed from or vacate their office.

#### **Resignation and Removal of Directors**

4.13 <u>Resignation</u> – A Director may resign from the Board at any time by presenting their notice of resignation to the Board. This resignation will become effective the date on which the notice is received by the Board or at the time specified in the notice, whichever is later. When a Director who is subject to a disciplinary investigation or action of the Association resigns, that Director will nonetheless be subject to any sanctions or consequences resulting from the disciplinary investigation or action.

4.14 <u>Vacate Office</u> – The office of any Director will be vacated automatically if:

- a) The Director no longer becomes eligible to serve as a Director;
- b) The Director resigns;
- c) The Director is found to be incapable of managing property by a court or under Saskatchewan law;
- d) The Director is found by a court to be of unsound mind;
- e) The Director is charged and/or convicted of any criminal offence, unless decided otherwise by the Board by Ordinary Resolution;
- f) The Director becomes bankrupt or suspends payment of debts or compounds with creditors or makes an authorized assignment in bankruptcy or is declared insolvent; or
- g) The Director dies.

4.15 <u>Removal</u> – An elected Director may be removed by Ordinary Resolution of the Members at a meeting of the Members provided the Director has been given reasonable written notice of, and the opportunity to be present and to be heard at, such a meeting.

#### Filling a Vacancy on the Board

4.16 <u>Vacancy</u> – When the position of a Director becomes vacant for whatever reason and there is still a quorum of Directors, the Board may appoint a qualified individual to fill the position for the remainder of the

term. Alternatively, the Board may decide, by Ordinary Resolution, that one or more Directors will execute the duties of the vacant Director position for the remainder of the unexpired term.

#### Meetings of the Board

4.17 <u>Call of Meeting</u> – A meeting of the Board will be held at any time and place as determined by the President or by written requisition of at least two (2) Directors.

4.18 <u>Chair</u> – The President will be the Chair of all meetings of the Board unless another individual is designated to be the Chair by the President. In the absence of the President, or if the meeting of the Board was not called by the President, the Vice President will be the Chair of the meeting.

4.19 <u>Notice</u> – Written notice, served other than by mail, of meetings of the Board will be given to all Directors at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting. Notice served by mail will be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. No notice of a meeting of the Board is required if all Directors waive notice, or if those absent consent to the meeting being held in their absence. If a quorum of Directors is present, each newly elected or appointed Board may, without notice, hold its first meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Association.

4.20 <u>Board Meeting with New Directors</u> – For a first meeting of the Board held immediately following the election of Directors at a meeting of the Members, or for a meeting of the Board at which a Director is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board, it is not necessary to give notice of the meeting to the newly elected or appointed Director(s).

4.21 <u>Number of Meetings</u> – The Board will hold at least four (4) meetings per year.

4.22 <u>Quorum</u> – At any meeting of the Board, quorum will be five (5) Directors.

4.23 <u>Voting</u> – Each Director is entitled to one vote. Voting will be by a show of hands, written, or orally unless at least one (1) Director present requests a secret ballot. Resolutions will be passed by Ordinary Resolution. In the case of a tie, the resolution is defeated.

4.24 <u>No Alternate Directors</u> – No person shall act for an absent Director at a meeting of the Board.

4.25 <u>Written Resolutions</u> – A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board.

4.26 <u>Attendance at Meetings</u> – Meetings of the Board will be closed to Members and the public except by invitation of the Board.

4.27 <u>Meetings by Telecommunications</u> – A meeting of the Board may be held by telephone conference call or by means of other telecommunications technology. Directors who participate in a meeting by telecommunications technology are considered to have attended the meeting. Additionally, for an in-person meeting of the Board, a Director may, if all the Directors of the Association consent, participate in a meeting of the Directors by telephonic or electronic means provided that all participants are able to adequately communicate during the meeting.

#### **Duties of Directors**

4.28 <u>Standard of Care</u> – Every Director will:

- a) Act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Association; and
- b) Exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

#### Powers of the Board

4.29 <u>Powers of the Association</u> – Except as otherwise provided in the Act or these By-laws, the Board has the powers of the Association and may delegate any of its powers, duties, and functions.

4.30 <u>Empowered</u> – The Board is empowered, including but not limited to:

- a) Have the softball-specific responsibilities described in **Schedule 2**;
- b) Make policies and procedures or manage the affairs of the Association for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Association in accordance with the Act and these By-laws;

- Make policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members, and have the authority to discipline Members in accordance with such policies and procedures;
- d) Make policies and procedures relating to the management of disputes within the Association and deal with disputes in accordance with such policies and procedures;
- e) Employ or engage under contract such persons as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Association;
- f) Determine registration procedures, determine membership fees, and determine other registration requirements;
- g) Enable the Association to receive donations, benefits, bequests, distribution of investment capital and income for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Association;
- h) Make expenditures for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Association;
- i) Invest funds for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Association;
- Manage the Association's assets and resources expenditures for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Association;
- k) Borrow money upon the credit of the Association as it deems necessary in accordance with these By-laws; and
- I) Perform any other duties from time to time as may be in the best interests of the Association.

#### ARTICLE V OFFICERS

5.1 <u>Composition</u> – The Officers will be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Executive Director.

5.2 <u>Executive Director</u> – The Executive Director is an employee of the Association and not a Director. The Executive Director is employed by the Association pursuant to an Agreement with the Board. Content in this Article related to the term, election and removal of Officers does not apply to the Executive Director.

5.3  $\underline{\text{Term}}$  – The term of the President shall be three (3) years which matches the term for which the individual was elected as a Director. The term of the other Officers will be one (1) year or until they or their successors are elected or appointed.

5.4 <u>Election</u> – The Vice President and Treasurer of the Association will be elected by the Board of Directors. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors held following the election of new Directors, the Directors will elect Officers for whichever positions are vacant. They shall take office immediately.

5.5 <u>Voting</u> – Directors (other than the President) may nominate themselves for the Vice President and/or Treasurer positions. Elections will be decided by majority vote of the Directors in accordance with the following:

- a) <u>One Valid Nominee for an Office</u> Winner declared by acclamation.
- b) <u>Two or More Valid Nominees for an Office</u> Winner is the nominee receiving the greatest number of votes. In the case of a tie, a runoff vote will be conducted. Only those nominees who were tied for the most number of votes will appear on the run-off ballot. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes will be declared the winner. Additional runoff votes may occur if required.
- 5.6 <u>Duties</u> The duties of Officers are as follows:
  - a) The <u>President</u> will be the chair of the Board, will preside at the Annual and Special Meetings of the Association and at meetings of the Board unless otherwise designated, will be the official spokesperson of the Association, will oversee and supervise office staff, and will perform such other duties as may from time to time be established by the Board.
  - b) The <u>Vice President</u> will, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and will perform such other duties as may from time to time be established by the Board.
  - c) The <u>Treasurer</u> will, subject to the powers and duties of the Board, file all financial and corporate returns required by the Act and any other provincial or federal legislation in accordance with applicable legislation, keep proper accounting records as required by the Act, will cause to be

deposited all monies received by the Association in the Association's bank account, will supervise the management and the disbursement of funds of the Association, when required will provide the Board with an account of financial transactions and the financial position of the Association, will prepare annual budgets, and will perform such other duties as may from time to time be established by the Board.

- d) The <u>Executive Director</u>, who is not a Director, is an employee of the Association and will attend all meetings of the Board but does not having voting rights. The Executive Director will have the following responsibilities (or may delegate such responsibilities to other staff of the Association):
  - i. Adhere to their employment agreement and any human resources policies;
  - ii. Uphold the By-laws and recommend any changes to the Board,
  - iii. Attend Committee meetings (or designate an alternate staff person)
  - iv. Enforce all rules and regulations and policies of the Association, including receiving appeals, complaints and disputes, and executing the applicable policy
  - v. Have and exercise such powers and authority as may reasonably be necessary to discharge the duties and responsibilities of the office
  - Manage the Association's office and conduct the dayto-day business of the Association in full accordance with established regulations, policies and procedures;
  - vii. Provide technical expertise, leadership, advice and direction related to the functions of liaison, financial management, communications, publicity, promotion and marketing;
  - viii. Formulate and recommend for action any matters pertaining to program development, services to members, general legislation, policies, functions, activities, objectives or general welfare of the Association; and
  - ix. Other responsibilities as the Board may direct

5.7 <u>Delegation of Duties</u> – At the discretion of the Officer and with approval by Ordinary Resolution of the Board, any Officer may delegate any duties of that office to appropriate staff or committee of the Association, or to another Officer or Director.

5.8 <u>Removal</u> – The Vice President and/or Treasurer may be removed by Ordinary Resolution at a meeting of the Board, provided the Officer has been given notice of and the opportunity to be present and to be heard at the meeting where such Ordinary Resolution is put to a vote. Removal from an Officer position does not automatically mean the individual is removed from their Director position (when applicable).

5.9 <u>Vacancy</u> – When the Vice President and/or Treasurer position becomes vacant for whatever reason and there is still a quorum of Directors, the Board may, by Ordinary Resolution, appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacant position's term of office

5.10 <u>Other Officers</u> – The Board may determine other Officer positions and appoint individuals to fill those positions. Other Officers need not be Directors.

#### ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

#### Committees

6.1 <u>Appointment of Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees</u> – The Board may appoint such standing and ad-hoc committees as it deems necessary for managing the affairs of the Association. The Board may appoint and remove members of these committees or provide for the election of members of these committees, may prescribe the duties and terms of reference of these committees, and may delegate to any of these committees any of its powers, duties, and functions.

6.2 <u>Executive Committee</u> – The Executive Committee will be composed of the President, Vice President and Treasurer. The Board may delegate any of its powers and functions to the Executive Committee, which will have the authority to oversee the implementation of the Association's policies and procedures during intervals between meetings of the Board. Decisions of the Executive Committee must be ratified by the Board at the next meeting of the Board to continue to take effect.

6.3 <u>Committee Limitations</u> – No Committee, including the Executive Committee, has authority to:

- a) Submit to the Members any question or matter requiring approval of the Members;
- Fill a vacancy among the Directors or appoint additional Directors;
- c) Issue debt obligations except as authorized by the Board;
- d) Approve any financial statements;
- e) Adopt, amend or repeal the By-laws; or
- f) Establish contributions to be made, or fees to be paid, by Members without the approval of the Board.

6.4 <u>Composition</u> – The Board may appoint and remove Directors, Coordinators, or any other individual to or from a standing or ad-hoc committee at any time and for any reason.

6.5 <u>President Ex-officio</u> – With the exception of the Executive Committee, on which the President is a voting member, the President (or their appointed delegate) will be an ex-officio and non-voting member of all Committees of the Association.

6.6 <u>Debts</u> – No committee will have the authority to incur debts in the name of the Association.

#### ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

7.1 <u>Fiscal Year</u> – Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the fiscal year of the Association will be January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

7.2 <u>Bank</u> – The banking business of the Association will be conducted at such financial institution as the Board may determine.

7.3 <u>Auditors</u> – At each Annual Meeting the Members may appoint an auditor to audit or conduct a review engagement of the books, accounts and records of the Association in accordance with the Act. The auditor will hold office until the next Annual Meeting. The auditor will not be an employee, Officer, or Director of the Association.

7.4 <u>Annual Financial Statements</u> – The Directors will approve financial statements (evidenced by signature of one or more Directors) of the Association of the last fiscal year of the Association but not more than

six (6) months before the Annual Meeting and present the approved financial statements before the Members at every Annual Meeting. A copy of the Annual Financial Statements will be provided to any Member requesting a copy of the Financial Statements not less than twenty-one (21) days before the Annual Meeting. The Financial Statements will include:

- a) The financial statements;
- b) The auditor's report (if any); and
- c) Any further information respecting the financial position of the Association.

7.5 <u>Books and Records</u> – The necessary books and records of the Association required by these By-laws or by applicable law will be necessarily and properly kept. The books and records include, but are not limited to:

- a) The Association's articles and By-laws;
- b) The minutes of meetings of the Members and of any committee of Members;
- c) The resolutions of the Members and of any committee of Members;
- d) The minutes of meetings of the Directors or any committee of Directors;
- e) The resolutions of the Directors and of any committee of Directors;
- f) A register of Directors;
- g) A register of Officers;
- h) A register of Members; and
- i) Account records adequate to enable the Directors to ascertain the financial position of the Association on a quarterly basis.

7.6 <u>Minutes of meetings of the Board and Board Resolutions</u> – Minutes of meetings of the Board and Board Resolutions are confidential and may only be open for inspection by Members in good standing by request to the Board.

7.7 <u>Signing Authority</u> – The signing authority of the Association shall be vested in the Officers of the Association and such other persons as the Board, by Ordinary Resolution, may authorize in specific instances. The signatures or electronic authorization of any two (2) of these Officers or persons shall be required on any financial instrument of the Association.

7.8 <u>Property</u> – The Association may acquire, lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of securities, lands, buildings, or other property, or any right or interest therein, for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

7.9 <u>Borrowing</u> – The Association may borrow funds under such terms and conditions as the Board may determine, as permitted by the Act.

7.10 <u>Borrowing Restriction</u> – The Members may, by Special Resolution, restrict the borrowing powers of the Board but a restriction so imposed expires at the next Annual Meeting.

#### Remuneration

7.11 <u>No Remuneration</u> – All Directors, Officers and members of committees will serve their term of office without remuneration (unless approved at a meeting of the Members) except for reimbursement of expenses as approved by the Board. This section does not preclude a Director or member of a committee from providing goods or services to the Association under contract or for purchase. Any Director or member of a committee will disclose the conflict/potential conflict in accordance with these By-laws.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

7.12 <u>Conflict of Interest</u> – A Director, Officer or member of a committee who has an interest, or who may be perceived as having an interest, in a proposed contract or transaction with the Association will disclose fully and promptly the nature and extent of such interest to the Board or Committee, as the case may be, will refrain from voting or speaking in debate on such contract or transaction, will refrain from influencing the decision on such contract or transaction, and will otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act regarding conflict of interest.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

8.1 <u>Voting</u> – These By-laws may only be amended, revised, repealed or added to by:

- a) By Ordinary Resolution of the Board. Any By-laws amendments will be submitted to the Members at the next meeting of Members and the voting Members may confirm or reject the By-laws amendment by Ordinary Resolution; or
- b) By a Member in the form of a Member Proposal. Member Proposals that amend the By-laws will be submitted to the Members at the meeting of Members and the voting Members may confirm or reject the By-laws amendment by Ordinary Resolution.

#### ARTICLE IX NOTICE

9.1 <u>Written Notice</u> – In these By-laws, written notice will mean notice which is hand-delivered or provided by mail, electronic mail or courier to the address of record of the individual, Director, Officer, or Member, as applicable. It is the obligation of the Director, Officer or Member (as applicable) to provide a current address for notification under this provision to the Board.

9.2 <u>Date of Notice</u> – Date of notice will be the date on which receipt of the notice is confirmed verbally where the notice is hand-delivered, electronically where the notice is faxed or emailed, or in writing where the notice is couriered, or in the case of notice that is provided by mail, five (5) days after the date the mail is post-marked.

9.3 <u>Error in Notice</u> – The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting of the Board or of the Members, the failure of any Director or Member to receive notice, or an error in any notice which does not affect its substance will not invalidate any action taken at the meeting.

#### ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

10.1 <u>Dissolution</u> – Upon dissolution of the Association and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed to charitable organizations which carry on their work solely in the province of Saskatchewan.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### INDEMNIFICATION

11.1 <u>Will Indemnify</u> – The Association will indemnify and hold harmless out of the funds of the Association each Director and any individual who acts at the Association's request in a similar capacity, their heirs, executors and administrators from and against any and all claims, charges, expenses, demands, actions or costs, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, which may arise or be incurred as a result of occupying the position or performing the duties of a Director or and any individual who acts at the Association's request in a similar capacity.

11.2 <u>Will Not Indemnify</u> – The Association will not indemnify a Director or any individual who acts at the Association's request in a similar capacity for acts of fraud, dishonesty, bad faith, breach of any statutory duty or responsibility imposed upon them under the Act. For further clarity, the Association will not indemnify an individual unless:

- a) The individual acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Association; and
- b) If the matter is a criminal or administrative proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, the individual had reasonable grounds for believing that their conduct was lawful.

11.3 <u>Insurance</u> – The Association will maintain in force Directors and Officers liability insurance at all times.

#### ARTICLE XII FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES

12.1 <u>Fundamental Changes</u> – A Special Resolution of all Members is required to make the following fundamental changes to the By-laws or articles of the Association. Fundamental Changes are defined as follows:

a) Change the Association's name;

b) Add, change or remove any restriction on the activities that the Association may carry on;

- c) Create a new category of Members;
- d) Change a condition required for being a Member;

e) Change the designation of any category of Members or add, change or remove any rights and conditions of any such category;

f) Divide any category of Members into two or more categories and fix the rights and conditions of each category;g) Add, change or remove a provision respecting the transfer of a membership;

h) Increase or decrease the number of, or the minimum or maximum number of, Directors;

i) Change the purposes of the Association;

j) Change to whom the property remaining on liquidation after the discharge of any liabilities of the Association is to be distributed;

k) Change the manner of giving notice to Members entitled to vote at a meeting of Members;

I) Change the method of voting by Members not in attendance at a meeting of the Members; or

m) Add, change or remove any other provision that is permitted by the Act.

#### ARTICLE XIII REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

<u>13.1</u> <u>Registered Participants</u> – The Association has the following categories of Registered Participants, who are not necessarily Members, but who must register with the Corporation and pay fees as determined by the Board (or, if the Registered Participant is younger than 18 years old, who must have a parent/guardian register and pay fees on behalf of the Registered Participant):

- a) Umpires
- b) Players
- c) Coaches
- d) Volunteers
- e) Managers

#### Term

<u>13.2</u> Year – Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the registration term of Registered Participants begins

on the date the Board accepts the Registered Participant's registration and ends on September 30<sup>th</sup> or when the Registered Participant resigns or is terminated from registration.

#### Fees

<u>13.3</u> <u>Fees</u> – Registered Participant fees will be determined annually by the Board.

<u>13.4</u> <u>Deadline</u> – Registered Participants will be notified in writing of the fees payable, and if they are not paid by the date specified by the Board, the Registered Participant in default will automatically cease to be a Registered Participant with the Association.

#### Discipline

<u>13.5</u> <u>Discipline</u> – A Registered Participant may be suspended or expelled from the Association in accordance with the Association's Bylaws, policies, and procedures relating to discipline of Registered Participants.

<u>13.6</u> <u>May Not Resign</u> – A Registered Participant may not resign from the Association if the Registered Participant is subject to disciplinary investigation or action.

#### Status

<u>13.7</u> <u>Expulsion and Resignation</u> – A Registered Participant ceases to be a Registered Participant if:

- a) The Registered Participant fails to maintain any of the qualifications or conditions of being a Registered Participant;
- b) The Registered Participant resigns from the Association by giving written notice to the Association in which case the resignation becomes effective on the date specified in the resignation. The Registered Participant will be responsible for all fees payable until the actual withdrawal becomes effective;
- c) The Registered Participant fails to pay fees owed to the Association by the deadline dates prescribed;
- d) The Registered Participant fails to comply with Association's registration policies or applicable policies;
- e) The Registered Participant's term of registration expires; or
- f) The Association is dissolved.

#### **Good Standing**

<u>13.8</u> <u>Definition</u> – A Registered Participant with the Association will be in good standing provided that the Registered Participant:

- a) Has not ceased to be a Registered Participant;
- b) Has not been suspended, resigned or been expelled, or had other restrictions or sanctions imposed;
- c) Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the Association;
- d) Has complied with the By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Association;
- e) Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the Association, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board; and
- f) Has paid all required fees to the Association.

<u>13.9</u> <u>Cease to be in Good Standing</u> – Registered Participants who cease to be in good standing may have privileges suspended and will not be entitled to the benefits and privileges of registration until such time as the Board is satisfied that the Registered Participant has met the definition of good standing.

#### ARTICLE XIV ADOPTION OF THESE BYLAWS

# **<u>14.1</u>** <u>Ratification</u> – These By-laws were ratified by the Members of the Association at a meeting of Members duly called and held on April 27, 2024.

<u>14.2</u> <u>Repeal of Prior By-laws</u> – In ratifying these By-laws, the Members of the Association repeal all prior By-laws of the Association provided that such repeal does not impair the validity of any action done pursuant to the repealed By-laws.

#### Schedule 1 Administrative Districts

For the purpose of carrying out the aims and objectives of the Association, the province of Saskatchewan shall be divided into the following eight (8) 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)

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

#### Schedule 2 Softball-Specific Powers of the Board

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 provincial championships.
- 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.

Without restricting the generality of the above, 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:

- B. Appoint one or more persons to represent the Association at the annual meeting of Softball Canada, the Western Canadian Softball Association and Sask Sport.
- C. Govern, regulate, and make decisions respecting any matter.

- D. Concerning amateur fastpitch, slo-pitch, and modified/orthodox softball in Saskatchewan.
- E. Govern, regulate, and make decisions respecting any matter.
- F. Concerning provincial championships and tournament play in Saskatchewan.
- G. Suspend the membership of any member of the Association for any reasons it deems sufficient.
- H. Rule that any player is ineligible to be a member of or play for any team or in any league.
- I. Rule that any coach or manager is ineligible to coach or manage any team or in any league.
- J. Rule that a member of any umpire's association is ineligible to umpire in any league.
- K. Rule that any team is ineligible to play in any league.
- L. Deal with, decide, and settle any matter, issue, or question not expressly provided by the By-laws or operating rules of the Association. All decisions made by the Board are final.



### 2025 Canadian Championship Dates & Locations

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
U15 Girl's	Aug. 13 – 17
U17 Girl's	July 30 – Aug. 3
U19 Women's	July 30 – Aug. 3
Canada Games (W)	Aug. 9 – 16
Women's	July 30 – Aug. 3
U15 Boy's	Aug. 13 – 17
U17 Boy's	TBD
U20 Men's	July 30 – Aug. 3
Canada Games (M)	Aug. 18 – 24
U23 Men's	Aug. 25 – 29
Men's & Master Men	Aug. 27 – 31
Men's & Women's SP	Aug. 10 – 16

#### **Location**

Winkler, MB Warman, SK Surrey, BC St. John's, NL Saskatoon, SK Winkler, MB OPEN Saskatoon, SK St John's, NL Kitchener, ON Kitchener, ON Surrey, BC



#### 2025 Western Canadian Championship Dates & Locations

#### <u>Event</u>

U13 Girls & Boys U15 Girls & boys U17 Girls & Boys U19 Women's

Date		
Aug.	7 –	10
Aug.	1 –	4
Aug.	7 –	10
Aug.	7 –	10

Location

Abbotsford, BC Calgary, AB Regina, SK Brandon, MB

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#### 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 \$300.00/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. Learn to Play 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. All five (5) Umpire-In-Chief positions are appointed by the Board of Directors.
- B. The UIC and two Deputy positions will be appointed in even years and two Deputy DUIC positions will be appointed in odd

years. When a vacancy exists the UDC will recommend a replacement to the Board of Directors. The Board may offer existing UIC positions first right of refusal to serve another 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- B. Registration Fees

Under 18 years of age (ALL LEVELS) Born: 2006 or	\$40.00
later	
Level 1	\$75.00
Level 2	\$85.00
Level 3	\$100.00
Level 4 & 5	\$105.00

All umpires are also registered with Softball Canada and the \$20 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	٠	None
Training Requirements	•	Attend an umpire clinic. Obtain 60% or more on the Level 1 Certification Exam.
On-field Application	•	Officiate local minor or adult softball and Provincials
Maintenance	•	Write the Softball Canada exam and obtain 60% or more

#### Level 2

Pre-requisites	<ul> <li>Certified Level 1 Umpire for a minimum of one (1)</li> <li>Be at least 16 years of age</li> </ul>
Training Requirements	<ul> <li>Attend an umpire clinic</li> <li>Obtain 70% or more on the Level 2 Certification Exam</li> </ul>
Evaluation	<ul> <li>Receive one (1) successful local or regional evaluation</li> </ul>
On-field Application	Officiate at local and provincial level and/or adult softball
Maintenance	<ul> <li>Write the Softball Canada exam and obtain 70% or more</li> </ul>

#### Level 3

Pre-requisites	• Certified Level 2 umpire for a minimum of two (2) years.
Training Requirements	<ul> <li>Attend an umpire clinic</li> <li>Obtain 80% or more on the Level 3 Certification Exam</li> </ul>
Evaluation	Receive one successful     evaluation

On-field Application	<ul> <li>Officiate provincial minor or adult softball</li> <li>Qualified to officiate U19 Women's fast pitch, U20 Men's fast pitch and U23 Men's fastpitch.</li> </ul>
Maintenance	<ul> <li>Attend a clinic annually</li> <li>Write the Softball Canada exam and obtain 80% or more</li> </ul>

#### Level 4

Level 4	
Pre-requisites	<ul> <li>Certified Level 3 umpire for a minimum of two (2) years.</li> </ul>
Training Requirements	<ul> <li>Receive two (2) successful evaluations by a provincial representative and recommendations forwarded to the UDC.</li> <li>Receive a successful Level 4 evaluation at a U20 Men's, U19 Women's, or a Masters fastpitch Canadian Championship.</li> </ul>
Evaluation	<ul> <li>Attend a Softball Canada Level 4 Umpire Theory Clinic.</li> <li>Obtain 80% or more on the Level 4 Certification Exam</li> </ul>
On-field Application	<ul> <li>Officiate provincial minor or adult softball.</li> <li>Officiate a Canadian Championship</li> <li>Receive a successful Level 5 Evaluation</li> </ul>
Maintenance	<ul> <li>Attend a clinic annually.</li> <li>Write the Softball Canada Exam and obtain 80% or more.</li> <li>Be active in Provincial officiating programs.</li> </ul>

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 and available on the Softball Saskatchewan format website. Incident/Election 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 sanctioned games and 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 1<sup>st</sup> priority.
- B. Supervisors will be compensated for the weekend expenses.
  - i. An honorarium and daily per diem.
  - ii. 0.50/km return mileage.
  - iii. Accommodations will be compensated if required.
- C. Evaluations are to be distributed as follows:
  - i. The umpire being evaluated will receive a copy.
  - ii. Softball Saskatchewan Office.
  - iii. 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 <u>MAY</u> 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 <u>MAY</u> 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 umpire 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 under 18 years of age who are selected for an out -of-province championship must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Softball Saskatchewan will pay for ground transportation or for one airfare (umpire) and entire cost of one (1) room accommodation at the championship.
- G. 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. \$50 per game for plate/base umpire in all age categories U15 and above.
  - 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- \$0.50 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

Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc.

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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 <u>https://saskrc.respectgroupinc.com</u>
- 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 resourceline@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

Softball Saskatchewan is inviting nominations for the following awards:

#### Male & Female Athlete of the Year

- A. Include personal accomplishments for 2025 (i.e., recognition at Westerns or Canadians as all-star, MVP, Top Batter, or Top Pitcher).
- B. Include team accomplishments for 2025.
- C. Include other accomplishments or personal involvement in softball.

#### **Coach of the Year**

- A. Include accomplishments of your team in 2025.
- 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 2025.
- 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 2025 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 2025 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.

#### **Golden Anniversary Awards**

This is a new award to recognize local adult Teams who have had 50+ years of operation. Teams or Associations who wish to be recognized for this significant achievement need to submit an email outlining the history of the team and any notable achievements.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

#### Send Nominations to: guy@softball.sk.ca

## NOTICE OF SOFTBALL SASKATCHEWAN 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2025 Softball Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration will be mandatory and for more information please contact the Softball Saskatchewan office at <u>info@softball.sk.ca</u> 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 1**<sup>st</sup> 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 with 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 McLean Cubs Moosomin Minor Ball **Ochapowace Minor Ball** Oxbow Minor Ball Radville Minor Ball **Redvers Minor Ball** Quad Town Minor Ball Wapella 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 Bengough Minor Ball Coronach 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 Esterhazy Minor Ball Foam Lake Minor Ball Grayson Minor Ball Langenburg Minor Ball Melville Minor Ball Neudorf Minor Ball Okanese Minor Ball Pheasant Creek 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 **Kenaston Minor Ball** Langham Minor Ball Lanigan Minor Ball Lucky Lake Minor Ball Lumsden 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 Watrous Minor Ball Watson Minor Ball Wynyard Minor Ball

#### **District 5 – Adult Associations**

Fort Qu'Appelle Slo-Pitch

**District 6 – Minor Associations** Saskatoon Minor Softball League

### District 6 – Adult Associations

Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association Saskatoon Bridge City Umpires

**District 7- Minor Associations** Battlefords Minor Softball Biggar Minor Ball Dodsland/Plenty Minor Ball Eatonia Minor Ball Edam Minor Ball **Elrose Minor Ball Association** Eston Minor Ball **Glaslyn Minor Ball** Goodsoil Minor Ball Hillmond Minor Ball Kerrobert Minor Ball Kinderslev Minor Sports Lashburn Minor Ball Luseland Minor Ball Macklin Minor Ball Maidstone Minor Ball Meadow Lake 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 Carlvle 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 Kennedv Kenosee Lake Khedive Kipling Kisbey Kronau Lajord Lake Alma Lampman

Lang Langbank Macoun Manor Maryfield Mclean **McTaggert** Midale Milestone Minton Montmartre Moosomin North Portal North Weyburn Odessa Oxbow Pangman Parkman Perry Peebles **Pilot Butte** Qu'Appelle Radville

Redvers Rocanville Sakimav Sedley Sintaluta Steelman Storthoaks Summerberry Torquay Tvvan 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 Vallev 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 Vicerov 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 Allan Annaheim Asquith Beechv **Big Quill** Birsay Bladworth Broderick Bruno Buena Vista Bulyea Burr Clair Clavet Colonsay Conquest Corman Park Craven Cupar Dalmenv Davidson Deer Vallev 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 Lanigan 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 Vanscov 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 Dodsland Dorintosh Eatonia Edam Elrose Eston Fiske Flaxcombe **Flving Dust First** Nation Frenchman Butte Glaslyn Glidden Hafford Handel Harris Hillmond Kelfield Kerrobert Kinderslev 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 Pavnton 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** 

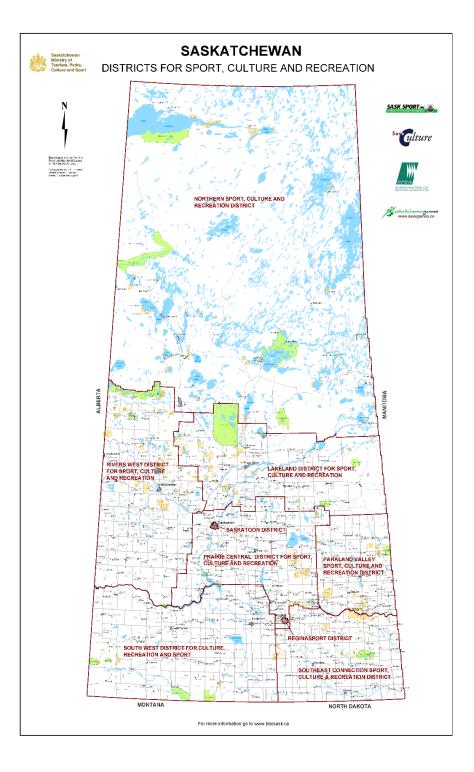
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Love Macdowall Marcelin Meath Park Melfort Meskanaw Mildred Mistatim Mont Nebo Mullignar Naicam Neuhorst Neuanlage Nipawin Pakwaw Lake Parkside Pleasantdale Porcupine Plain Prince Albert Red Earth Ridgedale Rosthern Sarilla Country Estates Shell Lake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

St. Louis Stump Lake Sturgeon Lake Sylvania Tisdale Tway Victoire Wakaw Waldheim Weekes Weldon White Fox Zenon Park

#### District 9

Air Ronge Canoe Lake Canoe Narrows Ile-A-Lacrosse La Loche La Ronge McAuley Pelican Narrows Pierson Lake Sandy Bay



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