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# Softball Saskatchewan

*Spring has Sprung!*

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## Message from the President

As we get closer and closer to kicking off this season, we are certain it will be another exciting year of softball in 2020. We are thrilled to host the first U12 Boys Western Canadians in Saskatoon this year in the effort to promote boys softball. Thank you to all of our players, coaches, and umpires for participating in our great sport and for growing the sport of softball in Saskatchewan. We hope your softball season is filled with building new friendships, having plenty of fun, improving your skills, and developing as individuals. We wish you a productive Spring preparing for this season and all the best in your upcoming Summer season!

Sincerely,

*Gary MacDonald*



# Coaching Clinics

If you're interested in attending a Community Softball Coaching Clinic, here are our dates and locations for 2020.

April 3 - 4.....	Battleford
April 3 - 4.....	Carnduff
April 25 - 26.....	Saskatoon
May 1 - 2.....	Kindersley
May 1 - 2.....	Regina
May 1 - 2.....	Moosomin
May 8 - 9.....	Moose Jaw

We also have opportunities for you to take your Competition Introduction Coaching Clinics. These will be the ONLY Comp. Intro. Clinics held in 2020, so if you need to get this certification, make sure you register!

Weekend 1	Weekend 2
March 28 - 29.....	May 2 - 3.....Regina
April 4 - 5.....	April 25 - 26.....Saskatoon

You can register for these clinics through our website under Clinic Registrations. If you need more information, feel free to call us at (306) 780-9235 or email [info@softball.sk.ca](mailto:info@softball.sk.ca)

## How to Register

To register for any of the clinics listed above, just head to our website: <https://softball.sk.ca/programs1/clinic-registrations1/coaching-clinics.m> Here, you can also find more information about each clinic, including pricing and deadline dates. If you need any help, we're here to assist you! Just give us a call at (306) 780-9235 or email us at [info@softball.sk.ca](mailto:info@softball.sk.ca).





# Athlete Skill Clinics

## SaskHit 3-Day Clinics

April 4, 19, & 25.....Watrous

## Special Clinics

March 16.....1-Day Pitching.....Debden  
 March 28.....1-Day Catching.....Battleford  
 April 13.....1-Day Hitting.....Radville  
 April 19.....1-Day Hitting & Catching.....Moose Jaw  
 April 26.....1-Day Pitching.....Hague  
 May 2.....1-Day Basic Skills.....Watrous

## Softball Fever Camps

May 3.....Kindersley  
 May 3.....Carlyle  
 May 9.....Ogema  
 May 10.....Melfort  
 May 10.....Shaunavon



# How to Register

To register for any of the above clinics, head to <https://softball.sk.ca/programs1/athlete/athlete-skills-clinics>

At this link, you can also view the registration deadline dates and more information. Happy registering!

If you need any help, give us a shout at (306) 780-9235 or email us at [info@softball.sk.ca](mailto:info@softball.sk.ca).

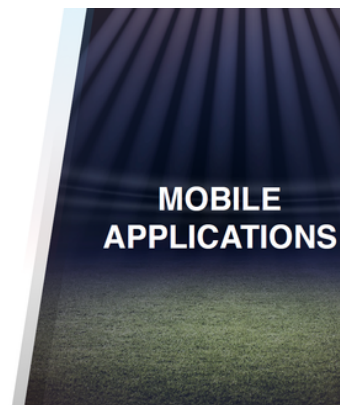
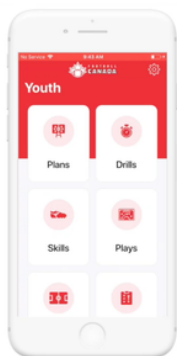




# Coming soon: Athlete Era

We are very excited to partner with Athlete Era this year! Athlete Era helps sports organizations train more coaches and improve long-term athlete development through educational apps. You can find this information and more at their website: <https://www.athlete-era.com/>

Athlete Era will be creating an app for Softball Sask with the material in our Timbits Softball manual. The app is sure to be a valuable coaching resource for our program, and it should be created and ready to go in April!



## OUR MISSION

### What

To help equip grassroots coaches with educational resources that meet their needs and improve the standardization of sport delivery at this level.

### How

Creating mobile applications that are accessible, easy to use, and personalized for the grassroots audience.

### Why

By making it easier for volunteers to step in and be great coaches, we can help grow long-term participation in youth sport.





# Umpire Clinics

Date	District	Location	Contact
Sun. Mar. 22	1	Moosomin Communiplex Lobby 9:30 a.m. registration - 10:00 a.m. start	Brett Nabholz (306) 435-0426 brettnabholz@hotmail.com
Sat. Mar. 28	6	Saskatoon (Advanced/Intermediate) Gordie Howe Sports Complex 8:30 a.m. registration - 9:00 a.m. start	Darren Skjonsby (306) 934-0594 dkandkskjonsby@sasktel.net
Sat. Apr. 4	3	Swift Current Central School (121 Dufferin St. West) 8:30 a.m. registration - 9:00 a.m. starts	Jason Steinley (306) 741-2755 or (306) 741-7227 jasonsteinley@gmail.com
Sat. Apr. 4	1	Estevan Southeast College (532 Bourquin Road) 9:00 a.m. registration - 9:30 a.m. start	Wade St. Onge (306) 370-9873 stongewade@hotmail.com
Sat. April 4	4	Esterhazy High School 9:30 a.m. registration - 10:00 a.m. start	Neil Hungle (306) 531-5248 Angie.Hungle@mosaicco.com minorballesterhazy@gmail.com
Sat. April 4	7	Kindersely West Central Events Center 9:00 a.m. registration - 9:30 a.m. start	Andy Ortman (306) 604-9073 icpemsb0y@gmail.com
Sun. April 5	8	Spiritwood Spiritwood Elementary School 9:00 a.m. registration - 9:30 a.m. start	Tannis Franson (306) 883-8332 tlfranson@sasktel.net
Sun. April 5	3	Moose Jaw St. Margaret School 8:30 a.m. registration - 9:00 a.m. start	Wayne Miller (306) 631-4310 wmiller67@gmail.com
Sat. April 18	6	Saskatoon (Fundamental) Gordie Howe Sports Complex 8:30 a.m. registration - 9:00 a.m. start	Darren Skjonsby (306) 934-0594 dkandkskjonsby@sasktel.net
Sat. April 18	8	Prince Albert King George Public School 8:30 a.m. registration - 9:00 a.m. start	Andy Heffernan (306) 980-9606

# Umpire Clinics (Cont'd)

Date	District	Location	Contact
Sat. Apr. 18	8	Big River Big River Public School 9:00 a.m. registration - 9:30 a.m. start	Kelly Bergen (306) 469-2641 or (306) 469-7107 kdhinson@hotmail.com
Sun. Apr. 19	1	Carlyle Elementary School 8:30 a.m. registration - 9:00 a.m. start	Shelbey McNair (306) 575-7513 shelbeyanne@gmail.com
Sun. Apr. 19	2	Regina (Advanced & Community) Martin Collegiate 8:30 a.m. registration - 9:00 a.m. start	Duane Bakken (306) 551-3069 djbakken@sasktel.net
Sat. Apr. 25	5	Watrous High School (Main Street) 9:00 a.m. registration - 9:30 a.m. start	Doug Thomas (306) 946-2294 douglas.thomas@horizonsd.ca
Sat. Apr. 25	8	Melfort Cumberland College (400 Burns Ave. E) 9:30 a.m. registration - 10:00 a.m. start	Mike Cole (306) 921-5252 melfortminorsoftball@gmail.com
Sun. Apr. 26	7	Unity High School (3rd Avenue East) 9:30 a.m. registration - 10:00 a.m. start	Marilyn O'Driscoll (306) 937-3998 modris@sasktel.net
Sun. Apr. 26	8	Shellbrook Shellbrook School 8:30 a.m. registration - 9:00 a.m. start	Cheryl Ledding (306) 747-7617 cladding@srsd119.ca
Sun. Apr. 26		Weyburn Assiniboia Park School 9:30 a.m. registration - 10:00 a.m. start	Melissa Swayze (306) 891-6413 or (306) 848-3533 melissa.swayze@mnp.ca
Sat. May 2	1	Ochapowace FN Chief Denton George Multiplex 9:30 a.m. registration - 10:00 a.m. start	Andrew Daniels (306) 696-2000 andrew.daniels@ochapowace.ca







## New Affiliation Deadline!

The templates required for our 2020 Affiliations will be available shortly. Our new deadline for Affiliation is now

# May 15, 2020





# Provincial Registration Deadlines

The deadline to register for Provincial Championship categories leading to Canadians is **May 15, 2020**

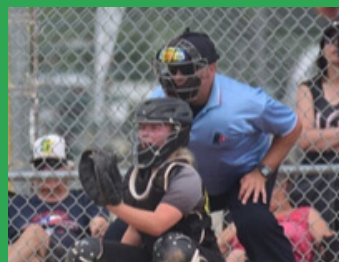
For all other Provincial Championship categories, teams must register by the following date: **June 1, 2020**

The 2020 Provincial Championship entry form is up on our website under the Forms tab! Please note that we do not accept online registrations for Provincials, so please email, fax, or mail in your completed form to us.



## Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will take place on April 25, 2020 in Regina, SK. at the Delta Hotel. We will be kicking things off at 9:00 a.m. that morning. To register, just contact the office!





# Provincial Dates and Locations

## MINOR CATEGORIES

	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>CANADIANS/WESTERNS</u>
U19 "A" Women's	July 17th - 19th	Regina (2)	Montreal, Que. (Aug. 11 - 16)
U19 "B" Women's	July 10th - 12th	Regina (2)	Winnipeg, Man. (Aug. 13 - 16)
U19 "C" Women's	July 3rd - 5th	Regina (2)	
U16 "A" Girls	July 17th - 19th	Regina (2)	Charlottetown, PEI (Aug. 19 - 23)
U16 "BW" Girls **	July 3rd - 5th	Unity (7)	Strathmore, Alta. (Aug. 6 - 9)
U16 "B" Girls	July 3rd - 5th	Saskatoon (6)	
U16 "C" Girls	July 10th - 12th	Regina (2)	
U14 "A" Girls	July 3rd - 5th	Saskatoon (6)	Saskatoon, Sask. (Aug. 5 - 9)
U14 "BW" Girls **	July 3rd - 5th	Unity (7)	BC (Aug. 6 - 9)
U14 "B" Girls	July 3rd - 5th	Regina (2)	
U14 "C" Girls	July 10th - 12th	Moosomin (1)	
U12 "A" Girls	July 3rd - 5th	Saskatoon (6)	
U12 "B" Girls	July 10th - 12th	Battleford (7)	
U12 "C" Girls - North	July 10th - 12th	Humboldt (5)	
U12 "C" Girls - South	July 3rd - 5th	Regina (2)	

\*\* Please note the U14 & U16 "BW" categories lead to Westerns, the U14 & U16 B categories have a Provincial Championship Only.

U19 "A" Boys	July 3rd - 5th	Saskatoon (6)	Carbonear, NFLD (Aug. 11 - 16)
U19 "B" Boys	July 3rd - 5th	Saskatoon (6)	Winnipeg, Man. (Aug. 13 - 16)
U16 "A" Boys	July 3rd - 5th	Shellbrook (8)	Niagara, Ont. (Aug. 5 - 9)
U16 "B" Boys	July 3rd - 5th	Shellbrook (8)	Strathmore, Alta. (Aug. 6 - 9)
U14 "A" Boys	July 3rd - 5th	Shellbrook (8)	Niagara, Ont. (Aug. 5 - 9)
U14 "B" Boys	July 10th - 12th	Delisle (5)	BC (Aug. 6 - 9)
U12 "A" Boys	July 10th - 12th	Delisle (5)	Sask. (July 23 - 26)
U12 "B" Boys	July 10th - 12th	Delisle (5)	

U10 Co-ed Festival	May 30th - 31st	Regina (2)
U10 Co-ed Festival	June 6th - 7th	Saskatoon (6)

## ADULT CATEGORIES

	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>CANADIANS/WESTERNS</u>
Women's "A"	July 17th - 19th	Saskatoon (6)	Regina (Aug. 19 - 23)
Women's "B"	July 17th - 19th	Saskatoon (6)	Blackfalds, Alta. (Aug. 6 - 9)
Women's "C"	July 24th - 26th	Saskatoon (6)	
U23 "A" Men's	June 26th - 28th	Saskatoon (6)	Carp, Ont. (July 28 - Aug. 2)
Men's "A"	July 17th - 19th	Saskatoon (6)	St. John's, NFLD (Sept. 2 - 6)
Men's "B"	July 17th - 19th	Saskatoon (6)	Blackfalds, Alta. (Aug. 6 - 9)
Men's "C"	July 24th - 26th	Earl Grey (5)	
Master Men's	July 17th - 19th	Saskatoon (6)	St. John's, NFLD (Sept. 2 - 6)

## SLO-PITCH

Men's & Women's	June 6th - 7th	Saskatoon (6)	Surrey, BC (Aug. 9 - 15)
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# Virtual Coaching Program

Our Virtual Coaching Program has been a hit so far! In case you're not familiar with this program, Mikaila Etheredge is our Virtual Coach. She posts videos of drills to our Dropbox, Facebook, and Instagram weekly that are available to coaches free of charge. We've seen Mikaila produce content on hitting, fielding, pitching, catching, you name it! We're excited to see this program gain even more traction heading into the Spring and Summer. More information and the link to our Dropbox can be found on our website!

Here are a few highlights from Mikaila's softball career as a player and as a coach:

- WSCA First Team All-Conference Catcher, League MVP, and League Top Hitter in 2014 for the University of Regina Cougars
- WSCA First Team All-Conference Catcher and League Top Hitter in 2015 for the University of Regina Cougars
- National Tournament All-Star Team Catcher in 2016 for the University of Regina Cougars
- Two-time National Bronze Medalist with the Cougars in 2014 and 2016
- Received the Austrian Softball League All-Star Player and Austrian Softball League Golden Glove Award in 2015 for the Witches Linz in Linz, Austria
- Clinic Instructor for Softball Saskatchewan
- Assistant Coach for the U16 South High Performance team in 2017 and Head Coach for the U16 South High Performance team in 2018
- Co-Head Coach for the Cougars from 2016 to 2019

- Coached the Cougars to two CCSA National Championships in 2018 and 2019
- Current Head Coach for the Cougars
- Played professional softball in Wellington and Auckland, New Zealand







# 2020 Sask Summer Games

The 2020 Saskatchewan Summer Games are coming to Lloydminster from July 26 to August 1. We're super excited for this event! Softball will be played from July 29 to August 1 at Legion Ball Park. The Games will be open to players born in 2006 and 2007. Player ID Camps will be posted in the spring once the dates are set, so stay tuned to our website for updates! Below is the list of our Head Coaches for each district:

District 1.....	Jody Waloshin
District 2.....	Tara Edmands
District 3.....	Brad Appel
District 4.....	Fred Lowenberger
District 5.....	Oran McLean
District 6.....	Amber Rambally
District 7.....	Darren Russell
District 8.....	Scott Rann

## Handbooks and Rulebooks

Our 2020 Handbooks are printed and available for free! Email us or give us a call if you would like one or more! If you want to view the Handbook online, go to <https://softball.sk.ca/english/about/about.html/handbook> We also have Softball Canada Rulebooks available for \$12.00 each.





# PLEASE REMEMBER

THESE ARE **KIDS**  
THIS IS A **GAME**  
COACHES ARE **VOLUNTEERS**  
UMPIRES ARE **HUMAN**

EVERYONE DESERVES  
**RESPECT!**



## Request your Home Plates Today

Thanks to Softball Canada we have these home plates to send out to our Associations across Saskatchewan. These plates remind us of a very important message, and they are free of charge!

If you would like one or more of these home plates, please email [destiny@softball.sk.ca](mailto:destiny@softball.sk.ca) or call (306) 780-9235 to put in your request. We have a limited supply, and we want to distribute these plates to as many Associations as possible. The deadline for home plate requests is March 15, 2020.

These plates are meant to be hung up by your dugouts or diamonds. Once you receive your plate in the mail, hang it up, and take a picture of where you hang it. Post your pic to social media, and tag us! Let's spread this positive message across Saskatchewan!





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# SASK LOTTERIES

