



# Softball Saskatchewan

*I Love Fall Most of All!*

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## Covid-19 Update

Softball Saskatchewan has released our new "Return to Play Protocols and Guidelines" on August 31st, 2021. The RTP document is available on our website.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 does not appear to be going anywhere any time soon. The best protection against Covid-19 is to be fully vaccinated if possible.

Additional everyday preventative actions, such as the following, can continue to reduce transmission of this respiratory illness:

- practice proper cough and sneezing etiquette
- wash your hands often with soap and water
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces regularly
- stay home with even mild symptoms and get tested

# Message from the President

On behalf of the Board of Director's and staff, I want to thank the many volunteers involved with our Associations and Leagues who worked so hard to ensure our members we were able to enjoy a season of softball in 2021. The past year and half has certainly been a challenge for everyone in dealing with COVID-19.

I would like to thank all the teams that participated in this year's Provincial Championships, we hope you and your team had a great time. Most of all, we hope the players, coaches and umpires took the opportunity to enjoy this experience and made new friendships both on and off the diamond.

To our Host Provincial Championship Host Committee's, we thank you for all the hard work that goes into hosting a Provincial Championship. It would not be possible without the dedication and effort of the great people in your community. We hope you had a very successful championship and that any proceeds go back into supporting and building your softball programs and facilities for future years.

The past year and half of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging one, but thanks to the perseverance of everyone involved in our sport we are back to playing the great game of softball. We are in the process of working on an extensive marketing campaign to promote and grow the game of softball throughout Saskatchewan. You will experience the start of our marketing strategy via our social media channels later this year. Then starting in early 2022 we will be doing television, radio, billboard advertising in select cities and other marketing initiatives, all to grow the game of softball at the local level. Over the next two years Softball Saskatchewan will be investing a great many financial and human resources to help support our local softball Associations. We are excited about this project and the positive impact it will have on our sport. The great game of softball is alive and well and with your continued support, it will continue to grow and prosper.

#ThisIsSoftball

Sincerely,

*Gary MacDonald*

# Coaching Clinics



Associations that are wanting to host clinics must fill out a bid to host form and submit to Softball Saskatchewan.

## *SOFTBALL CANADA'S NEW PATHWAYS TO COACHING CERTIFICATION: COMING THIS WINTER*

### **Community Softball Coach Clinic**

- Prerequisite: Elearning- foundations of coaching softball part 1 & make ethical decisions online evaluation
- Online via Zoom: Intro, Participants, Tasks, EAP, Rules, Basic Strategy (3 hours - 1 module)
- In person: Fundamental Softball Skills, Practice Planning, Coaching Sessions/Drills/Positional Play (5 hours)

### **Competition – Introduction Coaching Clinic**

- Prerequisite: Elearning- foundations of coaching softball part 1 & 2 , make ethical decisions online evaluation
- Online via Zoom: Analyzing the Game, LTPD, Rules, Teams, Goal Setting, Legal Delivery, Teaching & Learning, Defensive/Offensive, Principles, Strategies, Team Selection, Pre-Game Plan, Homework (9 hours - 3 modules)
- In person: Warm-Up, Fundamentals, Hitting/Bunting, Signals, Practice Planning, Baserunning/Sliding, Special Position Skills, Drills, Pitching, Analyzing Performance, Catching - Micro Facilitation (14 hours)
- Coach portfolio and on-field evaluation

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**  
**COACHES THAT HAVE ONLY**  
**TAKEN COMP. INTRO-**  
**WEEKEND #1**

Softball Saskatchewan is working on putting on the Comp. Intro – Weekend #2 clinic this fall/winter. Coaches who have taken only Comp. Intro- Weekend #1 will need to complete this clinic as Softball Canada is now creating a brand new Pathway for coaches. This new Pathway will differ from the Pathway that you are currently on. Therefore, if you are unable to make this clinic, you will have to redo some of the material you have already taken as you will have to start on the new pathway. We do not have all the information yet, and will keep coaches posted on any further information and the date once we have finalized it.



# Athlete Skill Clinics



*Pitching clinic sessions will be 45 minutes each. Hitting and Catching Clinics will be 55 minutes each.*

**Saskatoon Clinics:** All clinics take place at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex

- Canpitch- 5 Sessions- October 3, 7, 31, November 14 & 28, between 10:00AM - 4:00PM
- Saskhit- 5 Sessions- October 3, 7, 31, November 14, & 28, between 8:00AM - 4:00PM
- Catching- 3 Sessions- October 31, November 14 & 28, between 8:00AM - 4:00PM

**Regina Clinics-** All clinics take place at Diamond Impact

- Canpitch- 5 Sessions- October 23, 30, November 6, 13 & 20, between 8:00AM - 4:00PM
- Saskhit- 5 Sessions-October 23, 30, November 6, 13 & 20, between 9:00AM - 3:00PM.
- Catching- 3 Sessions- November 6, 13, 20, between 9:00AM - 3:00PM



*We will be having similar clinics in January /February & March/April*

Associations that are wanting to host clinics must fill out a bid to host form and submit to Softball Saskatchewan.



# Semi-Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon



We are accepting nominations for our 2021 Awards Program. Should you wish to submit a nomination form the deadline is October 1, 2021. Please send all nomination forms to [info@softball.sk.ca](mailto:info@softball.sk.ca). All forms can be found on our website.

The Softball Saskatchewan semi-annual meeting and awards luncheon will take place on October 23, 2021 at the Coronet Hotel in Prince Albert, Sk. The list of topics to be discussed will be available on our website. To register for the 2021 Semi-annual meeting, please contact our office at 306-780-9408 or email [info@softball.sk.ca](mailto:info@softball.sk.ca) by October 15, 2021.

You are invited to attend the Softball Saskatchewan Awards Luncheon at 12:30PM on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Register by October 15, 2021. Tickets are \$20.00 each, payable at the door.

## U12 District Showcase Results

NORTH	
Gold	District 8
Silver	District 7 (North)
Bronze	District 7 (South)

SOUTH	
Gold	District 2 (Zone 1)
Silver	District 3
Bronze	District 1





# Provincial Results



Category	Dates	Location	Draw/Results
U19 'A' Women's	August 6-8	Regina	Gold- Saskatoon Co-op Selects (6) Silver- Southeast Supernovas- Alameda (1) Bronze- Regina Kaos (2)
U19 'OPEN' Women's (Green & White)	August 6 - 8	Regina	<i>Green:</i> Gold- Assiniboia Aces (3) Silver- Unity Panthers (7) Bronze- Regina Riot (2) <i>White:</i> Gold- Battleford Bandits (7) Silver- Humboldt Thunder (5) Bronze- Kindersley Royals (7)
U16 'A' Girl's	July 23 - 25	Saskatoon	Gold- Saskatoon Hustlers (6) Silver- Saskatoon Raiders (6) Bronze- Southeast Sun Devils- Alameda (1)
U16 'OPEN' Girl's (Green & White)	July 23 - 25	Regina	<i>Green:</i> Gold- Battleford Bandits (7) Silver- Southeast Supernovas (1) Bronze- Unity Panthers (7) <i>White:</i> Gold- Kerrobert Kougars (7) Silver- Saskatoon Raiders (6) Bronze- Regina Saints (2)
U14 'A' Girl's- North	July 23 - 25	Saskatoon	Gold- Saskatoon Lasers (6) Silver- Spirit Softball- Melfort (8) Bronze- Saskatoon Hustlers (6)
U14 'OPEN' Girl's- North (Green & White)	July 23- 25	Saskatoon	<i>Green:</i> Gold- Rosetown Angels (7) Silver- Macklin Lakers (7) Bronze- Parkland Predators- Shell Lake (8) <i>White:</i> Gold- Tisdale Riverdogs (8) Silver- Watrous Royals (5) Bronze- Muenster A's (5)
U14 'A' Girl's- South	August 6- 8	Regina	Gold- Storm- Balgonie (1) Silver- Regina Saints (2) Bronze- Regina Lazars (2)
U14 'OPEN' Girl's- South (Green & White)	August 6- 8	Regina	<i>Green:</i> Gold- White Butte Storm (1) Silver- Regina Royals Rampage (2) Bronze- Regina Fighting Saints (2) <i>White:</i>



# Provincial Results Continued



			<b>Gold-</b> Swift Current Sonic (3) <b>Silver-</b> Estevan Elite (1) <b>Bronze-</b> Gravelbourg Lightning (3)
U12 'A' Girl's- North	July 23 - 25	Prince Albert	<b>Gold-</b> Meadow Lake Sox (7) <b>Silver-</b> Spirit Softball- Melfort (8) <b>Bronze-</b> Saskatoon Lasers (6)
U12 'OPEN' Girl's- North (Green & White)	July 23 - 25	Prince Albert	<b>Green:</b> <b>Gold-</b> Kindersley Royals (7) <b>Silver-</b> Unity Panthers (7) <b>Bronze-</b> Muenster A's (5)  <b>White:</b> <b>Gold-</b> Saskatoon Lasers (6) <b>Silver-</b> Prince Albert Aces (8) <b>Bronze-</b> Saskatoon Raider White (6)
U12 'A' Girl's - South	July 23 - 25	Regina	<b>Gold-</b> Moose Jaw Ice (3) <b>Silver-</b> Regina Lazars (2) <b>Bronze-</b> Regina Saints (2)
U12 'OPEN' Girls - South (Green & White)	July 23 - 25	Regina	<b>Green:</b> <b>Gold-</b> Melville Mills (4) <b>Silver-</b> Lafleche Lightning (3) <b>Bronze-</b> Moosomin Predators (1)  <b>White:</b> <b>Gold-</b> Lumsden Cubs (5) <b>Silver-</b> Moose Jaw Ice (3) <b>Bronze-</b> Regina Saints Red (2)
U19 'OPEN' Men's	July 23 - 25	Saskatoon	<b>Gold-</b> Saskatoon Selects Black Sox (6) <b>Silver-</b> Rosebud Royals- Wadena (5) <b>Bronze-</b> Shellbrook Rangers (8)
U16 'OPEN' Boy's	August 6- 8	Prince Albert	<b>Gold-</b> Prince Albert Astros (8) <b>Silver-</b> Saskatoon Longhorn Selects (6) <b>Bronze-</b> Saskatoon Selects Fury (6)
U14 'OPEN' Boy's	July 23 - 25	Shellbrook	<b>Gold-</b> Prince Albert Astros <b>Silver-</b> Shellbrook Rangers <b>Bronze-</b> Delisle Diamond Dogs
U12 'OPEN' Boy's	July 23 - 25	Delisle	<b>Gold-</b> Prince Albert Astros <b>Silver-</b> Laird Valley Blue Jays <b>Bronze-</b> Debden Vipers

Category	Dates	Location	Draw/Results
Women's 'OPEN' (Combines A, B & C)	August 20 - 22	Saskatoon	<b>Green:</b> <b>Gold-</b> Saskatoon G-Force <b>Silver-</b> Carnduff Southeast Steelers <b>Bronze-</b> Saskatoon Synergy  <b>White:</b> <b>Gold-</b> Saskatoon Furry <b>Silver-</b> Saskatoon Senior Eclipse <b>Bronze-</b> Saskatoon Sask Connexion
U23 'A' Men's	August 13- 15	Saskatoon	1st Place- Saskatoon WD Plastic's Diamondbacks
Men's 'OPEN' (Green & White)	August 13- 15	Saskatoon	<b>Green:</b> <b>Gold-</b> Saskatoon Angels <b>Silver-</b> Melfort 222's Masters  <b>White:</b> <b>Gold-</b> Earl Grey Rockets <b>Silver-</b> Rhein Rockets

# 2022 Western Canadian Softball Championship Bid to Host

If you and your organization are interested in putting in a Bid To Host the Western Canadian Softball Championship in Saskatchewan your Bid to Host package must be submitted by November 1, 2021.

Please note that should we receive only one (1) Bid for a Championship, this does not guarantee the Bid will be accepted. The Bid must still meet sufficient criteria in order to be accepted. Should we not receive any bids for a championship or the bid(s) do not meet sufficient criteria, then the championship will be turned back to the W.C.S.A.

The Softball Saskatchewan Board of Director's will be evaluating and awarding championships based upon the specific criteria.

ALL BID TO HOST FORMS CAN BE FOUND  
ON OUR WEBSITE [www.softball.sk.ca](http://www.softball.sk.ca)

# 2022 Provincial Championship Bid to Host

If you and your organization are interested in putting in a Bid To Host the 2022 Provincial Championship your application must be submitted by November 1, 2021.

There are many benefits to your Association when hosting a Provincial Championships including:

- Promote the great game of softball in and around your community
- Opportunity to develop and attract volunteers to the sport of softball
- Opportunity to generate significant revenues for your league or community projects
- Opportunity to improve and or showcase your facilities in your community
- Host organizations receive a MAP Grant of \$250/team to help offset costs
- Your team(s) have less expenses by playing in their home community





# Softball Mobile App- Success Story!



This is an amazing coaching resource which makes organizing your team and teaching softball skills easier for our entry level coaches and gives our more experienced coaches the ability to easily create their own practices.

With this app we were able to get content into the hands of our members quickly, to start coaching right away. Once word got out to our associations, a lot of our smaller communities jumped on board and restarted their U10 Programs.



**ATHLETE ERA**

**Softball Saskatchewan Success Story**

Softball Saskatchewan supports ~340 youth softball teams and coaches across 110 independently run community softball associations.

<b>60 Associations</b> Implemented the mobile app	<b>77% of Coaches</b> Preferred the app over paper plans	<b>79% of Coaches</b> Preferred the app over YouTube	<b>68% of Coaches</b> Said the app made coaching easier
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*"The Softball Mobile App is intuitive. I wish I had this when my daughters were younger. This app will be a great help to new coaches who are just starting out. I think there is a lot of potential to help athletes visualize drills and prepare for practice"- Jason Nystrom- Youth Softball Coach*

**130**

**Drills Organized By Age Group**

**28**

**Completed Practice Plans**

**50**

**Drill & Skill Videos**

**37**

**Skill Building Progressions (coming May 2021)**

**3**

**Timbits Softball Curriculum Sets**

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