



NON-SANCTIONED MINOR SOFTBALL POLICY

The following policy provides information for participating in non-sanctioned programs and activities during the softball season.

What is a sanctioned event:

A sanctioned event is an activity (practice, game, event, tournament, training, and or instruction) conducted by an authorized event organizer that has received formal approval from Softball Saskatchewan or an employee authorized by Softball Saskatchewan to give such approval. Approval must either be by way of a written Operating rule, Policy/procedure document, or a specific agreement in writing.

Softball Season

Softball Saskatchewan defines the softball season as being from April 1st through to the end of August or when a team, player, or coach has completed their commitment to their local association team to the end of the season.

Sanctioned Programs

Sanctioned softball programs include activities of minor teams (their players and coaches) that are affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan through their local minor softball Association or League. Softball Saskatchewan must be satisfied that the team has shown a substantial connection to the Association with which they affiliate.

Non-Sanctioned Programs

Include activities of teams, leagues, tournaments, or training/instruction clinics that are not approved by Softball Saskatchewan. These activities are not insured through Softball Saskatchewan.

Teams, Players/Coaches

Any teams, players/coaches who wish to participate in a non-sanctioned program or activity within the softball season after April 1st of the current year must complete and submit a Player Release Application Form to Softball Saskatchewan for approval. Included on the release form must be the timeframe the release is being requested for. Player releases must include written approval from the Board of the Association or League the team, player/coach is a member of and signed by the President. This approval of release must be provided to Softball Saskatchewan.

Softball Saskatchewan Programs

Players and coaches wishing to register to participate in Softball Saskatchewan programs such as the Canada Games and Saskatchewan Summer Games must be committed to fulfilling their obligations to these programs. Access to these programs is a privilege that is offered to and reserved for the members of Softball Saskatchewan. Players and coaches who do not fulfill their commitments to these programs may be removed or released.

Softball Saskatchewan recognizes that players and coaches have the right to make choices in the type of programming they wish to participate in, however, Softball Saskatchewan wishes to protect the

integrity of the programs we and our member Associations and Leagues provide. As such we have created this Non-Sanctioned Minor Softball Program Policy.

Insurance

Players and coaches participating in non-sanctioned softball programs and activities are not insured through the Softball Saskatchewan insurance program.

Common Question:

Can my son or daughter play both Softball Saskatchewan-sanctioned and non-sanctioned softball at the same time during the defined softball season?

Yes, provided the player(s) have followed the proper release requirements and have received written approval from both their local minor association and Softball Saskatchewan.

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