

## 2026 STORM SOFTBALL COACHES GUIDE

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY AND REFER BACK TO THIS THROUGHOUT YOUR SEASON. It should contain the answers to any questions that arise. For further support reach out to our coach development coordinator: Pam Kydd [stormsoftballcoachdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:stormsoftballcoachdevelopment@gmail.com)

### Coaching Courses

I would encourage all coaches to complete the Foundation of Coaching Softball (FOCS) modules online (Part 1 and 2) as these modules are pre-requisites for both the Community Softball coach pathway (need FOCS 1) and the Softball Competition- Introduction pathway (need FOCS 1 and 2). FOCS1 and 2 can be done online anytime. **ALL HEAD AND ASSISTANT COACHES IN ALL DIVISIONS need to have their Respect in Sport for activity leaders** and should get their Making Ethical Decisions. Active Storm Softball Coaches will be reimbursed for course costs, just email receipts along with your name and mailing address to our treasurer Michelle Maystrowich at [michelle\\_lemon@hotmail.com](mailto:michelle_lemon@hotmail.com) , and myself [stormsoftballcoachdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:stormsoftballcoachdevelopment@gmail.com) . For ALL NEEDED INFORMATION on all coaching courses, please see the Softball Saskatchewan website under the COACHES tab. DO NOT WAIT! REGISTER FOR YOUR NEEDED PROVINCIAL PATHWAY NOW!!

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/coaching-certification>

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/coaching-clinics>

[Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders - Getting Started \(respectgroupinc.com\)](https://www.respectgroupinc.com)

### 2026 Provincial Coaching Requirements

See the link below for all coaching requirements.

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/coaching-certification>

### Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager Registration

All coaches, assistant coaches and managers need to register on [www.whitebutteminorball.ca](http://www.whitebutteminorball.ca) under Coach registration tab. Here is where you must upload a recent (**within the last two years**) Criminal Record Check, NCCP number, and Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders number (can enter this in the email 2 line at the bottom of your registration) If you have info to add to your already done registration: login to ramp, click on family members tab and go to your name and edit. **NEW THIS YEAR: SOFTBALL SK IS ASKING ALL COACHES TO HAVE THEIR VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK AS WELL AS THEIR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK. WHEN YOUR 2 YEARS IS UP AND YOU ARE DUE FOR A NEW CRC WE WILL THEN ASK YOU TO OBTAIN VSC AND A CRC.** There is a letter to take to the White Butte RCMP detachment when asking for these documents, it is found on our website under coaches tab.

<http://whitebuttesoftball.rampregistrations.com/>

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/whitebuttestorm/files/CRC-VS%202026.docx>

## Connect Sport Canada – Coach Mental Health Literacy Online Course

The Lincoln's Life Mattered Foundation has generously offered to cover the cost of this training. Coaches that are a part of any of our teams will be required to complete this online course. This will be made available with a login code after April 15, 2026. Any coach that has completed the online course last year will not be required to complete it again. **MORE INSTRUCTIONS TO COME ON THIS**

## RMSL Coaches Meeting/Tournament Codes.

RMSL will be hosting a coach meeting for U11 divisions and up to bring you up to speed on everything according to their league play, rules, and expectations. This is where you will get your game schedules as well. They usually do all the league game scheduling HOWEVER in the past they had some divisions schedule their own games in open diamonds during the virtual meeting. We have communicated to Head Coaches of teams eligible to enter RMSL tournaments using their code. (Sharon Knott U13B-U17B, Queen City Classic U11A-U17A, U11B tournament). If you have not received your code to enter these league tournaments, please reach out to Leigh [stormsoftball3@gmail.com](mailto:stormsoftball3@gmail.com). Stay tuned to emails regarding those very important meetings you need to be prepared for. The name of the RMSL Executive Director is Kristina Kenny.

## Practices

Practices can be scheduled at: (Balgonie diamonds #1 #3 #4, White city #3, and Pilot Butte #3 #4). Coaches are to contact Shelley Stamm at [s.stamm@sasktel.net](mailto:s.stamm@sasktel.net) with their practice request schedule after you have your game schedule from RMSL (also please send her your game schedule that you receive from RMSL so she can double check this). Shelley is amazing and we are very lucky to have her, so please have patience as she works through the many requests for all teams in both Broncos Baseball and Storm Softball. Please note there is no limit on batting cage uses, but they still must be booked through Shelley Stamm, to avoid double bookings. If your team decides to go over the allotted limit, your team will be responsible for the cost of the diamond as per the towns diamond usage fee. If you need to cancel a diamond due to weather or are just unable to use the time, please contact Shelley Stamm at [s.stamm@sasktel.net](mailto:s.stamm@sasktel.net) cell: (306)537-8373, so that we are not charged.

If you require the pass code to enter the batting cages for each community, please contact [stormsoftball3@gmail.com](mailto:stormsoftball3@gmail.com). This information should be limited to head coaches for each team. It is very important that we make sure to lock these sheds carefully when we are done. We have put a lot of funds and volunteer time in making our community cages great so please be responsible and keep them in good condition. **Diamond Allotment 2026:**

U7: 12 practices	U9: 12 practices
U11: 16 practices	U13: 16 practices
U15: 16 practices	U17: 16 practices
U19: 10 practices	Provincial teams: 6 practices
*U11-U19 teams may host up to 2 games and after that it will come off their allotment.	*Games hosted on our home diamonds are increasing therefore we may need to use practice allotments to cover the time.

## **Division Specific**

Division specific information for all coaches will be communicated by your division coordinator as it comes up. Please contact them if you are needing any further support, they will point you in the right direction. <https://storm.whitebutteminorball.ca/content/2026-division-coordinators>

## **U9 Clash of the Cleats Tournament**

This is our Annual Home U9 tournament hosted in Balgonie May 22-24, 2026. Every year It has been a huge success and requires many hard-working volunteers to make it happen. EVERY PARENT of a u9 player is required to fill their share of volunteer shifts over this weekend so please make this an important point when speaking to your teams at season start. Tournament Committee volunteers will be REQUIRED from each U9 team, and anyone interested in helping on the committee should contact our tournament coordinator Allyson Slopinski at [allysonslopinski@hotmail.com](mailto:allysonslopinski@hotmail.com)

## **Suggested Season Start Basics**

- Send welcome email to all parents with roster and season plans. Good idea for teams to hold a brief parent meeting to go over plans for tournaments and other commitments required.
- Get yourself a team manager to help you put together a possible budget with team costs for the season and figure out how much per player you will need to collect for team fees. Could include Photos, Tournament fees, first aid supplies, etc.
- Setup parent volunteer rotations for any team needs such as scorekeepers, umpires, anything else you want to have laid out for your season.
- Setup a team management app to help you keep scheduling and attendance organized. Some options include, Teamlinkt, Teamsnap, Ramp also has an option that should keep your schedules from the Storm Softball master calendar. Whatever your preference to work with.
- if you need help to plan practices or know what or how to teach skills make sure to visit the Softball SK Website there is an enormous number of resources to help guide you. Including information on accessing the new app for anyone who needs or wants more information.

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/softball-mobile-app>

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/coaching-resources>

[Resources Library \(softball.ca\)](#)

## **2 Coach Approach/Mid Season Check ins**

If a Coach must address an issue with an athlete, we would like our coaches to use the 2 Coach approach. Always having 2 coaches present to private conversations with an athlete and in most cases the parent should be present as well so there is no miscommunication lines crossed between coach player and parent. We hope that this would foster more of a positive move forward for everyone if ever such a situation came about. We would also suggest all

coaches take time to hold mid season check ins with their players. Take the time to talk about what they are doing great and what they can focus on improving for the last half of your season. Let this be an open time for players to talk to the coach about how they are feeling about their season. It is amazing how much this empowers athletes to have their voice heard.

## **Coach Mentorship**

We would like to encourage any new, inexperienced and/or curious coaches to arrange time to attend practice with any of our more developed and experienced coaches to help guide them on how skills are taught and where to start with practice planning. If anyone is interested in this, please reach out to the Coach Development Coordinator: Pam Kydd [stormsoftballcoachdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:stormsoftballcoachdevelopment@gmail.com) , for how we can support the new coaches in this way.

## **First Aid Kits**

For the 2026 Softball Season teams will be responsible for providing their own first aid kits (these can be as simple or complex as you like and can be paid for through team fees). A team manager can help organize these types of team's needs.

## **Team Photos**

Once again, we are excited to have Glen's Lens arrange a team photo day sometime in May for all teams to have their photos done. More information will come on this as far as what dates and how to sign up for your team's timeslot. The cost of team photos is **not** covered by Storm Softball and is something that each team pays for themselves. This is a cost you should be working into your team fees at beginning of the season. Keep an eye out for further needed info on this. In the past a basic photo package is about \$30ish a person.

## **Possible Tournaments**

Check out link below for possible tournaments in your division and don't wait to register for any that you might be interested in attending. Please note that any teams attending tournaments outside of province should seek a Travel Permit from Softball SK, also on their website under forms. <https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/softballsaskatchewan/files/2026%20Travel%20Permit.pdf>

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/in-province-tournaments>

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/out-of-province-tournaments>

## **Further information and resources**

Link below is Softball SK website. Much more useful information for coaches, players, parents can be found here. Please take the time to check it out. <https://www.softball.sk.ca/>

## Athlete Era App – skill/practice planning information for coaches

### **INFO AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATHLETE ERA APP RESOURCE**

In this link you will find video's on how to join a team for coaches, join a team for parents, finding drill, skills & plans, practice plans, etc. <http://marketing.athleteera.app/academy>

We are very excited to provide this excellent resource for all coaches in Saskatchewan!!

<https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/softball-mobile-app>

### **Custom Team Clothing and/or Jerseys**



Any team is of course allowed to order what they want for custom jerseys/practice shirts/jackets or whatever you wish. Our only requirement is that you are not allowed to make your own logo for game worn jerseys. Anything worn on field for games must have the original Storm Softball Logo on it.

### **Umpire information**

Storm Softball will reimburse the clinic fees for those who umpire games for the league. You must be 12 yrs of age or older to umpire and we would gladly welcome any adults as well! This is a great opportunity to earn some extra cash and give back to the sport of softball! All ages welcome!

FYI info Umpire Coordinator:

*Umpires are booked through Ramp. I will reach out to the coach 24 hrs in advance if we aren't able to book an umpire for a game. The umpires all know to contact me if they have an emergency and I'm able to communicate with the coach directly if this occurs/someone is running late.*

*I do have a list of older umpires through RMSL if we aren't able to secure them for our U15 and U17 Games. Both associations have a small group of them.*

*Some clarification on payment:*

- 1. Umpires are paid **\$TBD** each for each game to be paid in cash at the end of the game. If there is only 1 umpire, they receive the full **\$TBD**. This is incentive for umpires to book themselves into games and aligns with Broncos Baseball.*
- 2. Reimbursement for umpire fees: please send reimbursement requests to Michelle Maystrowich at [michelle\\_lemon@hotmail.com](mailto:michelle_lemon@hotmail.com)*
- 3. Please include with the email the team, date and amount along with whom to etransfer.*

4. An e-transfer will be sent on certain dates for reimbursement. Will update as we have info.

If there are any questions; coaches/managers are welcome to reach out to me directly!

Kind Regards,

Umpire Coordinator

Wanda Pillipow 306-539-1226 wpillipow@yahoo.ca

Please see the info below for 2026 Umpire clinic signup information.

Whether you're a young adult (12 years of age or older), parent, retiree or just someone who loves the game, this is the perfect gig! There is a flexible on-line booking tool so you can choose the games that work for you, get paid cash each game and you get to be a part of an amazing sport in a supportive environment!

Sign up for the Umpire Clinic and let's get the ball rolling!

Date: April 26, 2026

Location: Pilot Butte Elementary School

Time: 8:30 am sign in - 3:00pm

Contact: Wanda 306-539-1226 for any questions or click on this information link to answer all your questions. <https://www.softball.sk.ca/content/umpire-registration-amp-clinics>

\*\*Umpires must pre-register on the Softball Sask website

\*\*If you are from our home organization, and umpire a certain number of games, you may be eligible for reimbursement of your course fees!

### New info on course setup:

There will be two parts to registering as an umpire in 2026. This includes all levels of Umpires.

**Step 1** – All umpires must register (once registration opens), pay the appropriate Reg, Fee and purchase a 2026/2027 SC Rule Book via RAMP on our Softball Saskatchewan website. Umpires must then complete all the nine online theory Lessons which can be done on a personal computer, laptop, tablet, or cell phone. The lessons are all separate so they can be completed in multiple sittings, and each one includes an assessment at the end which must be completed to receive credit for completing the lesson. After the last lesson, an email with a completion certificate will be emailed to the umpire to show the instructor at F2F clinic that all online theory lessons were completed. It is anticipated the online theory course will take about 3 hours.

**Step 2** – Attend one of our Face to Face (F2F) clinics to complete your certification. Umpires must present to the instructor at the F2F clinic their online theory completion certificate. The F2F clinic will last about 4-5 hours.

Once a lesson has been completed and the assessment at the end of the lesson has been completed successfully, an email will be sent to the umpire as well as your Provincial Umpire Committee and Softball Canada.

Exams will be done at the end of the F2F clinic.