



SOFTBALL ALBERTA
2017
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MOTIONS

ALL CATEGORIES

Motion 5/17	Moved By: Tom Clooney	Seconded by: Sherrill Spencer
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 61 Article VIII. Umpires & Fees B. 2.	
Motion:	Add in for UIC fees: 2 Teams \$50.00 / day 1 UIC	
Rationale:	The playoff format for 2 teams is the best of 3 – this does not require a full day commitment like other categories where there could be 6 game times in a day.	
		CARRIED

Motion 6/17	Moved By: Jim Portman	Seconded by: Doug Rayfield
Submitted by:	ZONE 7 - Doug Rayfield	
Reference:	ARTICLE VIII. UMPIRES & FEES	
Motion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to include a game rate in the S.A. Handbook for a 1-umpire system for occasions of a shortage of umpires or injury. - U19 & lower \$50 U21 & above \$60 SLO-PITCH \$50	
Rationale:		
	WITHDRAWN	

Motion 7/17	Moved By:	Seconded by:
Submitted by:	ZONE 7 - Doug Rayfield	
Reference:	ARTICLE VIII. UMPIRES & FEES C 2 page 62 Replace Meals are based on the following: Breakfast - \$10.00 Lunch - \$12.00 Supper - \$18.00	
Motion:	- to increase the meal per diems in the S.A. Handbook to \$45, the breakdown being \$10 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch and \$20 for supper.	
Rationale:		
WITHDRAWN		

MINOR

Motion 8/17	Moved By: Guylaine Chrystian	Seconded by: Grant Taylor
Submitted by:	Zone 6 - Guylaine Chrystian	
Reference:	Page 29 & 30 Section 5 Minor Category	
Motion:	Add f) U14 Category i) Co-ed teams may enter Provincials in the U14 Boys A & B categories. ii) Pitching distance will be is 40'. iii) Co-ed A teams not permitted to participate in Post-Provincial Play.	
Rationale:	To allow U14 Co-ed teams to play together for another 2 years. To hopefully prevent boys from dropping out because of not enough boys in a smaller geographical areas to have a team to play on who would like to participate in provincials. There are leagues who have mandated co-ed teams.	
CARRIED		

Motion 9/17	Moved By:	Seconded by:
Submitted by:	Aaron Clements – Zone 4	
Reference:	Page 43 13.b) *Renumber rest of section	
Motion:	U10 – No stealing allowed. Base runners can only advance if ball is batted or if forced to advance because of a base on balls, a batter being hit by a pitch or by catcher’s interference.	
Rationale:	As no catchers at this age category can throw out runners attempting to steal, once a runner reaches is first he is almost automatically at third or home each and every time. The only play the defense ever makes is to first base. And few if any of the players playing third base or shortstop can throw the ball to first base in time to get the batter/runner. Therefore there is minimal opportunities to get outs. If base runners couldn’t steal the defense could then make plays to second and or third which is more likely to result in an out. This would increase skill development, players would be more active on defense and the game would be more fun. Also the game would be more competitive and would take less time to complete.	
WITHDRAWN		

Motion 10/17	Moved By:	Seconded by:
Submitted by:	Aaron Clements – Zone 4	
Reference:	Page 43 13. d) *Renumber rest of section	
Motion:	U12 (C & D) – No stealing allowed. Base runners can only advance if - ball is batted, if forced to advance because of a base on balls, a batter being hit by a pitch or by catcher’s interference	
Rationale:	As few if any catchers at these age categories can throw out runners attempting to steal, once a runner reaches is first he is almost automatically at third or home each and every time. The only play the defense ever makes is to first base. And few if any of the players playing thirdbase or shortstop can throw the ball to first base in time to get the batter/runner. Therefore there is minimal opportunities to get outs. If base runners couldn’t steal the defense could then make plays to second and or third which is more likely to result invan out. This would increase skill development, players woud be more active on defense and the game would be more fun. Also the game would be more competitive and would take less time to complete.	
WITHDRAWN		

Motion 11/17	Moved By: Glen Hyshka	Seconded by: Kareena Zanolli
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 42 12 (b)	
Motion:	Add iii) [U14 categories] four (4) innings per game.	
Rationale:	Allows for the development of more pitchers in all categories as well as aligns our post provincial category (U14A) with the Western Canadian Softball Association and Softball Canada age category rules.	
		CARRIED

Motion 12/17	Moved By: Glen Hyshka	Seconded by: Sherrill Spencer
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 16 1. b	
Motion:	<p>Change “BOYS and GIRLS” to A & B</p> <p>Page 30 5. D (i) Add Jamboree after U10 to align with the motion (<i>The U10 Provincials and Jamboree....</i>)</p> <p>Page 42 12 b (i) Change Jamboree to “categories” for innings pitched. To align with the motion</p> <p>Page 39 5. Add Jamboree after U10 to align with the motion. (<i>The U10, Jamboree and ALL FP</i>)</p>	
Rationale:		
	WITHDRAWN	

Motion from the SP Workshop / 75% of the membership approved this motion to come from the floor and be discussed.		
Motion 14/17	Moved By: Kareena Zanolli	Seconded by: Terry Richter
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 37, J. EQUIPMENT	
Motion:	Insert item 4. b) b) All players, both male and female, are required to wear protective batting helmets (NOCSAE approved) while on deck, batting and running bases in Provincial competition. Pending outcome of Softball Canada SOR Notice of Motion #8 Previous item b.) renamed c.)	
Rationale:	Slo-pitch players have requested that the batting helmet requirement be separated from the original protective equipment motion.	
Amendment to the motion:	Moved by: Mike Semshuk Remove: "Pending outcome of Softball Canada SOR Notice of Motion #8"	Seconded by: Kent Jensen
Amendment		DEFEATED
Original Motion as presented:		CARRIED

Motion from the Umpire Workshop / 75% of the membership approved this motion to come from the floor and be discussed.		
Motion 15/17	Moved By: Mike Semchuk	Seconded by: Terry Richter
Submitted by:	Brad Lyon – Zone 4 Umpire Branch	
Reference:	Page 60 Article VII. TOURNAMENTS A.	
Motion:	ADD: Any request for a Tournament Sanction must include a copy of a "Request for Umpires" form, signed by an authorized representative of the local Umpire Branch. The Softball Alberta office will not process a Tournament Sanction request if the form is not included.	
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On various occasions, tournaments are scheduled and subsequently sanctioned without any prior notification to the local Umpire Branch. - In each Zone, there are certain weekends that are traditionally very busy for the local Umpire Branch, with longtime tournaments hosted by local associations/ leagues. - Requiring confirmation that the Umpire Branch has been contacted prior to submitting the Sanction request allows for any required discussion to have occurred well in advance about challenges with umpire availability on a particular weekend. 	
		CARRIED

Motion from the Minor Workshop / 75% of the membership approved this motion to come from the floor and be discussed.		
Motion 16/17	Moved By: Sharon Earl	Seconded by: Kent Jensen
Submitted by:	Zone 7 - Tracey Earl-Wolfe	
Reference:	PG 29 E. Provincials Rosters 5. MINOR Category b)	
Motion:	<p>Remove: All male teams and U16 and above female teams in categories NOT leading to Post Provincial Play may have on their roster up to two (2) overage players for the purposes of Provincial Play. These players can be affiliated players or pickups but may not play defensively as either a pitcher or catcher. Furthermore, these players must be players who are one year advanced from the current playing category of the team in question.</p> <p>Add c) All male divisions U14 to U23 be allowed to have a maximum of 2 overage players on their roster. These players must be players who are one year advanced from the current playing category of the team in question.</p> <p><i>Current c) becomes d)</i> <i>Current d) becomes e)</i> <i>Current e) becomes f)</i></p>	
Rationale:	<p>To encourage boys to keep playing softball, especially those that are 1 year older than the majority of their teammates. It will help build and sustain our already struggling boys program as you will not be looking for a player every year. It will also allow this player not to lose a year of experience every other year.</p> <p>You want to do it at all levels as this player would have put in time over the years as part of the team.</p>	
	CARRIED	

RECOMMENDATIONS

For discussion – Board of Directors

“EFFECTIVE 2018”

Minor

- U16 A Girls - Top 2 qualifying teams only will advance to the Canadian Championships. The next 2 qualifying teams will advance to Westerns.
- U19 A Girls – Top 2 qualifying teams only will advance to the Canadian Championships.

SOFTBALL CANADA – NOTICE OF MOTION



Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: **Softball Alberta**

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

SOR Fast Pitch

Page 236 Participant Eligibility and Residency

Article 1 – Eligibility & Penalties

1.1 Eligibility

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

Add H.

Players must have played in a minimum of 1 game in the Round Robin of the Championship in order to be eligible to play in the Championship Round.

RATIONALE

Teams are bringing in players only for the Championship Round or for 1 game, who have not played at all in the Round Robin games. Usually this type of player is a pitcher that would have significant impact in the Playoff and this seems to not be in the spirit of the competition. Men's ball has done this in the past in major competitions and it is now happening in Women's as well.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: **Softball Alberta**

REFERENCE : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

SOR Slo-Pitch

Page 249, Article 3.2 d)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

- d) The per team per game home run limit shall be:
 - i) Men and Master Men - 7
 - ii) Women and Coed - 5

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

Revision:

- d) The per team per game home run limit shall be:
 - i) Men, Master Men **and Women** – 7
 - ii) Coed – 5

RATIONALE

There is no reason to limit the women's division home run limit. The women's division is often played on smaller diamonds on which female players have the ability of hitting homeruns. This ability should not be not punished.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None

WESTERN CANADA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

2018 NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

PROPOSAL							
Please use full sentences. Type the change in its entirety even if you are only adding one word.							
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:			S.O.R.			2018	
Submitted by: SOFTBALL ALBERTA							
TYPE:	FAST PITCH	XX	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL
CHANGE IS:	Page 10, Article 2 - Age Restrictions - Add # 7						
CHANGE:	<p>All male divisions, U14 to U21, be allowed to have a maximum of 2 overage players per team. Furthermore, these players must be players who are one year advanced from the current playing category of the team in question.</p> <p>The NWT & Yukon exceptions can override this motion (ie. Stay as is)</p>						
RATIONALE	<p>To encourage boys to keep playing softball, especially those that are 1 year older than the majority of their teammates. It will help build and sustain our already struggling boys program as you will not be looking for a player every other year. It will also allow this player to not lose a year of experience every other year.</p> <p>You want to do it at all levels as this player would have put in time over the years as a part of the team.</p>						
All proposed changes must be submitted on this form. This form may be reproduced.							
SUBMIT BY DECEMBER 1, 2017							

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: ___ Carried ___ Amended ___ Withdrawn ___ Defeated