



## Canadian Championships Changes from the 2011 Softball Canada AGM

*Please note that this is a summary of the new special operating rules that will enter into play for future Canadian Championships. The entire wording of the special operating rule, is available in the SOR section of the rulebook and is also available at [www.softball.ca](http://www.softball.ca)*

- 1-Hosting fee for the U14 and U16 Girls will increase to \$6000 beginning in 2013.
- 2- A Hosting fee of \$5000 will be implemented for the Sr. Mens/Womens Canadian Slo-Pitch Championships beginning in 2013. There is one fee to host both events.
- 3- The hotel bond of \$1000 will be implemented immediately for the Slo-Pitch Championships. All teams will be required to stay in a tournament host hotel or lose their bond.
- 4-The Host fee is due in the Softball Canada office 2 weeks prior to the start of the Championship. If the fee is not received at this time, a fine of \$100/day will be charged for every day the fee is late. This fee will be taken out of the bid deposit.
- 5-No import player will be allowed to play in 2 separate Canadian Championships in the same year with 2 different provinces or territories.
- 6- Any team from Atlantic Canada attending the Canadian Slo-Pitch Championships can pick up to 5 players from anywhere in the Atlantic Region with Provincial/Territorial approval.
- 7-In Canadian Championships with 7, 8 or 9 teams, 6 teams will play in the Championship round with the top 4 having double life and the next 2 with a single life.
- 8-For the Slo-Pitch Championships, if a bat passes the initial compression test and fails later in the week it is confiscated from the player and is sent to the manufacturer for further testing. The player is suspended for 2 years if it is deemed to have been tampered with.
- 9-Slo-Pitch mercy rule will now be – 2 ½ or 3 by 25 or more runs, 3 ½ or or 4 is 20 or more runs and 4 ½ or 5 is by 15 or more runs.
- 10-There is no pickups allowed for the U14 Jamboree unless a team's roster falls below the minimum requirement of 11 players.
- 11-Softball Canada will implement various penalties to Coaches at the U14 jamboree who do not abide by the minimum innings played for all players.

12-The 2012 Championships will be considered open to all levels of teams whether it is A, B, C, Tier 1, Tier 2, select etc. Teams will be accepted based on Provincial/territorial approval with Softball Canada and each Host setting the limits based on diamonds, volunteer base etc. The format for all Championships will be determined by Softball Canada based on the number of teams attending. There will be intent to register forms available on the Softball Canada website to allow teams to express their interest in attending.

13-The Championship game (Gold Medal) will be considered complete after 5 innings of play if the game has to be called due to weather.

14- One of the registered coaches must be fully certified Level 2 – softball (theory, technical, practical) or Competition Introduction certified in the NCCP and must be in attendance at all games. The effective date is the 2014 season.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

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