



<b>Motion 7/11</b>	Moved By: Shelley Rudd	Seconded by: Dwayne Singer
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	page 14 C.1.b.v	
Motion:	Add to item C.1. b) (v) as follows:  <b>“, the out-of-province Release must be in the Softball Alberta office on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>.”</b>	
Rationale:	Housekeeping – This out-of-province release requires a time line for acceptance as “Deemed Bona Fide Residents”. Obtaining release just prior to or on roster deadline is an unacceptable practice for administration and has allowed players options of which province to play in.	
		<b>CARRIED</b>

<b>Motion 8/11</b>	Moved By: Al Shenduk	Seconded by: Mike Clancy						
Submitted by:	Board of Directors							
Reference:	Page 22 D. 1 & D. 2							
Motion:	<p>Replace items D.1 and D.2 with the following:</p> <p>D. COACHES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any team entering Provincials must have an NCCP Certified Softball coach listed on the team's Provincial Playoff Entry Form and the team's Provincial Roster by the roster deadline date or that team's application will be returned to the team. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Exempt categories are: U10, Slo-Pitch and Modified Orthodox FP.</li> <li>b. All FP categories not leading to Post-Provincial play require a "Community Sport On-Going" (Level 1) certification.</li> <li>c. All FP categories leading to Post-Provincial play require a "Competition Introduction" (Level 2) certification.</li> </ol> <p>FP categories leading to Post-Provincial play include:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="548 737 1377 793"> <tr> <td>U14 'A'</td> <td>U16 'A'</td> <td>U18 'A' &amp; 'B'</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U21 'A' &amp; 'B'</td> <td>SENIOR 'A' &amp; 'B'</td> <td>35+ / 40+ MASTERS</td> </tr> </table> </li> <li>d. <i>The "Certified Coach of record" must be indicated on the Provincial roster. The "Certified Coach of record" is permitted to sign only one roster per Provincial Playoff weekend.</i> <p><i>Effect: The "Certified Coach of record" will be recorded on one Provincial roster and removed from all other Provincial rosters for that Provincial Playoff weekend; those teams will require a new "Certified Coach of record".</i></p> </li> <li>e. A copy of the coach's 'Certification Card' or documentation is to accompany the Provincial Entry and the Provincial Roster forms.</li> <li>f. The "Certified Coach of record" must be in attendance at all games and on the team's bench during Provincials. If the "Certified Coach of record" is not in attendance, then: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. If a team arrives at the Provincial Playoffs without their Certified Coach, the team WILL BE allowed to play, however, NO person shall be allowed in the coaching boxes for their games.</li> <li>ii. <i>If another certified coach, certified for the applicable category, is in attendance and has the appropriate documentation, that coach may become the "Certified Coach of record",</i></li> <li>iii. <i>If a team's Certified Coach is ejected from a game and they do not have an alternate, the team WILL BE allowed to continue play, however, NO person shall be allowed in the coaching boxes during the remainder of that game.</i> <p><i>Effect: (Items i. and iii.) When the Certified Coach is not in attendance and coaches are used in the coaching boxes, the game will be a forfeit.</i></p> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The total number of signed coaches and managers for a Provincial team shall not exceed four (4): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. On the Provincial Roster <b>** All coaches listed on a provincial roster, regardless of certification level MUST HAVE the Making Ethical Decisions Module (by 2013) ,</b></li> <li>b. <i>In attendance at games and on the team's bench during Provincials,</i></li> <li>c. <i>Alternate coaches may be designated during the team's initial sign-in at the Provincial Play-offs.</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Managers and coaches MAY NOT participate as players unless they are so registered.</li> </ol>		U14 'A'	U16 'A'	U18 'A' & 'B'	U21 'A' & 'B'	SENIOR 'A' & 'B'	35+ / 40+ MASTERS
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U21 'A' & 'B'	SENIOR 'A' & 'B'	35+ / 40+ MASTERS						

<p>Amendment to the Motion:</p>	<p>Moved by: Dwayne Singer                      Seconded By: Brad Martin</p> <p>Add to f. i. <i>until their certified coach arrives and signs in.</i></p> <p>Motion section now reads: i. <i>If a team arrives at the Provincial Playoffs without their Certified Coach, the team WILL BE allowed to play, however, NO person shall be allowed in the coaching boxes for their games until their certified coach arrives and signs in.</i></p> <p>Amendment to the Motion: CARRIED</p>
<p>Rationale:</p>	<p>Clarification around the coaching issues – Certified Coach of record, repercussions, and coaches on roster and on bench.</p>
<p>Motion as amended: <span style="float: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></span></p>	

<p><b>Motion 9/11</b></p>	<p>Moved By: Shelley Rudd</p>	<p>Seconded by: Dwayne Singer</p>
<p>Submitted by:</p>	<p>Board of Directors</p>	
<p>Reference:</p>	<p>Page 39, item 5.</p>	
<p>Motion:</p>	<p>Replace the TIE BREAKER GAMES section with:</p> <p>6. TIE BREAKER GAMES</p> <p>a) The above criteria ranking establishes the standing after completion of the round robin.</p> <p>b) If there exists a tie for the last playoff position; tie breaker games between these teams will be played, with ranking used to determine pairings in the first round, as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i) Number of games played will be equal to number of teams minus one.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii) If odd number of teams, the team ranked highest receives a bye in the first round.</p> <p>c) If no tiebreaker games are required, then the playoff round may begin in the time slots reserved for tie breaker games.</p>	
<p>Rationale:</p>	<p>Deleting the words “after the win/loss criteria” and replacing “includes” with “exists for”. This is to clarify that after all teams have been ranked and there remain teams with a similar win/loss record for the last playoff position that tie breaker games will occur. This is to clarify that after all teams have been ranked and there remain teams with a similar win/loss record for the last playoff position that tie breaker games will occur.</p>	
		<p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<p><b>Motion 10/11</b></p>	<p>Moved By: Shelley Jones</p>	<p>Seconded by: Mike Hrynenko</p>
<p>Submitted by:</p>	<p>Board of Directors</p>	
<p>Reference:</p>	<p>Page 39, item 4.c</p>	
<p>Motion:</p>	<p>Add item “<b>iv) Positions settled with a coin toss.</b>”</p>	
<p>Rationale:</p>	<p>Continue to have a “Coin Toss” as a deciding factor if all others are equal.</p>	
		<p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

# MINOR

Motion 11/11	Moved By:	Seconded by:
Submitted by:	Zone 4	
Reference:		
Motion:	<p>If a player decides to play outside his/her zone, he/she must obtain permission in the form of a <b>ZONE DECLARATION</b>. Zone Declarations must be signed by the District Organizer of the zone the player is leaving and by the the District Organizer of the zone the player is going to play in.</p> <p>The zone declaration must be carried to the Zone Playoffs and/or Provincials.</p> <p>Example: A player living outside the city of Calgary can play in the Calgary provided they obtain a zone declaration.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the team to produce the zone declaration upon demand.</p> <p>Effect: Should a player/team be unable to produce a zone declaration, the player in question will be declared ineligible.</p>	
Rationale:	Track player movement as now they can sign a roster anywhere within province, would help prevent someone signing a roster in two different zones	
		<b>WITHDRAWN</b>



<b>Motion 13/11</b>	Moved By: Shelley Jones	Seconded by: Al Shenduk
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 15 4.c.iii	
Motion:	<p>Insert to item {4.c} (iii)} after “one (1) year” and before “prior to” as follows</p> <p>“ . . . year (or {minors only} a resident of Alberta on January 1st of the current calendar year) prior to. . .”</p> <p>AND Replace “prior to the roster deadline.” with “prior to the dates of the Post Provincial Championship in which they wish to participate.”</p>	
Rationale:	<p>Minor players are at the mercy of their parent’s relocation and should not be penalized the full year. The second portion is to match the requirement of Softball Canada’s qualifications.</p>	
		<b>CARRIED</b>

## FASTPITCH

<b>Motion 14/11</b>	Moved By: Dwayne Singer	Seconded by: Shelley Rudd
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 62, item 1	
Motion:	<p>Add to the Exception “<b>and all categories not leading to post-Provincial play</b>”.</p>	
Rationale:	<p>This a move to increase the roster size of the Intermediate categories to a roster of 20 players. Increasingly, the Intermediate teams are filling their rosters to the maximum 17 players and still struggling to have a full roster on the Friday and Saturday. Thus use of the Injury Replacement is becoming more prevalent to ensure just enough players are available for the Provincial. Often, the younger players cannot take the Friday off work; then on Saturdays, family becomes a higher priority for the more senior players.</p>	
		<b>CARRIED</b>

# SLO-PITCH

<b>Motion 15/11</b>	Moved By: Mike Hrynenko	Seconded by: Al Shenduk
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 45, item G.	
Motion:	<p>For information only, item 1 will be revised to read:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Qualifying teams who will be attending the Western Canadian or Canadian Championships will be given travel assistance to attend the Championships. This travel assistance will be determined annually at the discretion of Softball Alberta.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Qualifying teams for Western or Canadian Championship travel assistance include:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Provincial Champions in respective categories</li><li>ii. Defending Canadian Champions</li></ol></li><li>b. Championship Entry fees and applicable taxes are deducted from the travel assistance.</li></ol></li></ol> <p><b>Replace the “Slo-Pitch” section (3) with the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. The qualifying team of a Slo-Pitch Provincial Championship will receive the travel assistance in the year of attending the Post-Provincial event.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The funding will be forfeited if:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. The qualifying team chooses not to attend,</li><li>ii. A period of two years elapses from the year of the Provincial Championship at which the qualification was earned.</li></ol></li><li>b. The travel fee portion of the Provincial Entry fees will be reimbursed to all teams of the qualifying Slo-Pitch Provincial Championship if the Post-Provincial event is not held.</li></ol></li></ol>	
Rationale:	Clarification of the original intent. The current write-up is not interpreted the same as the original intent.	
		<b>CARRIED</b>

# MOTIONS TO THE WESTERN CANADIAN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Motion #1. - [Ref: WCSA SORS]

[All]

Motion:

**“To correct the ‘errors and/or omissions’ from past AGM motions which were omitted or are in error in the 2010/11 Handbook”**

- Change all references to Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Junior categories to use **“Unn”** nomenclature (U14, U16, U18, U21),
- Page 15 – B. 5, 6, 7 Add the wording **“years of age”** after the numeric age for the U16, U18 and U21 categories,
- Page 16 – 2.c) “. . . then **the** full \$500.00 penalty is allocated to the **host** Province/Territory.”,
- Page 18 – H.1.d. **“Only whole numbers. . .”**,
- Page 26 – 16. **“. . . in all Round Robin and Championship games.”**

**Page 16 - Suggest a slight wording/formatting revision to item C.2:**

2. Any Provincial/Territory who withdraws an entry in any Western Canadian Championship after June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year, will be assessed a \$500.00 penalty.
  - a. This penalty will be split by the hosting Provincial/Territory and the W.C.S.A

EFFECT: If the penalty is not received by the W.C.S.A. by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year, then the defaulting Provincial/Territory will be ineligible to participate in the respective category the following year.

  - b. Once the draw is complete and approved by the Draw Master and a team withdraws:
    - i. The Province/Territory of the team withdrawing has 24 hours to find a replacement team,
    - ii. Then, the Host Province/Territory has 24 hours, the 2<sup>nd</sup> option, to find a replacement team.
  - c. If a team withdraws within one (1) week of the start of the Championship and no replacement team is found, the hosting Provincial/Territory will receive the full amount of the penalty.

Rationale: Sometimes typos or translations get edited into the handbook, which are not picked up until the Western events occur and the details of the handbook gets attention.

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Motion #2. - [Ref: WCSA SORS Page 17 E.2]

[All]

Motion:

**“To add to the certified coach paragraph: ‘that the certified coach / manager must be in attendance at all games and on the team’s bench.’”** *(The replaces: the statement that the coach just needs to be in “attendance at the Championship.”)*

- Sentence will now read: **“This coach/manager must be in attendance at all games and on the team’s bench.”**

Rationale: Follows wording in the Softball Canada Rulebook – to control where the coach actually is located during games.

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**Motion #3.** - [Ref: WCSA SORS Page 20 K.2]

[All]

**Delete item 2.**

Rationale: This item targets only one category and contradicts what is laid out in the Championship format of item 1. What is required is an item to cover when a double-round-robin is used (e.g. 4 teams or less).

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**Motion #4.** - [Ref: WCSA SORS Page 19 K.1]

[All]

Add draw option:

**“FOUR TEAMS OR LESS**

**Each team will play a double round-robin. The top two teams advance to a one game playoff.”**

And change “SEVEN TEAMS OR LESS” to “**FIVE TO SEVEN TEAMS**”, plus DELETE “ENTERED” from all of the draw types.

Rationale: Clarifies when a double-round-robin is used.

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**Motion #5.** - [Ref: WCSA SORS Page 18 G.2]

[All]

Add sentence after the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence as follows:

**“Bronze medallions in the Adult categories are only awarded where four or more teams advance from the qualifying round.”**

Rationale: Simply entering a team into Westerns should NOT qualify a team for medallions, they should earn the medallion. (E.g. 2011 – three teams in Women’s Masters!)

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**Motion #6.** - [Ref: WCSA SORS Page 21 K.5 “Tie Breaker Games” a)]

[All]

Replace entire section with:

**“TIE BREAKER GAMES**

- a) **The above criteria ranking establishes the standing after completion of the round robin.**
- b) **If there is a tie for the last playoff position; tie breaker games between these teams will be played, with ranking used to determine pairings in the first round, as follows:**
  - i) **Number of games played will be equal to number of teams minus one.**
  - ii) **If odd number of teams, the team ranked highest receives a bye in the first round.**
- c) **If no tiebreaker games are required, then the playoff round may begin in the time slots reserved for tie breaker games.”**

Rationale: This is to clarify that after all teams have been ranked and there remain teams with a similar win/loss record for the last playoff position that tie breaker games will occur. Removes “after the win/loss criteria” and “or the right to play for the gold, silver or bronze medal” which do not provide clarity. Point “b. All other positions will be settled by a coin toss.” appears to be out of place and is deleted in the above.

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**Motion #7.** - [Ref: WCSA SORS Page 20 K.5 c)]

[All]

Add item **“iv) Positions settled with a coin toss.”**

Rationale: Continue to have a “Coin Toss” as a deciding factor if all others are equal.

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Add to 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence after “prohibited” “prohibited *in the dugout or playing field area* during”

Rationale: Need to be clearer as to where smoking is prohibited – not enforceable as written.

**SUBMIT THE ABOVE WCSA MOTIONS TO THE WCSA AGM**

Moved by: Brian Gouthreau

Seconded by: Bonnie Gostola

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Submitted by: Zone 2

- Run the u14 and higher Provincials later in the month of July. No need to have them all over with by the first 2 weeks of July / it allows for the Umpires and teams to be spread out. Some older categories were done in the first week of July and never played again. This would lengthen their season a bit.
- Maybe time to put the face mask into play in minor levels. Seeing allot players using it.

**Motions from the floor:**

<b>Motion 16/11</b>	Moved By: Brett Harvie	Seconded by: Mark Paulson
Submitted by:	Zone 7	
Motion:	That Softball Alberta convene a committee to review the existing zone structure and/or boundaries and prepare a detail plan for zone transfers for approval at the 2012 AGM.	
Rationale:	- review whether our existing zone boundaries are appropriate -determine guidelines & requirements for player transfers	
		<b>CARRIED</b>

<b>Motion 17/11</b>	Moved By: Sharon Falk	Seconded by: Ross Towers
Submitted by:	Zone 4	
Reference:	Page 31, #17	
Motion:	That all zone playoff games have a 1 hour and forty five minute time limit.	
Rationale:	- Too confusing - On a 5 team draw, 2 games would be 1 hr. & 45 minutes and 3 games would be 2 hrs.	
		<b>CARRIED</b>

<b>Motion 18/11</b>	Moved By: Terry Richter	Seconded by: Gord MacAlpine
Submitted by:	Zone 5	
Reference:	Page 67, 9. b.	
Motion:	ADD: UIC / DUIC fees 10 or less teams - \$50 / day 11 - 20 teams - \$100 / day 21 + teams - \$150 / day	
Rationale:	This is already being charged. More clarification for the hosts	
		<b>CARRIED</b>

Recommendation from the floor:

Submitted by: Zone 8

Effective in 2012 – To reduce the cor. of the ball in fastpitch for provincial play. Ball not to exceed a cor. of 44

Rationale – Safety of the defensive player

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