



EXTRA INNINGS

**SOFTBALL
ALBERTA**

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SOFTBALL ALBERTA: CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

A long time ago, in a land far, far away... Fine, it was here. Way back in 1931 an organization was formed... 75 years later it is still going strong. Now in 2006, Softball Alberta (Alberta Amateur Softball Association) will mark their 75TH Anniversary.

To celebrate, there will be special events and fundraisers for our membership taking place throughout the year. The biggest celebration of the year will be on the evening of Saturday, October 14th when the 2006 Annual Awards Banquet and Hall of Fame inductions will take place at the Palace Banquet facility in Edmonton. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Softball Alberta is pleased to announce the following individuals and team will be inducted into the Softball Alberta Hall of Fame this year.

- Officials category - Al Shenduk*
- Team category - Ardrossan Hen House Coiffures Midget Girls*
- Sport Builder category - Linda Edey & Howard Singer*
- Athlete category - Ray McMillan*

Please continue to check our website for all the ongoing activities and events around Alberta. From provincial playoffs, to Western Championships, from "Learn-to-Play" and "Best Ever" camps to Alberta Summer Games, there is a lot going on this summer. So Don't Miss Out!!! For more information on the banquet, please call Michele at (780) 461-7735.



**75TH ANNIVERSARY
PINS ARE NOW ON SALE
FOR \$2.00 EACH**

SOFTBALL ALBERTA WRISTBANDS ARE HOT!!!



As the hot, new trend continues to grow, Softball Alberta has introduced its own specialized wristband. Coloured in our traditional Alberta blue, the wristband is engraved with "SOFTBALL ALBERTA," along with a softball engraved on each size of the logo. Available now in both a youth size and adult size. This item has become a hot commodity and is selling fast. Wristbands are selling for \$2.00 a piece. Contact us at (780) 461 - 7735 for discount prices on bulk orders. Order yours today!

"In sports, part of the game is accepting the umpire's call, no matter how hard that might be. Sometimes the calls go your way, and sometimes they don't." -Dr. Dot Richardson

NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS — JUNIOR MEN

Softball Canada will be holding a tryout for the Junior Men's National Team. It will be at the Leduc Elks Ball Diamonds on June 24th. The fee for attending will be \$30.00. For more information please call Jim Jones at (780) 986 - 6432.



CAMROSE MINOR BALL — PARMALAT LTP WINNER

Congratulations to Camrose Minor Ball. They have been awarded second place in the Parmalat LTP Best Practices Program for 2005-06. In recognition of the innovative way their association has promoted and ran a **Parmalat Learn To Play Program** over the 2005 season, Camrose Minor Ball will be given \$1000.00 in credit to be used to purchase equipment from Home Run Sports based in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



WESTERNS IN CALAHOO & STRATHMORE

This summer, Alberta will be the host of two 2006 Western Canadian Championships. The Pee Wee "A" Boys and Girls Western will be held August 4 - 7 in the hamlet of Calahoo (RR 276 and HWY 37, west of Edmonton). And the Junior "B" Women's Western will be held August 17 - 20 in the town of Strathmore (on HWY 1, east of Calgary). So far, the Pee Wee's website is up (www.calahoo.org). The Junior's is to be up shortly.



For more information contact their organizers

PEE WEE: Shelley Gadoury gadoury5@cruzinternet.com

JUNIOR "B": Mary Ann (403) 934 - 0093

PEE WEE & BANTAM SOFTBALL SUMMER CAMP

Softball Alberta is holding a week long summer camp for any player Pee Wee or Bantam aged who would like to develop his or her skills and techniques and improve themselves as a player.

The camp will include 4 days of instructional drills that will cover things such as infielding, outfielding, base running, hitting, pitching and catching. As well as there will be a half of day of games which will take place on the last day.

The camp will take place in Camrose, Alberta at Kin Park on July 17-21, 2006. More information is available on our website be sure to check it out and register early as the number of participants will be limited.

LEVEL 1 CERTIFIED COACH NEEDED FOR PROVS

Any team entering provincial playoffs, must have a level 1 NCCP Certified Softball (Theory, Technical, Practical) coach participating with the team. If the team has entered a category that leads to post provincial play, then that coach must be level 2 certified. The certified coach must be listed on the team's provincial playoff entry form and the team roster or that said teams application will be returned to them. A copy of the coach's 'Certification Card' or documentation is to accompany the registration form. Please see the 2006 Official Handbook for details on the requirements of each category.

If a team arrives at the provincial playoffs without a Level 1/2 certified softball coach with the team, provided that they have a Level 1/2 certified softball coach listed on their roster, the team WILL BE allowed to play, however, no one shall be allowed in the coaching boxes during the entire game for that team.

PROVINCIAL DEADLINES

- **JUNE 1**—Deadline for team entry to Provincial Playoffs (ALL CATEGORIES)
- **JUNE 1**—Deadline for team's 'Letter of Intent' & Bond for all categories that advance to post provincial play
- **JUNE 15**—Deadline for MINOR TEAM roster submission for Provincial Playoffs
- **JUNE 30**—Deadline for ADULT TEAM roster submission for Provincial Playoffs

JUNE 2006



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1 PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION & LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15 DEADLINE FOR MINOR TEAM ROSTERS	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 JUNE 30—DEADLINE FOR ADULT TEAM ROSTERS MITE "A" & "B" BOYS, SQUIRT "A" & "B" BOYS PEE WEE "C" GIRLS MITE "A" & "B" GIRLS SQUIRT "A" & "B" GIRLS PEE WEE "D" GIRLS	JULY 1	2 IRMA IRMA CALGARY LLOYDMINSTER STETTLER

PROVINCIAL HOSTS STILL NEEDED

Softball Alberta is still looking for hosts for the following championships:

PEE WEE "B" BOYS
BANTAM "B" BOYS

MIDGET "B" GIRLS
MIDGET "D" GIRLS
MIDGET "B" BOYS

JUNIOR "A" MEN
JUNIOR "B" WOMEN
JUNIOR "C" WOMEN

If you or someone you know may want to host some of these events, call your District Organizer for more information or give Michele a call at (780) 461-7735. Hosting info/application can be found on our website.

**"I know you've heard it a thousand times before. But it's true--hard work pays off.
If you want to be good, you have to practice, practice, practice.
If you don't love something, then don't do it." -- Ray Bradbury**

JULY 2006



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
3 HOLIDAY	4	5	6	7 BANTAM "B" GIRLS BANTAM "D" GIRLS BANTAM "A" BOYS MASTERS MEN FP, MASTERS WOMEN FP MIDGET "A" BOYS	8	9 CAMROSE HANNA CALGARY CALGARY GRANDE PRAIRIE
10	11	12	13	14 BANTAM "A", MIDGET "A" GIRLS JR. "A", SR. "A", SR. "B" WOMEN INT. "B", INT. "C", SR. "A" & SR. "B" MEN PEE WEE "A" BOYS & GIRLS SQUIRT "C", BANTAM "C", MIDGET "C" GIRLS PEE WEE "B" GIRLS SR. MEN SP, SR. WOMEN SP	15	16 LEDUC LEDUC LLOYDMINSTER CALGARY SHERWOOD PARK SHERWOOD PARK LETHBRIDGE
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 INTERMEDIATE "B" & "C" WOMEN JUNIOR "B" MEN	29	30 AIRDRIE CALAHOO
31	1 HOLIDAY	2	3	4	5	6

SLO-PITCH CANADA COMBAT CHALLENGE

Softball Canada, in association with Softball Alberta, is proud to launch the first ever Slo-Pitch Canada Combat Challenge. Presented by Combat, the event will take place August 18th to August 20th, 2006 at the Softball Valley Complex in Lethbridge Alberta. Open to any team from any league Softball Canada is looking to attract over one hundred teams nationwide to participate in these recreational championships. The tournament will feature Men's, Women's and Co-Ed divisions competing at the C, D and E levels.



The Softball Valley Complex is a newly designed, state-of-the-art facility, consisting of ten ball diamonds, a recreational facility and beach volley ball courts. Participating teams will be guaranteed three games in the round robin and all participants will be invited to compete in the Combat Home Run Derby. Also, subject to Team Combat's availability, Combat will host a hitting clinic and a home run show.



Softball Canada is now accepting registrations for this event. If your team would like to participate in the event, please complete the registration form on the Softball Canada website (<http://www.softball.ca>) and return it with your registration fee of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) to Softball Canada. The first ten teams to register in each division will receive a fifty dollar (\$50) discount on their entry fee.

2006 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pee Wee Girls FP:	Brantford, Ontario	August 9-13	
Bantam Girls FP:	St. Catharines	August 16-20	www.bantamgirls06.com
Midget Girls FP:	Guelph, Ontario	August 6-13	www.girlsfastpitch.ca
Midget Boys FP:	Prince Albert, SK	August 6-13	
Junior Women's	FP: Île Perrot (Montréal), Qué	August 6-12	www.quebecnational.com
Junior Men's FP:	Saint-Léonard-d'Aston, Qué	July 30 – Aug 6	www.juniorhommes2006.ca
Senior Women's FP:	Île Perrot (Montréal), Qué,	August 8-13	www.quebecnational.com
Senior Men's FP:	Prince George, BC,	Aug 27 - Sept 3	www.canadians2006.net
Sr. Men's & Women's SP:	Surrey, BC,	August 14-19	
Co-Ed/Master Men's 40+ SP:	Open for bids	August 16-19	

2006 Western Canadian Championships

Pee Wee Girls & Boys	Calahoo, AB	August 4 - 7	www.calahoo.org
Bantam Girls & Boys	Port Alberni, BC	August 4 - 7	
Midget B Girls & Boys	Unity, SK	August 4 - 7	
Junior B Men & Women	Strathmore, AB	August 17 - 20	
Senior B FP Men & Women	Carnduff, SK	August 17 - 20	
Masters FP Men & Women	Whitehorse, YK	August 4 - 7	

2006 LETTER OF INTENT

The Original form and payment must be sent in to Softball Alberta by June 1st, 2006. Please note that this form requires two signatures. This form is for all disciplines, fast-pitch and slo-pitch. A bond cheque must accompany this form for any team wishing to participate in a Post-Provincial Championship.

For teams entering a category that leads to a Western Canadian Championship, a \$500.00 bond is required from that them. For teams entering a category that leads to a Canadian Championship , a \$1000.00 bond is required from that them.

This bond cheque will be cashed and returned to the team after they do not qualify to attend OR after the actual Western Canadian or Canadian Championship is completed. The bond shall be forfeited if your team cancels out of attending the Post-Provincial Championship after qualifying. If another team cannot be found as a replacement, the bond will be used to pay the fine levied by the Western Canadian Softball Association or Softball Canada for canceling out of the Championship.

In the past, we have had teams that would not declare their intention to attend until just prior to the championship. This does not allow Softball Alberta enough time to include the "extra" teams that may want to attend and may be able to, based on the WCSA or CASA pro-rata system. Simply meaning: that if one of the other provinces opts not to send additional teams, Alberta needs to be prepared in order that we may do so.

Thank you for your diligence in this matter. Failure to return this form on time may mean fewer teams attending the Western / Canadian Championships in 2006.

The "Letter of Intent" form can be found on our website at the following link:
<http://www.softballalberta.ca/forms/pdfs/2006%20letter%20of%20intent.pdf>

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS HOST HOTELS

New this year, there will be a "Host Hotel Commitment" clause at the Canadian Championships. All teams attending a Canadian Championship are now required to stay at the host hotel.

This means that if any form of paid accommodation is used by any team member, it must be the host hotel, otherwise the team is in default and will be fined \$1,000 by Softball Canada. Softball Alberta will use the team bond process that is already in place for participation requirements so an 'additional' bond of \$1000 is not needed.

Teams are still required to fill out the "Letter of Intent" and have it and their bond submitted to Softball Alberta by June 1.