



# 2021 SOFTBALL ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, President Shelley Rudd, called the meeting to order on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

|                 |                  |            |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| President       | Shelley Rudd     |            |                  |
| Director        | Sherrill Spencer | Zone 1 D.O | Gloria Gouthreau |
| Director        | Tom Clooney      | Zone 3 D.O | Blaine Rudd      |
| Director        | Kareena Zanolli  | Zone 4 D.O | Sharon Falk      |
| Director        | Glen Hyshka      | Zone 5 D.O | Kelly Proskow    |
| Director        | Peter Gogich     | Zone 6 D.O | Will Spreadbury  |
| Umpire in Chief | Terry Richter    | Zone 7 D.O | Sharon Earl      |

### CONFIRMATION OF VOTING DELEGATES

Saturday, Oct 16 - confirmed the voting strength to be at 41

Chair: Section 4.7 of the Softball AB Bylaws state, "A quorum at ALL meetings shall be a majority of the voting Members there assembled". I hereby declare that there is a quorum and that this Meeting of the Softball AB members is in session.

## 2. AGENDA

Chair: The agenda was circulated to all members in advance of the AGM.

*Are there any questions regarding the agenda?*

Chair: We will move forward with the agenda as circulated.

## 3. APPROVAL OF 2020 AGM MINUTES

Chair: A copy of the minutes from the October 2020 AGM have been circulated to the members in advance of this meeting.

Are there any corrections to the minutes?

Hearing none, and if there are no objections, the minutes of the October 2020 AGM will be approved.

Chair: The minutes as circulated are approved.

## 4. REPORTS

Chair: The following Reports were circulated to the members in advance of this meeting. Those reports include:

- Executive Reports
- District Organizer Reports
- Programs/Games Report
- Hall of Fame Report

Chair: All members have received the reports.

*Are there any questions regarding the Reports?*

Hearing none, and if there are no objections, the Reports will be approved.

## 5. APPROVAL OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Chair: The 2020 Audited Financial Statement was distributed to the members prior to the AGM. The Statements were prepared by the Associations' Auditor – Marsha Smalley. Marsha will speak to those statements.

*Are there any questions regarding the 2020 Audited Financial Statement?*

Chair: The 2020 Audited Financial Statement as circulated is approved.

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Director of Finance – Sherrill Spencer went over the year to date 2021 Financial Statements. Current year to date 2021 Financial Statements were reviewed by the members.

*Are there any questions regarding the 2021 year to date Financial Statement?*

Chair: The 2021 year to date Financial Statement were received by the members.

**(The meeting is now "Adjourned to a continued meeting on Oct 17, starting at 10:00 am MT")**

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**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am**

### Procedures

*The voting scrutineer for today's meeting is Jason Robinson from the Sport Law & Strategy Group. Jason will be acting as our voting administrator & all voting will take place on the online voting platform Simply Voting, which is a credible and authenticated third-party voting platform. Jason has ensured that all registered voters are entered on the system, and that weighted voting is properly accounted for and tabulated within the system. Jason is also a Certified Parliamentarian and will assist the Chair and the members in following our identified parliamentary procedure, which is Robert's Rules of Order.*

### Confirmation of voting delegates:

Sunday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - confirmed the voting strength to be at 41

## Motions

# SLO-PITCH

|                    |  |                             |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Motion 2/21</b> | Moved By: Cheryl Bali-Haubrich   | Seconded by: Dave Dansereau |
| Submitted by:      | Cheryl Bali-Haubrich – Zone 3  |                             |
| Reference:         | Article III Section E Provincial Rosters 7. Adult Slo-pitch Category a) Team roster is a maximum of twenty (20) players.   |                             |
| Motion:            | Change 7a. to read – Team roster sizes will be as follows:<br>Men's                                      Min. 12    Max. 17<br>Women's                                    Min. 12    Max. 20<br>Coaches and Managers                Min. 1      Max. 4 |                             |

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|------------|---|----------------|
| Rationale: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brings Softball Alberta's rule into line with Softball Canada's rule.</li> <li>• Prevent teams adding 3 names to their roster so other teams could not list them with no intention of taking those three to a Canadian Championship</li> <li>• Hinders forming new teams and the growth of our sport. If all teams added the 3 extra players (example 2021 there were 9 men's teams X 3 additional players = 27 players. Well on our way to adding 2 new teams to Provincials).</li> </ul> |                |
|            |   | <b>CARRIED</b> |

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|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Motion 3/21</b> | Moved By: Cheryl Bali-Haubrich  | Seconded by: Will Spreadbury |
| Submitted by:      | Cheryl Bali-Haubrich – Zone 3   |                              |
| Reference:         | Article III Provincial Playoffs Section N: Game Procedures 13. Other Category Specific Rules Adult SP Categories  |                              |
| Motion:            | <p>Add the following - Temporary Runner: Is legal for a pitcher who gets on base.</p> <p>The following provisions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Is optional except with two outs at which times it becomes mandatory.</li> <li>b) The temporary runner may be any player on the line-up card who is not on base at the time of application (even if they have previously been in the game and cannot legally re-enter the game) but cannot be a player who has been ejected or removed from the game for a violation of the rules.</li> <li>c) The player who finishes the previous defensive innings in the pitching position (or is designated as the pitcher in the line-up card for the home team's first inning at bat) is the only player eligible to have a temporary runner.</li> <li>d) Re-entry and substitution rules are waived for the temporary runner.</li> <li>e) If the temporary runner is on base and due to bat, they shall be replaced by another eligible player without penalty.</li> </ul> |                              |
| Rationale:         | Currently Softball Canada's rule point A says it is mandatory regardless of the number of outs. We are asking Softball Canada to change point A to match above because it allows the teams to utilize their player's ability. This does not penalize teams that have a pitcher that is a good base runner but continues to speed up the game by making it mandatory with 2 outs.  |                              |
|                    |   | <b>CARRIED</b>               |

## MINOR

|                    |   |                            |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Motion 4/21</b> | Moved By: Ryan Webber   | Seconded by: Terry Richter |
| Submitted by:      | Ryan Webber – Zone 6  |                            |
| Reference:         | Section J, Subsection 2 Page 36, Minor Category: i) & ii)   |                            |
| Motion:            | <p>(Amended in the workshop)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Change U16 to U15</li> <li>ii) Change <b>U19 to U17</b></li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Shoes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) (U15 and Under) Metal cleats are NOT allowed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                            |

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|------------|--|---------|
|            | ii) (U17 and Above) Metal cleats ARE permitted, provided the facility allows them. Cleats must not extend more than 2.0 cm (3/4") from the sole or heel of the shoe.   |         |
| Rationale: | Allow players to start using metal cleats at an earlier age.<br>Baseball allows 14U youth and above to wear metal cleats.<br>Previously a 17 yr old player moving up from the U16 category to U19, would have been able to wear them – NOW with the U16 age category changing to U17, they will not able to wear them. |         |
|            |  | CARRIED |

## MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

|   |                       |                          |
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| Motion 5/21 – Motion from the floor:  | Moved by: Todd Neuman | Seconded by: Blair Stout |
| Motion: That the “Board of Directors” receive the same honorarium for 2021. |                       | CARRIED                  |

**Housekeeping** - Adopt the Softball Canada wording from the motion passed at their CASA AGM 2019

For the Softball Alberta Handbook – Pg 41 / 15.

*No smoking, vaping, liquor and/or other recreational impairment inducing substances shall be allowed within 100 feet of the benches or on the playing field area.*

**Player Transfer** – Currently the policy states “U14 and under players who wish to register on a team outside their own local association must apply each year for a “Player Transfer”

With the age category moving to U15, we recommend changing the Player Transfer policy to state “**U15 and under**”

This aligns with the old U14 age group as well as it is the first of our post provincial categories of play. (as this category is where we begin to see a lot of the player movement, recruiting)

### Housekeeping

For the Softball Alberta Handbook / website, forms, etc. – Adopt the following for Minor Categories

Move all references & age categories from U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 **to** U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 starting in the 2022 season.

The U19 age category will remain the same for the female category however, it will move to U20 on the Men’s side only.

For the Women’s side - add the U23 category.



## 2021 SOFTBALL CANADA CONGRESS Special Operating Rules Motion Form

### NOTICE OF MOTION

#### Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Alberta      P/T Affiliation: ALBERTA  
Date: Sept 28, 2021

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

Pg 251 - SOR–Fast Pitch | Part Four - Canadian Fast Pitch Championships | Article I - Organization & Participation

1.3 b) iv) **NOTE:**

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

*iv) NOTE: In 2020, for U19, U23, Women's & Men's categories, all coaches ( Head Coach and Assistant Coaches) must be Competition – Introduction Certified*

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

Remove the **NOTE** in its' entirety.

#### RATIONALE

With the lack of clinics & evaluation opportunities in 2020, 2021 & possibly even into 2022, this will make it very hard for coaches to complete these requirements.

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

None



## 2021 SOFTBALL CANADA CONGRESS

# 2022-23 PLAYING RULE CHANGE FORM

### PROPOSAL

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:** 2022

**Submitted by:** Softball Alberta

|              |            |          |                  |          |          |         |     |  |
|--------------|------------|----------|------------------|----------|----------|---------|-----|--|
| <b>TYPE:</b> | FAST PITCH |          | <b>SLO-PITCH</b> | <b>X</b> | ORTHODOX |         | ALL |  |
| <b>Rule:</b> | 7          | Section: | 3                | Letter   | b-d      | Number: |     |  |

**CHANGE IS:** **Revision** Page 80

**CHANGE:**

- b. The batter must start and finish their at bat with both feet behind the front batter's box line.
- c. The batter may touch the line, but no part of their foot may cross or be in front of the line.
- d. If during play the line has been rubbed out, the umpire will use their judgement based on the dimension outlined in Rule 12, Sec. 4d

**RATIONALE**

Making the SP Batter's Box "Special Project" from 2019 a permanent rule, but removing the back line (12" behind the back of the strike mat).

Positive feedback from players after using this rule Provincially in 2019 & 2021, & also Canadian Championships in 2019, but feel the back line is not needed. The front line preventing batter from running out of the box, and offering protection for the pitcher is effective.



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|-------|------------|----------|---|-----------|----|----------|--|---------|--|
| TYPE: | FAST PITCH |          |   | SLO-PITCH | X  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL     |  |
| Rule: | 2          | Section: | 4 | Letter:   | d. | Number:  |  | Letter: |  |

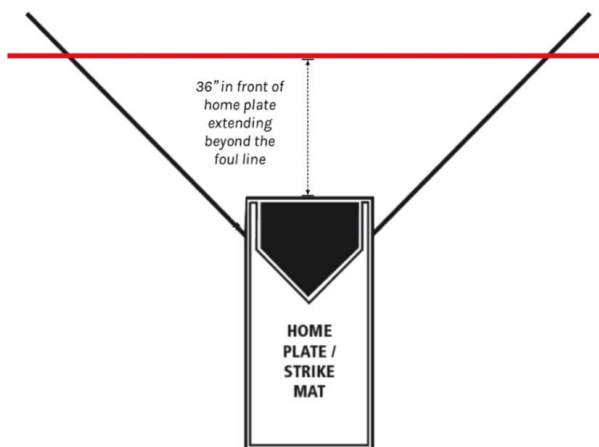
**CHANGE IS:** Revision Page – 56

#### CHANGE:

##### d. BATTERS BOX

The front line of the box shall be .91 m (3 ft.) in front of home plate and will extend past the foul lines on both sides. There is no inside, outside or back line to the batter's box.

(Official Diamond Dimension drawings on pages 39 and 40 will need to be updated accordingly.)



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| PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2022 |   |          |   |           |    |          |    |         |  |
| Submitted by: Softball Alberta |   |          |   |           |    |          |    |         |  |
| TYPE:                          | FAST PITCH  |          |   | SLO-PITCH | X  | ORTHODOX |    | ALL     |  |
| Rule:                          | 8   | Section: | Z | Letter:   | f. | Number:  | 4) | Letter: |  |
| CHANGE-<br>IS:                 | Deletion — Page 89  |          |   |           |    |          |    |         |  |
| CHANGE:                        | Remove—<br>“NOTE: Sec. 7 f. 2) a fair batted ball that goes directly off a fielder and over the home-run fence, is considered a four base award and does not count as a home run toward the home run limit.               |          |   |           |    |          |    |         |  |
| RATIONALE                      | Inconsistent fence heights within hosting facilities. Encourages attempts at athletic defensive plays without fear of penalty. Offensive team should not be rewarded for a ball that was going to leave the park anyways. |          |   |           |    |          |    |         |  |

**Softball Alberta will be withdrawing this motion.**





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**Submitted by:**    SOFTBALL ALBERTA

|       |            |          |    |           |   |          |  |         |  |
|-------|------------|----------|----|-----------|---|----------|--|---------|--|
| TYPE: | FAST PITCH |          |    | SLO-PITCH | X | ORTHODOX |  | ALL     |  |
| Rule: | 4          | Section: | 11 | Letter:   | a | Number:  |  | Letter: |  |

**CHANGE IS:**      **REVISION** - Page 70

**CHANGE:**      It is optional except with two outs at which time it becomes mandatory

**RATIONALE:**

- Allows the teams to utilize their player's ability.
- Does not penalize teams that has a pitcher that is a good base runner
- Continues to speed up the game but making it mandatory with 2 outs.



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|                                       |  |                 |           |                |          |                |     |                |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------------|-----|----------------|--|
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| <b>TYPE:</b>                          | FAST PITCH   | x               | SLO-PITCH |                | ORTHODOX |                | ALL |                |  |
| <b>Rule:</b>                          | 3  | <b>Section:</b> | 5         | <b>Letter:</b> | g        | <b>Number:</b> |     | <b>Letter:</b> |  |
| <b>CHANGE IS:</b>                     | Revision Page 149  |                 |           |                |          |                |     |                |  |
| <b>CHANGE:</b>                        | Change U16 to <b>U13</b>   |                 |           |                |          |                |     |                |  |
| <b>RATIONALE:</b>                     | <p>Allow players to start using metal cleats at an earlier age.</p> <p>Baseball allows 14U youth and above to wear metal cleats.</p> <p>Previously a 17 yr old player moving up from the U16 category to U19, would have been able to wear them – NOW with the U16 age category changing to U17, they will not be able to wear them.</p> |                 |           |                |          |                |     |                |  |

# ELECTIONS

## **Election of President**

Chair: We will now elect the President position.  
We have received one valid nomination for this position - Peter Gogich

Peter Gogich has accepted the nomination. The bio for Peter Gogich has been circulated to the delegates prior to the AGM.

The voting event will be launched by Jason Robinson / Call the vote to elect Peter Gogich for the President position.

Jason Robinson confirmed that a greater than majority vote was achieved.

Chair: Congratulations to Peter Gogich who has been elected as President.

## **Election of Directors**

Chair: We will now elect the 2 Director's positions.

We have received two valid nominations for these positions.

- Glen Hyshka
- Sherrill Spencer

Glen & Sherrill have both accepted their nomination.  
Bios for each of the candidates have been circulated to the delegates prior to the AGM.

The voting event will be launched by Jason Robinson / Call the vote to elect Glen & Sherrill for the 2 Director positions.

Jason Robinson confirmed that a greater than majority vote was achieved for both Glen & Sherrill.

Chair: Congratulations to Glen Hyshka & Sherrill Spencer who have both been elected as Directors.

## **CONCLUSION OF ELECTIONS**

Chair: Congratulations to the newly elected President & Directors. This concludes the elections. As there were no objections by the members, I will direct the scrutineer, Jason Robinson, to maintain in confidence the vote & to erase all electronic ballots & voting results from the Simply Voting platform.

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Meeting Adjourned: Sunday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - 10:54 am