



2025 SOFTBALL ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



CALL TO ORDER

President Todd Neuman called the meeting to order on Saturday, October 18th, at 10:32 am and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President	Todd Neuman - present	Zone 1 D.O	Gloria Gouthreau - present
Director	Dakotah Pratt - present	Zone 2 D.O	Bonnie Gostola - present
Director	Shelley Rudd - present	Zone 3 D.O	Deb Elliot – present
Director	Will Spreadbury - present	Zone 4 D.O	Sharon Falk - present
Director	Sherrill Spencer – present	Zone 5 D.O	Colleen Allison – absent Saturday / present on Sunday
Director	Christa Lawrence - present	Zone 6 D.O	Julie Robicheau - present
Umpire in Chief	Terry Richter - present	Zone 7 D.O	Sharon Earl - present
		Acting Zone 8 D.O	Erin Burns - present

PROCEDURES FOR THE WEEKEND

The President named the Executive Director the Parliamentarian for the weekend & indicated everyone has the procedures in the registration package.

CONFIRMATION OF VOTING DELEGATES

Saturday, Oct 18 – President confirmed the voting strength to be at 49

Sunday, Oct 19 - President confirmed the 'FINAL' voting strength to be 50
(President named Kim Abma & Michele Patry to be the scrutineers.)

1. That the 2025 Softball Alberta - Annual General Meeting agenda be adopted with the "powers to add."
2. That the minutes from the 2024 AGM be adopted."
3. To accept the Reports

Motion 1/25 (AGM)	Moved by: Shelley Rudd	Seconded by: Bonnie Gostola
That the 2024 Softball Alberta Audited Financial Statement be accepted as presented. CARRIED		

- The current YTD 2025 Softball Alberta Financial Statement was also presented by the Director of Finance- Shelley Rudd - for information only.
- *Received by the membership*

MINOR

Motion 2/25		Moved By: Frank Cox		Seconded by: Ty Wiggins	
SUBMITTED BY: ZONE 8					
Reference:	Page No: 39	Article: III	Section: M	Number: 13	Letter: add b.)
REVISE ☒		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	13. Other CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES: a) U11 categories Substitution – The substitution rule does not apply. Defensive players may be substituted freely without penalty. Softball Alberta recommends that each player plays a defensive position for a minimum of one (1) complete inning per game. All players shall be listed on the lineup card and shall bat in the order shown. All players shall be listed on the lineup card and shall bat in the order shown. Add Players cannot advance to home on a steal, passed ball or wild pitch. The player must be batted in or forced home by a walk.				
Rationale:	This has been proven to have more playing time and defensive action happen at all levels. U11 is the right time to have the kids play the game. It increases bats by 30-40% per game.				

Motion to table #2	Moved By: Bonnie Gostola	Seconded by: Tom Clooney	Carried
Motion to bring motion back to the floor	Moved By: Bonnie Gostola	Seconded by: Terry Richter	Carried

Amendment	Moved By: Erin Burns	Seconded by: Shelley Rudd
Amendment:	Add “DEVELOPING” Category	
Amendment - Carried		
Motion as amended:	13. Other CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES: a) U11 categories Substitution – The substitution rule does not apply. Defensive players may be substituted freely without penalty. Softball Alberta recommends that each player plays a defensive position for a minimum of one (1) complete inning per game. All players shall be listed on the lineup card and shall bat in the order shown. All players shall be listed on the lineup card and shall bat in the order shown. Add Developing Category: Players cannot advance to home on a steal, passed ball or wild pitch. The player must be batted in or forced home by a walk.	
Motion as amended – DEFEATED		

DEFEATED		
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Motion 3 /25		Moved By: Ty Wiggins		Seconded by: Frank Cox	
SUBMITTED BY: ZONE 8					
Reference:	Page No: 39	Article: III	Section: M	Number: 11	Letter:
REVISE ☒		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	11. RUN AHEAD RULES: - A Run Ahead Rule shall result in the conclusion of the game when there is a difference of: a) [Minor and Adult FP] i) 15 or more runs after 2½ or 3 complete innings of play ii) 10 or more runs after 3 ½ or 4 complete innings of play iii) 7 or more runs after 4½, 5, 5½ or 6 complete innings of play Add (Except U11- U11 will have a inning max of (5) innings or no new inning after 1H 30M				
Rationale:	There is no need for a run ahead Run Rule in U11. Kids want to play and let them play. Having a run ahead rule takes away from the game and the atmosphere of the love of the game for the athletes.				

Motion to table #3	Moved By: Bonnie Gostola	Seconded by: Tom Clooney	Carried
Motion to bring motion back to the floor	Moved By: Bonnie Gostola	Seconded by: Terry Richter	Carried

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Motion as amended – DEFEATED		

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Motion 4/25		Moved By: Sharon Falk		Seconded by: Blair Stout	
SUBMITTED BY: ZONE 4					
Reference:	Article: 3	Page No: 44	Section: O	Number: 3	Letter: notes
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	To change exception to read: U11 and U13B, U13C AND U13D				
Rationale:	Presently there is no tiebreaker in the 13 division. Teams are eliminated by math. Now that U13A advances to Westerns, that decision should be made on the diamond				

		CARRIED
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Motion 5/25		Moved By:		Seconded by:	
SUBMITTED BY: ZONE 8					
Reference:	Page No: 14	Article: II	Section: C	Number: 1	Letter: A
REVISE X		ADD		DELETE	
Motion:	U11 Boys & Girls - Under 11 PRIOR to Jan. 1st of the current year. Born in 2014 or later. Change U11 Boys and Girls to U11 Age				
Rationale:	Many of our associations have co ed teams at U11, removing the gender specific category allows equal opportunity for both boys and girls. At the U11 age category gender is not an applicable advantage. This change should also help support the growth of the male athletes in our sport.				

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CANADIAN AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

2026-27 PLAYING RULE CHANGE FORM

PROPOSAL

Please use full sentences. Type the change in its entirety even if you are only adding one word.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2026 2027 (year)

Submitted by: Terry Richter softball Alberta

TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	
Rule:	3.	Section: 2.7	Letter:		Number:		Letter :	

CHANGE IS: New / Addition / Deletion / Revision (Please highlight applicable)

CHANGE: Add after
A catcher :
A temporary runner is legal for a catcher **or pitcher** of record from the previous half inning who is on base with two(2) outs. The following provisions apply:

RATIONALE: To coincide with appeal plays and players allowed to have temporary runners

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SIGNATURE:

(Provincial/Territorial President or Executive Director, Softball Canada Board of Directors/ODC)

DATE:

RETURN TO SOFTBALL CANADA BY SEPTEMBER 15 WITH THE OPTION TO CHANGE BY OCTOBER 1, 2025

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CHANGE IS: **New** / **Addition** / Deletion / Revision (Please highlight applicable)

CHANGE: Remove 3.2.6 g
Add after 3.2.6
Temporary runner

- i. Optional before two outs – mandatory after two outs
- ii. 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 violation of the rules
- iii. The player who finishes the previous inning in the pitching position (or is designated as the pitcher in the in the line-up card for the Home Team's first inning at bat) is the only person eligible to have a temporary runner.
- iv. Re-entry and substitution rules are waived for the temporary runner
- v. If the temporary runner is on base and due to bat, they shall be replaced by another eligible player without penalty.
- vi. Co-ed only – Temporary Runner will be gender for gender

This would be treated as an appeal play
At any time, an incorrect runner is on base in a tiebreaker inning or as a temporary runner for the pitcher of record

RATIONALE

Make it clear in the rule book that there is an appeal play(penalty) for having the incorrect player on base as the temporary runner or tiebreaker. Don't have this in the entering the game (substitutions). Make it consistent with slo pitch and fastpitch

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Rule:	1	Section:	2.6	Letter:	a)	Number:	iv)	Letter :

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CHANGE: Remove for the catcher or
Should read "at any time, an incorrect player is on base in a tiebreaker inning or as a temporary runner for the pitcher of record"

RATIONALE: There is no temporary runner for the catcher in slo pitch

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Rule:	1	Section:	2.6	Letter:	d)	Number:	x)	Letter:	:
CHANGE IS:	New / Addition / Deletion / Revision (Please highlight applicable)								
CHANGE:	Remove "the use of an incorrect runner on second base" and "the catcher or" Should read "at any time, an incorrect player is on base in a tiebreaker inning or as a temporary runner for the pitcher of record"								
RATIONALE:	There is no temporary runner for the catcher in slo pitch								
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Submitted by: Terry Richter

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Rule:	3	Section:	2.7	Letter:		Number:		Letter:

CHANGE IS: New / Addition / **Deletion** / **Revision** (Please highlight applicable)

CHANGE:

Delete

3.2.7 if an incorrect player is used as a temporary runner the error will be corrected without penalty when notice

Add at the end of 3.2.7

This would be treated as an appeal play

At any time, an incorrect runner is on base in a tiebreaker inning or as a temporary runner for the catcher or pitcher of record

RATIONALE Make it clear in the rule book that there is an appeal play(penalty) for having the incorrect player on base as the temporary runner or tiebreaker

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Please use full sentences. Type the change in its entirety even if you are only adding one word.									
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: <u>Adult Fastpitch (Masters)</u> (year) 2026-2027									
Submitted by: Zone 8 Softball Alberta									
TYPE:	FAST PITCH		X	SLO-PITCH			ORTHODOX		
Rule:	3	Section:	2	Letter:		Number:	7	Letter:	
CHANGE IS:	New / Addition / Deletion / Revision (Please highlight applicable)								
CHANGE:	The Team may designate one player as a runner. The player shall be called Designated Runner (DR) a) The DR must be listed in the starting line-up; and PITCH RULES b) The DR must be listed in the last spot in the starting line up (10th with no DP or 11th with the DP) c) The DR may run for only one player per inning and may do so each time that player becomes a runner in the inning d) The DR may run for a different player each inning. e) The DR may not bat or play defense. If the DR becomes an offensive or defensive player, they forfeit their option for a DR for the rest of the game f) An Eligible player in in the game may substitute for the DR-g) The DR may not reenter the game h) A Team is not obligated to use the DR the entire game.								
RATIONALE:	It opens a lot more options for teams and players to participate. There are multiple governing bodies (Examples NAFA, USA Softball) who have the above concept in their rules.								
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NOTICE OF MOTION

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: **Mike Hrynenko** P/T Affiliation: **Softball Alberta**

Date: **September 6, 2025**

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Special Operating Rules 2.6 Provincial Non Residents

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

Deletion: (Fastpitch Only)

Addition: c) In Men's and Women's Slo Pitch Canadian Championships all but (2) players, on any provincial/territorial representative team to a Canadian Championship must be a bona fide resident of the territory/province by the official residency date for the year of competition.

Revise all other letters and denotions as per the addition of this SOR
le: now c becomes d and d becomes e

RATIONALE

The rule exist for Fastpitch and we're asking for Slo pitch to have the same eligibility.

Justification is that some players who are living in regions that don't have competitive slopitch, don't have an opportunity to participate.

Shane Baker in Fort St John had no connections to the BC teams, so they would not pick him up. He played with a coed with a team out of Grande Prairie, so an exception was made to allow him to play in AB with Men's Slo Pitch Team.

Manitoba - Devren Dear and Paige Churchill, who have been deemed as both National Team level athletes, but they cannot participate in Canadians, because MB does not have any competitive teams and the SK teams who are eligible to pick them up, have chosen not to.

For the past three years, Devren has been trying to join Men's teams in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia , but weren't able to add him due to the SOR's does not allow for imports in slo pitch specific. Manitoba was happy to give the release to give him the opportunity, but the other Provinces would not accept him due to the rule.

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

Increased registration fees in under represented provinces in Slo Pitch.

RECOMMENDATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

Zone 6	Softball Alberta put into Operating Rules that a standardized date that “team tryouts” can occur. • Example September 1st of the calendar year.
Rationale:	The competitive landscape to grow in Alberta, Softball in the competitive worlds has transitioned into a year-round sport. Organizations to get an attempt to get a competitive edge continue to move up their tryout dates to form teams. As an example, teams/players that are representing Alberta at Western and National Championships are being given very little time to take a break before having to gear up for tryouts that are occurring potentially the next weekend. We are not allowing our players a period of time to rest up and start prepping for the next season.
Zone 5 & 6	Softball Alberta adopt a rule limiting the number of imported players on team rosters for all divisions U15 and younger to a maximum of 40% of the total team roster, effective beginning with the 2026 season.
Rationale:	• Development of local talent: This rule encourages the development of homegrown players by ensuring local athletes have access to playing opportunities. • Team Parity and Fair Play: Limiting imports prevents teams from gaining disproportionate advantages through aggressive recruiting, helping maintain a level playing field. • Community Identity: It reinforces community-based teams and fosters local pride and support. • Long-Term Sustainability: Developing and retaining local players strengthens associations over the long term, reducing reliance on imported players

Motion 6 /25	Moved by: Tom Clooney	Seconded by: Brian Gouthreau
Motion: The 2025 Board of Directors be paid the same honorarium for 2025.		
		CARRIED

Motion 7 /25	Moved by: Sherrill Spencer	Seconded by: Shelley Rudd
Motion: To assign Metrix Group as Auditors for 2025.		
		CARRIED

ELECTION OF Directors / President

(2) Director Positions:

1. One written nomination was received for Sherrill Spencer
Sherrill Spencer indicated she will let her name stand
2. One written nomination was received for Deb Elliot
Deb Elliot indicated she will let her name stand
3. One written nomination was received for Stephen Pottage
Stephen Pottage has indicated to Softball AB that he will let his name stand

Ballot One: All three nominees are now being voted for.
Majority was achieved for Sherrill Spencer

Ballot Two: Remaining 2 names Deb & Stephen will now be voted on.
Majority was achieved for Deb Elliot

(1) President Position:

One written nomination was received for Todd Neuman
Todd Neuman indicated he will let his name stand
Todd Neuman - *by acclamation for the position of President.*

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:23 am / Oct 19, 2025

Minutes recorded by: Michele Patry, Executive Director
Oct 19, 2025

Approved by: Todd Neuman
Oct 22, 2025