

MINOR

Motion 1/26		Moved By: Tom Clooney		Seconded by: Rhonda Kessler	
SUBMITTED BY: Tom Clooney / Zone 2					
Reference:	Page No: 37	Article: III	Section: M	Number: 12	Letter: b)
REVISE ☒		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Remove: iii) [U15 Categories-four (4) innings per game, from the Pitching Specific Rules				
Rationale:	Softball Canada and other Provincial Associations have removed this restriction. This will also help pitchers develop the endurance and strength to pitch more innings at the older age categories				
				CARRIED	

Motion 2/26		Moved By:		Seconded by:	
SUBMITTED BY: ASUA					
Reference:	Page No: 38	Article:	Section: M	Number: 12	Letter: b)
REVISE ☒		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Remove Pitch maximum on all U15 A PITCHERS ADD to b) [U11, U13 and U15 categories, excluding U15A] Pitchers may pitch a maximum of: i) [U11 categories] - three (3) innings per game, ii) [U13 categories] - four (4) innings per game, iii) [U15 categories] - four (4) innings per game.				
Rationale:	Align with the Canadian U15 A level there is no max innings pitched for pitchers				
		WITHDRAWN			

Motion 3/26		Moved By: Shelley Rudd		Seconded by: Will Spreadbury	
SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors					
Reference:	Page No: 37	Article: III	Section: M	Number: 13	Letter: b)
REVISE ☐		ADD ☒		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Make this b) and re-letter c) to g) accordingly: b) U13 Categories Every rostered player in attendance, must be listed on the line-up card and must play in a minimum of two complete innings by the end of the fourth inning in each game. In a run ahead game, a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players. Violations of this rule will result in the head coach being suspended for one game.				
Rationale:	Ensure that all players have an opportunity to participate in the game. This is also a WCSA – U13 Special Operating Rule.				

Amendment	Moved By: Will Spreadbury	Seconded by: Shelley Rudd
Amendment:	• Add "A"	
Amendment - Carried		
Motion as amended:	Make this b) and re-letter c) to g) accordingly: b) U13 A Category Every rostered player in attendance, must be listed on the line-up card and must play in a minimum of two complete innings by the end of the fourth inning in each game. In a run ahead game, a team will not be penalized if not able to play all players. Violations of this rule will result in the head coach being suspended for one game.	
Motion as amended – CARRIED		

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Motion 4/26		Moved By: Shelley Rudd		Seconded by: Will Spreadbury	
SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors					
Reference:	Page No: 31	Article: III	Section: J	Number: 2	Letter: d)
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Change: All defensive infielders in categories U19 and under are required to wear... to All players aged 19 & younger, playing defensive infielder positions, are required to wear.....				
Rationale:	Changes the safety condition to players age no matter what category they play in. This will ensure that minors playing in an adult league are wearing the appropriate safety equipment.				
DEFEATED					

Motion 5/26		Moved By: Blaine Borys		Seconded by: Will Spreadbury	
SUBMITTED BY: Zone 1					
Reference:	Page No: 23	Article: III	Section: E	Number: 5	Letter: b)
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	b) U17 and above Female teams in categories NOT leading to Post Provincial play may have on their roster up to three (3) overage players with only two (2) allowed on the field at one time for the purposes of Provincial play. All overage players must be from within the team's own association. Furthermore, these players must be players who are one year advanced from the current playing category of the team in question and with approval from Softball Alberta.				
Rationale:	This change would benefit smaller communities by allowing them to fill a limited number of roster spots and, most importantly, help keep local players interested and involved in the sport when they may not have other opportunities to play within their community. We have removed the reference to “pickups” because we feel that overage players should come from within the team's own association whenever possible. This helps ensure the rule is used to support local players and prevents teams from taking advantage of the provision by recruiting higher-level players from outside their association. Plus, to prevent teams from picking up overage pitchers, catchers. Softball Alberta approval will prevent that.				

Amendment	Moved By: Blaine Borys	Seconded by: Gloria Gouthreau
Amendment:	Remove “with only two allowed on the field at one time for the purposes of Provincial play”	
Amendment - Carried		
Motion as amended:	b) U17 and above Female teams in categories NOT leading to Post Provincial play may have on their roster up to three (3) overage players. All overage players must be from within the team's own Association. Furthermore, these players must be players who are one year advanced from the current playing category of the team in question and with approval from Softball Alberta.	
Second amendment	Moved By: Aaron Clements	Seconded by: Blaine Borys
Second amendment:	Remove - “within the team's own association”	
Second amendment - Defeated		

Motion as amended:	b) U17 and above Female teams in categories NOT leading to Post Provincial play may have on their roster up to three (3) overage players. All overage players must be from within the team's own Association. Furthermore, these players must be players who are one year advanced from the current playing category of the team in question and with approval from Softball Alberta.
Motion as amended – CARRIED	

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Motion 6/26		Moved By: Erin Burns		Seconded by: Julie Robicheau	
SUBMITTED BY: Zone 6					
Reference:	Page No:	Article:	Section:	Number:	Letter:)
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	U11 Development Provincial Championship to be open to all U11 players registered with a Softball Alberta member association. Players of any gender may participate, provided they meet all applicable Softball Alberta eligibility requirements.				
Rationale:	At U11, there is not developmental differences between boys and girls.				
				CARRIED	

Motion 7/26		Moved By:		Seconded by:	
SUBMITTED BY: Zone 6 / Edmonton Warriors					
Reference:	Page No: 31	Article: 3	Section:	Number: 2	Letter: j)
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Remove U19 player and make it U17 and down				
Rationale:	U19 player do not wear them playing college ball and shouldn't have to upon their return				
		WITHDRAWN			

ALL

Motion 8/26		Moved By: Shelley Rudd		Seconded by: Sherrill Spencer	
SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors					
Reference:	Page No: 26	Article: III	Section: F	Number: 2	Letter: b)
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Revise to read: Alternate coaches must meet all 'applicable' coaching requirements				
Rationale:	A team can not add just a member of their team to the roster because someone can't be there.				
				CARRIED	

Motion 9/26		Moved By: Will Spreadbury		Seconded by: Sherrill Spencer	
SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors					
Reference:	Page No: 53	Article: VI	Section: A	Number: 4	Letter: a)
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Eligibility protests arising from matters referred to in Section A. 1d) must be reported within twenty-four (24) hours after the scheduled start time of the game in which is alleged an ineligible player participated. • If the game in which the breach took place is concluded prior to the aforesaid twenty-four (24) hour period, the protest will be considered to be officially lodged when written communication has been sent to Softball Alberta. • All eligibility protests shall be heard by a Protest Committee within ten (10) business days of the filing of the protest. Eligibility protests will not be conducted at the event. • Communication regarding an eligibility protest shall be supplied to the Softball Alberta Supervisor on site who shall forward to the Executive Director. • The eligibility protest must be signed by the head coach and shall contain the following information: - Date, time and place of game (including diamond number) - The final score of the game, name of home team and name of visitor team - The rule and section of the official rules under which the protest is made - All essential facts in the matter protested. - Fee of \$100 cash Upon receipt of the protest the Executive Director shall forward a copy of the protest to the coach of the team with which the challenged player is alleged to have participated. The said team shall have 2 business days to provide their essential facts to the Executive Director of Softball Alberta. The eligibility protest shall be considered by a Protest Committee appointed by the Softball Alberta Executive Director, Director or President. • The committee shall be three (3) to five (5) members of Softball Alberta • The committee shall hear representatives from both teams • The committee shall review and provide a decision • The decision of the protest committee is final and binding on all parties. The decision must result in one of the following: • If the protest is found invalid the game score stands as played • All games the ineligible player, coach or manager has participated in shall be forfeited with a score of 0-7. • The team using the ineligible player, coach or manager shall be disqualified from further competition and shall be suspended for a period of 1 year and 1 day. The Protest Committee will apply the result of game(s) forfeiture to the Playoff format and will restate the results. • If the Protest Committee considers it fair and reasonable, it may declare one team the winner of the competition even though the competition format was not followed (i.e. declaring the results based on Playoff standings or based on the results of contents between the remaining eligible teams). • If the Protest Committee does not consider that a fair and reasonable determination can be made, it shall reschedule a game or games between the non-offending teams to determine the winner.				
Rationale:	Rewrite the eligibility protest to add that these protests will not be dealt with at the event and clarify the process.				

Amendment	Moved By: Shelley Rudd	Seconded by: Bonnie Gostola
Amendment:	• Remove last point starting at "the Protest Ccommittee will apply the results of the game forfeiture to the playoff format and will restate the results"	

Amendment - Carried		
Motion as amended:	Eligibility protests arising from matters referred to in Section A. 1d) must be reported within twenty-four (24) hours after the scheduled start time of the game in which is alleged an ineligible player participated. • If the game in which the breach took place is concluded prior to the aforesaid twenty-four (24) hour period, the protest will be considered to be officially lodged when written communication has been sent to Softball Alberta. • All eligibility protests shall be heard by a Protest Committee within ten (10) business days of the filing of the protest. Eligibility protests will not be conducted at the event. • Communication regarding an eligibility protest shall be supplied to the Softball Alberta Supervisor on site who shall forward to the Executive Director. • The eligibility protest must be signed by the head coach and shall contain the following information: - Date, time and place of game (including diamond number) - The final score of the game, name of home team and name of visitor team - The rule and section of the official rules under which the protest is made - All essential facts in the matter protested. - Fee of \$100 cash Upon receipt of the protest the Executive Director shall forward a copy of the protest to the coach of the team with which the challenged player is alleged to have participated. The said team shall have 2 business days to provide their essential facts to the Executive Director of Softball Alberta. The eligibility protest shall be considered by a Protest Committee appointed by the Softball Alberta Executive Director, Director or President. • The committee shall be three (3) to five (5) members of Softball Alberta • The committee shall hear representatives from both teams • The committee shall review and provide a decision • The decision of the protest committee is final and binding on all parties. The decision must result in one of the following: • If the protest is found invalid the game score stands as played • All games the ineligible player, coach or manager has participated in shall be forfeited with a score of 0-7. • The team using the ineligible player, coach or manager shall be disqualified from further competition and shall be suspended for a period of 1 year and 1 day.	
	Motion as amended – CARRIED	
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Motion 10/26		Moved By: Shelley Rudd		Seconded by: Sherrill Spencer	
SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors					
Reference:	Page No: 26	Article: III	Section: F	Number: 2	Letter:)
REVISE X		ADD X ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Revise & add behind: The total number of signed team staff on a Provincial team shall not exceed four (4). The maximum of four (4) coaches/ managers are allowed on the bench/dugout.				
Rationale:	Only the four names listed on the Roster should be in the official playing area				
				CARRIED	

Motion 11/26		Moved By: Will Spreadbury		Seconded by: Deb Elliott	
SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors					
Reference:	Page No: 36	Article: III	Section: M	Number: 7	Letter:)
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Revise to read: Any category not leading to post-provincial play can end in a tie				
Rationale:	We are already eliminating teams based on criteria				

Amendment	Moved By: Shelley Rudd	Seconded by: Will Spreadbury
Amendment:	Leave #7 in Handbook, Add "exception – categories not leading to post Provincials, round robin games can end in a tie"	
Amendment - Carried		
Motion as amended:	Exception - Categories not leading to post-provincial play, round robin games can end in a tie	
Motion as amended – CARRIED		

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Motion 12/26		Moved By: Shelley Rudd		Seconded by: Sherrill Spencer	
SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors					
Reference:	Page No: 42	Article: III	Section: O	Number: 3	Letter: a)
REVISE X		ADD X		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Add to a): Points – Win / Loss / Tie Record Remove: (no tie games in qualifying round)				
Rationale:	Change to accommodate for games ending in ties.				
				CARRIED	

(Housekeeping required as per Motion #11)

Motion 13/26		Moved By: Bonnie Gostola		Seconded by: Tom Clooney	
SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors					
Reference:	Page No: 35	Article: III	Section: M	Number: 4	Letter: e)
REVISE ☐		ADD ☒		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Home team shall take third base dugout.				
Rationale:	This is probably one of the most common questions asked the coaches meeting. Puts a rule into effect of what is happening. Brings Softball Alberta into line with Western Canada Softball Handbook.				
				CARRIED	

Motion 14/26		Moved By: Terry Richter		Seconded by: Daryl Helmer	
SUBMITTED BY: ASUA					
Reference:	Page No: 33	Article:	Section: L	Number: 2	Letter: e)
REVISE ☐		ADD ☐		DELETE ☒	
Motion:	REMOVE SECTION L 2 E In all categories NOT leading to Post-Provincial play, a bat that is legal in all aspects other than the wording "Official Softball" shall be declared legal.				
Rationale:	TO BE REPLACED IN SECTION 5 A NO NEED TO HAVE THIS IN THE PREVIOUS SECTION PUT BATS ALL UNDER ONE HEADING				
				CARRIED	

Motion 15/26		Moved By: Terry Richter		Seconded by: Daryl Helmer	
SUBMITTED BY: ASUA					
Reference:	Page No: 32	Article:	Section: J	Number: 5	Letter: a,b,c)
REVISE X		ADD X		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	REMOVE SECTION J 5 A,B,C Replace with: Each team/player for the following categories: a) All SP categories, and b) Men's and Master Men's FP will be required to present all bats for inspection and/or testing. a) All approved bats will be marked for that championship and returned to the teams. Any non-approved bats will NOT be marked and returned to the team. b) Once the championship has started any additional bats not previously inspected and/or tested must be presented to the UIC/DUIC a minimum of 45 minutes prior to their next game for inspection and/or testing. c) Any uninspected bats discovered being used during the game will be removed for the remainder of the game and until it is inspected and/or tested and approved. 2. In all other categories not listed in a) or b) a bat that is legal in all aspects other than the wording "Official Softball" shall be declared legal. These bats must be available for inspection before each game.				
Rationale:	Have the bat checks and testing all under one heading				
				CARRIED	

Motion 16/26		Moved By: Daryl Helmer		Seconded by: Terry Richter	
SUBMITTED BY: ASUA					
Reference:	Page No: 39	Article:	Section: O	Number: 13	Letter: f)
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE X	
Motion:	Revise to read: All Minor & Adult FP categories The Charged Conference is applicable as per Softball Canada FP Rule 4.2 & 5.2				
Rationale:	Align with Softball Canada rules				

Amendment	Moved By: Daryl Helmer	Seconded by: Mike Semchuk
Amendment:	Add – U15 and below categories will be allowed 5 defensive conferences per game, and 1 offensive conference per inning	
Amendment - Carried		
Motion as amended:	The Charged Conference is applicable as per Softball Canada FP U15 and below categories will be allowed 5 defensive conferences per game, and 1 offensive conference per inning	
Motion as amended – CARRIED		
		CARRIED

Motion 17/26		Moved By: Rhi Bradley		Seconded by: Mike Semchuk	
SUBMITTED BY: ASUA					
Reference:	Page No: 61	Article: VIII	Section: D	Number:	Letter:)
REVISE ☐		ADD ☐		DELETE X	
Motion:	Remove Umpires shall check the measurements of the diamond to the satisfaction of both teams and shall make a record of any objections raised by either team. Umpires shall, to the best of their ability, enforce the rules as written and may not, even with the concurrence of both competing teams, vary the rules, or refuse to administer all penalties the rules call for.				
Rationale:	No need for this to be in the handbook, old and obsolete				
				CARRIED	

Motion 18/26		Moved By:		Seconded by:	
SUBMITTED BY: ASUA					
Reference:	Page No: 37	Article:	Section: M	Number: 5	Letter:
REVISE ☐		ADD ☐		DELETE X	
Motion:	Remove Seven innings will constitute a legal game, except if tied after seven (7) innings or expiration of the time limit. Renumber				
Rationale:	There are other rules that states when a game is deemed legal.				
		WITHDRAWN			

Motion 19/26		Moved By: Terry Richter		Seconded by: Daryl Helmer	
SUBMITTED BY: ASUA					
Reference:	Page No: 60	Article: VIII	Section: B	Number:	Letter:)
REVISE X		ADD X		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Revise to read: For all Provincial Championships, Regional Qualifiers, and Tiering Events, the Host Committee and Umpire Branch shall communicate and confirm the budget, requirements, and expectations a minimum of 72 hours prior to the start of the event. The Umpire Branch shall provide the Host Committee with the agreed event budget, including all applicable umpire fees and expenses. All agreed umpire fees and approved expenses shall be paid no later than five (5) days following the conclusion of the event.				
Rationale:	Ensure there is communication prior to the championship and put a deadline as to when these fees need to be paid. Years ago the officials were paid at the diamond at the conclusion of the championship				

Amendment	Moved By: Daryl Helmer	Seconded by: Bonnie Gostola
Amendment:	Add – subject to disciplinary action	
Amendment - Carried		
Motion as amended:	For all Provincial Championships, Regional Qualifiers, and Tiering Events, the Host Committee and Umpire Branch shall communicate and confirm the budget, requirements, and expectations a minimum of 72 hours prior to the start of the event. The Umpire Branch shall provide the Host Committee with the agreed event budget, including all applicable umpire fees and expenses. - All agreed umpire fees and approved expenses shall be paid no later than five (5) days following the conclusion of the event. - Subject to disciplinary action	
Motion as amended – CARRIED		

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Motion 20/26		Moved By: Daryl Halmer		Seconded by: Terry Richter	
SUBMITTED BY: ASUA					
Reference:	Page No: 27	Article: III	Section: F	Number: 4	Letter:)
REVISE ☐		ADD ☒		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Revise to read: COACHES MEETING: A Coaches Meeting will be held prior to the commencement of all Provincial Championships. This will be a scheduled virtual call by Zoom; this may occur as early as a week before, but no later than 2 days prior to the commencement of the championship. a) The meeting time and date will be determined by mutual agreement by the Softball Alberta Office, the Softball Alberta Supervisor(s), and the Host of each particular Provincial Championship. b) The Softball Alberta Supervisor(s) will chair the Coaches Meeting. Any decisions mutually agreed upon during the meeting, including playoff procedures, coin tosses, and similar matters, will remain binding throughout the Championship. Changes to the playing rules will not be considered. c) Team representatives (i.e., coaches and/or managers) are strongly recommended to attend the Coaches Meeting. If a team representative fails to appear at a coaches meeting, that team will not be permitted to question or dispute any item agreed upon at the coaches meeting. d) It is the responsibility of each team to contact either Softball Alberta or the Host for the time and date of the Coaches Meeting.				
Rationale:	Allows everyone to be informed before the event without arriving earlier than needed on the first day.				

Amendment	Moved By: Daryl Helmer	Seconded by: Terry Richter
Amendment:	- Remove "by zoom" and "mutual agreement" - Add "in the event of miscommunication, it will be the responsibility of the"	
Amendment - Carried		
Motion as amended:	Revise to read: COACHES MEETING: A Coaches Meeting will be held prior to the commencement of all Provincial Championships. This will be a scheduled virtual call; this may occur as early as a week before, but no later than 2 days prior to the commencement of the championship. e) The meeting time and date will be determined and communicated by the Softball Alberta Office, the Softball Alberta Supervisor(s), and the Host of each particular Provincial Championship. f) The Softball Alberta Supervisor(s) will chair the Coaches Meeting. Any decisions mutually agreed upon during the meeting, including playoff procedures, coin tosses, and similar matters, will remain binding throughout the Championship. Changes to the playing rules will not be considered. g) Team representatives (i.e., coaches and/or managers) are strongly recommended to attend the Coaches Meeting. If a team representative fails to appear at a coaches meeting, that team will not be permitted to question or dispute any item agreed upon at the coaches meeting. - In the event of miscommunication, it will be the responsibility of the team to contact either Softball Alberta or the Host for the time and date of the Coaches Meeting.	
Motion as amended – CARRIED		

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Motion 21/26		Moved By: Shelley Rudd		Seconded by: Will Spreadbury	
SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors					
Reference:	Page No: 6	Article: I	Section: B	Number: 1	Letter:)
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	Exception: B. All affiliated teams, leagues, and Associations will have complete charge over their own operations and business. Revise to read: Exception: For Provincial Tiering weekends, Regional Qualifiers and Provincial Play: In the case of a dispute, where any affiliated team, league or association shall have the privilege of appealing to Softball Alberta through writing to their own league or association. a) Any affiliated member, team, league or association has the privilege to request a “Local Dispute Hearing”. This request signed by the President of their Association and be accompanied by a \$250.00 non-refundable fee to the Executive Director. b) Upon receipt of a valid request the Executive Director in consultation with the applicable Director or President shall name a committee of three (3) to five (5) individuals to hear the dispute. c) c. The results of the “Local Dispute Hearing” shall be binding on all parties and shall be the last right of appeal.				
Rationale:	Added Regional Qualifiers to the list of exceptions and changed the President in consultation with Executive Director to what actually happens in practice, the Executive Director with a Director or President to determine a committee in their organization of the dispute hearing. Reformatted to accommodate the wording change - easier to follow.				
				CARRIED	

Motion 22/26		Moved By: Shelley Rudd		Seconded by: Erin Burns	
SUBMITTED BY: Zone 4 / Christa Lawrence					
Reference:	Page No: 35	Article: III	Section: L	Number: 14	Letter:
REVISE X		ADD ☐		DELETE ☐	
Motion:	- No smoking or vaping within 100 ft of the fence line. - No liquor shall be allowed in the benches/dugouts or on the playing field area. EFFECT: First offence, the coach or manager will be warned. Second offence will warrant forfeiture of the game				
Rationale:	Many of our facilities that host provincial championships are licensed facilities. These facilities often have “beer gardens” set up within 100 ft of the dugouts and playing fields, and some allow for consumption outside of the designated area. Penalizing or trying to penalize coaches for consuming alcohol legally between games, or fans consuming alcohol legally should not be a priority for Softball Alberta or the hosts. Coach conduct is an association responsibility. THIS PROCEDURE DOES NOT SPECIFY FANS OR COACHES, THEREFORE MUST BE ALL ENCOMPASSING.				
				CARRIED	