



**SOFTBALL CANADA  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**

November 11, 2023  
Niagara Falls, ON

**MINUTES**

# **Annual General Meeting 2023**

Saturday, November 11 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of the 2022 Annual General Meeting minutes
4. President's Report
5. May 31, 2023 Auditor's Report and  
Financial Statements
6. Appointment of auditors for May 31, 2024 yearend
7. Constitution and Bylaws
8. Special Operating Rules
  - a. Canadian Championships
9. New Business
  - a. Rule Changes
  - b. Elections
  - c. Hall of Fame
  - d. 2024 Softball Canada Congress
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment

President Neiles called the meeting to order. He acknowledged that Softball Canada respects and acknowledges the First Nations, Indigenous, Inuit and Metis people of Canada as the keepers of the communities and across Turtle Island.

President Neiles welcomed everyone and announced the Credentials Committee. He appointed Guy Jacobson (SK), Johnathan Baker (ON) and Troy Moffitt (ON) as official scrutineers for the voting process. The credentials report of votes is as follows:

Provincial/Territorial Associations	36 votes
Board of Directors	7 votes
Total	43 votes
President (in case of tie and elections only)	1 vote

### **Rules of Procedure**

The Softball Canada Rules of General Assembly as indicated in the 2023 AGM Book and the parliamentary authority for the meeting is Robert's Rules of Order, Edition 12.

Section 6.1.d. of the Softball Canada Bylaws state, "Quorum for a meeting of members shall be those delegates and Director members representing a majority of votes eligible to be cast at the Meeting". President Neiles declared there is a quorum and that the Meeting of the Softball Canada members was in session at 2:04 p.m., Saturday, November 11, 2023 in Niagara Falls, ON.

The meeting was expedited in order to make it more efficient. For Notices of Motion #1 (Agenda), #2 (Previous Minutes), #3 (President's Report), #(Auditor's Report & Financial Statements), and #5 (Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP appointed as auditors for the year ending May 31, 2024), voted in one slate motion.

## MOTIONS – AS MOVED FROM THE FLOOR

### One slate motion

<b>Moved by:</b> Debbie Malisani (ON)	<b>Seconded by:</b> Jeff Ellsworth (PE)
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#### NOTICE OF MOTION #1

As moved from the floor

That the 2023 Softball Canada Congress agenda be adopted with the powers to add.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION #2

As moved from the floor

That the Minutes of the 2022 Softball Canada Congress in Fredericton, NB be accepted.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION #3

As moved from the floor

To accept the President's Report on behalf of Softball Canada's Board of Directors.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION #4

As moved from the floor

That the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2023 be accepted as presented.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION #5

As moved from the floor

That Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP be appointed as auditors for the year ending May 31, 2024.

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: **Carried**

## MOTIONS – CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

**Moved by:** Gary MacDonald (SK)

**Seconded by:** Don Klym (MB)

### NOTICE OF MOTION #1

**Constitution and Bylaws**

**Submitted by:** Board of Directors

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

SOFTBALL CANADA BYLAWS (p. 193-206)

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

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

**REVISION OF FULL BYLAWS**

### **RATIONALE**

As discussed, and reviewed with the Provincial/Territorial Associations and Sport Law over the last 18 months, the new bylaws aligns us with other sport organizations and Sport Canada's new governance regulations that all National Sport Organizations are recommended to follow. Approval will allow Softball Canada to continue to be eligible to receive federal funding.

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

There could be a significant loss of government funding if motion is defeated.

**FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:** **Carried**

## **SOFTBALL CANADA — CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE 1 – NAME**

- 1.1 The name of the organization shall be “THE CANADIAN AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION” (in French: L’ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE SOFTBALL AMATEUR”), and herein the Constitution and Bylaws referred to as the “Association”. The Association is also known by its registered trade name “SOFTBALL CANADA”.

### **ARTICLE 2 – JURISDICTION**

- 2.1 The Association recognizes all amateur sports and claims jurisdiction over and recognizes its responsibilities as the governing body of softball, which includes fast pitch, orthodox and slo-pitch softball as played by members and participants of this Association in Canada or in such other places as may be designated by the Association.
- 2.2 The Association is recognized by the Canadian Olympic Committee, the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC - formerly ISF), and Sport Canada, as the governing body of amateur softball, which includes fast pitch softball, orthodox softball and slo-pitch softball, in Canada.

### **ARTICLE 3 – AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1 The purpose of the Association is to carry on in more than one province/territory of Canada, without pecuniary gain for its members, the following objectives:
  - a) Foster, develop, promote and regulate the playing of amateur softball.
  - b) Provide the game of softball with proper safeguards in accordance with the spirit of true sportsmanship.
  - c) Encourage all eligible potential members and participants to affiliate with the Association.
  - d) Establish and maintain by allied membership, alliances with associations devoted wholly or partially to the promotion of the game of softball.
  - e) Establish a set of uniform rules for the playing of softball throughout Canada. The rules as set by the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC - formerly ISF) shall be the established rules as amended by the Association.
  - f) Initiate, promote and regulate Canadian Championships.
  - g) Cooperate with the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC - formerly ISF) (or whatever international amateur softball organization so recognized at the Annual General Meeting) in the promotion of international play and international standards for softball.
  - h) Represent Canada on softball councils or associations of other countries where deemed practical and necessary.
  - i) Assist in the establishment of governing softball bodies in provinces/ territories if requested.
  - j) Do all such things as may be deemed necessary for the proper promotion and jurisdiction of softball throughout Canada.
- 3.2 The Association shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other attribution to the Association shall be used in promoting its objectives.

## **BYLAWS**

### **PREAMBLE**

The following terms have these meanings in this bylaw:

- a) Act – the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, S.C. 2009, c.23, including the Regulations made pursuant to the Act, and any statute or regulations that may be substituted, as amended from time to time;
- b) Articles – the original or restated articles of incorporation or articles of amendment, amalgamation, continuance, reorganization, arrangement or revival of the Association;
- c) Association – Softball Canada;
- d) Athlete - a person currently on a national team or competing at the international level or a person who is retired and was a member of a national team or competed at the international level, not more than nine years previously, in the sport of Softball.
- e) Auditor – a Public Accountant, as defined in the Act, appointed by the Members by Ordinary Resolution at a Members Meeting to audit the books, accounts, and records of the Association for a report to the Members at the next Annual Meeting;
- f) Board – the Board of Directors of the Association;
- g) Days – will mean days including weekends and holidays;
- h) Director – an individual elected or appointed to serve on the Board pursuant to this bylaw;
- i) Independent – that a director or prospective director has no fiduciary obligation to any body for softball at the national or provincial level, receives no direct or indirect material benefit from any such party, and is free of any conflict of interest of a financial, personal or representational nature (provided that participation, in softball does not alone cause a person not to be independent). A person who would not be considered Independent will be considered to be Independent once they resign from or terminate the circumstance that gives rise to the non-independence;

- j) Officer – an individual elected or appointed to serve as an Officer of the Association pursuant to this bylaw;
- k) Ordinary Resolution – a resolution passed by a majority of votes cast on that resolution;
- l) Proposal – a proposal submitted by a member of the Corporation that meets the requirements of Section 163 of the Act;
- m) Regulations – the regulations made under the Act, as amended, restated or in effect from time to time; and
- n) Special Resolution – a resolution passed by two- thirds (2/3) of the votes cast on that Resolution.

## **ARTICLE 1 - MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.1 The Association has two categories of membership:
- a) Provincial/Territorial Associations – These are the governing bodies of softball recognized by each province and territory in Canada. New Provincial/Territorial Associations may be admitted to membership upon written application to the Board and approval by Special Resolution of voting Members at an Annual Meeting.
  - b) Director Members – These are the individuals elected or appointed to serve as Directors of the Association. Director Members must be Independent.
- 1.2 Members shall have the following voting rights at meetings of Members:
- a) Each Provincial/Territorial Association shall have three votes.
  - b) Each Director Member shall have one vote.
- 1.3 A Member shall be deemed to be in good standing provided that the Member:
- a) Owes no outstanding membership dues or other debt to the Association.
  - b) Has complied with the Constitution and Bylaws, the Special Operating Rules and the policies of the Association.
  - c) If a Provincial/Territorial Association Member, has:
    - i) Accurately reported its membership and/or participant numbers to the Association for the current year by November 1st.
    - ii) Ensured that all participant players sign an approved Softball Canada Registration form and has provided the Association with a list of all participant players registered within the Provincial/Territorial Association by September 30th of the current year.
    - iii) Ensured that all umpires sign an approved Softball Canada Registration form and has provided the Association with a list of all umpires registered within the Provincial/Territorial Association by July 1st of the current year.
  - d) If a Provincial/Territorial Association Member, has not entered into a relationship or a formal agreement with a softball organization other than the Association without the prior approval of the Association.
  - e) Has not ceased to be a Member or been suspended or expelled from membership.
  - f) Is not subject to a disciplinary action or investigation of the Association, or if subject to disciplinary action of the Association previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Directors.
- 1.4 Members who cease to be in good standing shall not be entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership, including the right to vote at meetings of Members, and may be subject to penalties including, but not limited to, monetary fines, the suspension of privileges to compete at a Canadian Championship, the suspension of privileges to host a Canadian Championship or Annual Meetings and Congresses, and in severe cases, the suspension or expulsion of the Member from the Association. A Member may be restored to good standing upon meeting the definition of good standing set out above, to the satisfaction of the Directors of the Association.
- 1.5 A Member may resign from the Association by giving written notice to the Chief Executive Officer, provided that a Member may not resign when the Member is subject to a disciplinary action or investigation of the Association. Resignation from membership does not entitle the Member to any refund of membership dues.
- 1.6 Membership in the Association is terminated when:
- a) The Member, in the case of a member that is a corporation, the corporation is dissolved;
  - b) The Member fails to maintain any of the qualifications or conditions of membership described in Sub-sections 1.1 and 1.3;
  - c) The Member fails to pay membership dues or monies owed to the Association by the deadline dates prescribed;
  - d) The Member's term of membership expires; or
  - e) The Association is liquidated or dissolved under the Act.
- 1.7 A Member/Participant may be suspended or expelled from the Association in accordance with the Association's policies and procedures relating to discipline of Members.
- 1.8 Individuals, players and Teams who wish to travel and compete outside of Canada must be in possession of a valid travel permit issued by their respective Provincial/Territorial Association and must have completed the appropriate documentation from the Association.
- 1.9 All participants and Members are required to comply at all times with the Constitution and Bylaws, the Special Operating Rules and the policies of the Association, including the Association's Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of sanctions against the Member or participant.

1.10 Transfer of Membership

- a) Any interest arising out of membership in Softball Canada is not transferable.

**ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP FEES**

2.1 The Association’s Membership fees shall be determined at the Annual Meeting and shall be in an amount necessary to carry out the continued operation of the Association.

2.2 Provincial/Territorial Association Fees are as follows and must be paid by June 15th each year:

Ontario	\$60,000.00
British Columbia	\$30,000.00
Alberta, Saskatchewan	\$25,000.00
Manitoba	\$20,000.00
Québec	\$15,000.00
Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick	\$6,000.00
Prince Edward Island, Nunavut, Yukon, Northwest Territories	\$4,000.00

2.3 Duration

- a) Membership is accorded on an annual basis, subject to renewal in accordance with these Bylaws.

2.4 Deadline and Penalties

- a) Failure to pay Provincial/Territorial Association fees by the prescribed deadline shall result in the Provincial/Territorial Association Member being ineligible to participate in the current year’s Canadian Championship and also being ineligible to submit bids, nominations or amendment motions to the Association’s Annual Meeting.
- b) Members will be notified in writing of the membership fees at any time payable by them, and if they are not paid within three (3) months of the membership renewal date, the members in default will automatically cease to be members of the Association. The Board of Directors, upon their sole discretion, may extend the default date for the non-payment of fees.

**ARTICLE 3 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

3.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the following:

- a) Nine (9) Directors-at-Large

3.2 Selection and Terms of Office

- a) Three (3) Directors will be elected on a rotational basis for a three (3) year term

3.3 Gender Representation - A maximum of sixty (60%) of the Directors can identify as one gender.

3.4 Athlete Representation – When there is not athlete representation on the Board, or at the Nominations Committee’s discretion, the Nominations Committee will recruit at least one (1) candidate who is considered an Athlete as defined in these By-Laws to be nominated for election to the Board.

3.5 Board Independence – All Directors must be Independent.

3.6 Senior Staff Restriction - No individual currently serving as an employee or contractor of the Association may be a Director. No Director may become the Chief Executive Officer or interim Chief Executive Officer of the Association during their term as a Director or for twelve months thereafter.

**ARTICLE 4 – DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

4.1 Election of Officers

The Officers of the Association, if any, will be elected by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held following the election of new Directors.

The role of the Directors is to act as stewards or trustees of the Association’s mission, promoting the Association’s values and anticipating the future. Specific responsibilities include:

4.2 Legal

- a) To govern and direct the Association according to its Constitution, Bylaws and Special Operating Rules, ensuring that these are consistent with the purposes; and
- b) To review and approve recommendations of revisions of its Constitution, Bylaws and Special Operating Rules, when necessary, and forward these to the Annual Meeting for ratification.

4.3 Culture and Values

- a) To establish and review fundamental principles and beliefs that forms the foundation of the Association, to guide the Association’s behaviour, services and programs.
- b) To communicate, encourage and monitor the application of these fundamental beliefs throughout the softball community.

4.4 Planning

- a) To formulate the strategic plans and long-range corporate goals of the Association.



- b) To ensure the maintenance of an effective planning process for strategic and operational planning.
  - c) To monitor the formulation and implementation of operational plans and ensure that such plans are consistent with the strategic direction of the Association.
  - d) To work in collaboration with Provincial/Territorial Association Members when National events are occurring within that province/territory.
- 4.5 Policy
- a) To develop major functional policies which relate to the goals and objectives of the Association.
  - b) To make policies and procedures relating to discipline and have the authority to discipline members in accordance with such policy and procedures.
  - c) To make policies and procedures relating to how disputes within the Association will be managed, and all such disputes will be dealt with in accordance with such policies and procedures.
  - d) To monitor the development and implementation of operational policies and procedures to ensure they are consistent and compatible with the major functional policies of the Association.
- 4.6 Human Resources
- a) To approve and monitor sound human resource management policies, procedures and practices.
  - b) To select and hire a Chief Executive Officer capable of assuming responsibility for implementation of the Board's Policies and strategic plans through the efficient management of the Association's operations. The Chief Executive Officer should be capable of identifying policy needs and developing and recommending policy to the Board.
  - c) To ratify and support volunteer and contract position appointments of people whom are capable of assuming operations responsibilities within the strategic direction and policies established by the Board, under the guidance and leadership of the Chief Executive Officer.
  - d) To counsel, support and assist the Association's staff and appointed volunteers in the fulfillment of their operational responsibilities.
- 4.7 Financial
- a) To ensure that the budget reflects the priorities and strategic direction of the Association through the approval and monitoring of the annual budget and within financial statements.
  - b) To plan for and acquire sufficient financial resources to implement the plans of the Association in a prudent, financially responsible way.
  - c) To ensure that effective financial controls and management systems are in place to protect the assets of the Association.
  - d) To ensure auditing of the financial operation.
- 4.8 Advocacy
- a) To develop community awareness of the purpose and mission of the Association.
  - b) To represent the Association to the national and international sporting community, government, foundations, funding agencies and other Associations.
  - c) To monitor government legislation and advise government officials on the impact of currently proposed policies.
  - d) To report to the membership on strategic plans and policy development and ensure the reporting to the membership on program services and future operational planning.
  - e) To participate as a responsible member of the Canadian and international sporting communities on issue identification and resolution.
- 4.9 Maintenance of the Board
- a) To ensure that qualified candidates are recruited as required for electoral consideration.
  - b) To evaluate the Board's performance annually.
- 4.10 The responsibilities of the President are to:
- a) Preside at all meetings of the Directors and the Association's Members' Meeting(s);
  - b) Serve as ex-officio member of all Association committees;
  - c) Supervise the general administration and management of the Association;
  - d) Supervise the work of the Chief Executive Officer;
  - e) Supervise the performance of duties assigned to members of the Board and ensure that all Association governing documents, including the Constitution, Bylaws, Special Operating Rules and policies, are respected;
  - f) Provide the liaison between the Association and all external agencies except where assigned to the CEO;
  - g) Assign committee responsibilities to Directors; and
  - h) Designate a Director to be their replacement in the event that they are unable to act due to illness or other absence.

## **ARTICLE 5 – NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES**

- 5.1 Nominations for the Board of Directors:

- a) Any individual may submit a written nomination for a candidate to be elected to the Board to the Nominations Committee by October 1st of the election year.
- b) The nomination shall be accompanied by a personal profile and a consent form signed by the nominee (an electronic signature is sufficient for this purpose) and a statement describing how they are Independent (or how they will become Independent within thirty (30) days following their election).
- c) Notice of the nomination and copies of the consent form and personal profile shall be circulated to the Members at least twenty (20) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- d) A candidate may withdraw from the election any time prior to the start of voting.
- e) A Nominations Committee, appointed by the Board, will also seek out individuals to be nominated for election. The Nominations Committee will endeavour to ensure that candidates for election consist of a diverse selection of individuals; including athletes, visible minorities, geographic residence, and gender identity by way of recruitment, advertisement or others means determined by the Nominations Committee.
- f) Any individual, who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, who has the power under law to contract, who has not been declared incapable by a court in Canada or in another country, who does not have the status of bankrupt, may be nominated for election as a Director.

## 5.2 Election of Directors

- a) Association elections shall be carried out by written ballot at the Annual Meeting.
- b) To be elected, a candidate must receive fifty percent plus one of the votes cast. Until a candidate reached this majority, the candidate receiving the least number of votes on any ballot shall be removed from the next ballot to be cast for the office.

## 5.3 Gender Representation Election Procedures

- a) To ensure that no more than sixty percent (60%) of the Directors identify as the same gender, the Nominations Committee will ask each Director whose term is not expiring to self-declare their gender identity. If there are five (5) individuals who identify as one gender identity, nominees of that same gender identity will not be permitted to stand for election. If there are more nominees than available positions, the nominee(s) receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected provided it does not exceed the gender identity maximum. For clarity, if there are four (4) individuals of the same gender identity serving on the Board, only one (1) Director of that gender identity may be elected to the Board and the remaining nominees of that gender identity are not permitted to be elected once that individual has been elected. For further clarity, if there are four (4) Directors of the same gender identity currently on the Board, and two (2) or more of the nominees for a vacant Director-at-Large position are of that same gender identity, only one (1) of those individuals may be elected regardless of the number of votes for the nominees.

## 5.4 Period of Office

- a) Directors will serve term limits of three (3) years, to a maximum of nine (9) years, and will hold office until they or their successors have been duly elected in accordance with these By-Laws, unless they resign, or are removed from or vacate their office, except:
  - i) An individual may serve a maximum of six (6) years as President; and
  - ii) Directors serving at the time of the ratification of these By-laws who have exceeded the maximum term limit of nine (9) consecutive years will retain their position for the remainder of the term.

## 5.5 Resignation or Termination of Office

- a) A Director may resign their office by forwarding a written resignation to the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.
- b) A Director may be removed from office by an Ordinary Resolution of the Members at any meeting of the Members. A Director may be suspended from office for any conduct deemed detrimental to the Association by a unanimous vote of all remaining Directors. An appeal of this decision may be made to the Members at the next Annual Meeting.
- c) Where the position of a Director becomes vacant for whatever reason and there is still a quorum of Directors, the remaining Directors may appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacant term. No more than one-third (1/3) of the total number of directors elected at the previous Annual Meeting can be appointed.

## 5.6 Vacate Office

- a) The office of any Director will be vacated automatically if the Director:
  - i) Is found by a court to be of unsound mind;
  - ii) Becomes bankrupt, suspends payment, or compounds with their creditors, or makes unauthorized assignment, or is declared insolvent; or
  - iii) Dies.

## 5.7 Board Meetings

- a) Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held any time and place as determined by the Board of Directors.

- b) Notice served other than by mail, of Board Meetings will be given to all Directors at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Notice served by mail will be sent at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. No Notice of a meeting of the Board of Directors is required if all Directors waive notice, or if those absent consent to the meeting being held in their absence.
  - c) At any meeting of the Board of Directors, quorum will consist of a majority of Directors holding office.
  - d) Each Director is entitled to one vote. Voting will be by a show of hands, orally or by electronic ballot, unless a majority of Directors present request a secret ballot. Resolutions will be passed by Ordinary Resolution. Tied votes fail.
  - e) Meetings of the Board will be closed to Members, excluding all Director Members, and the public except by invitation of the Board.
  - f) A meeting of the Board may meet by teleconference provided that either a majority of the Directors consents to meeting by teleconference or meeting of teleconference have been approved by resolution passed by the Directors at a meeting of the Directors.
  - g) The Directors may meet by other electronic means that permits each Director to communicate adequately with each other provided that:
    - i) The Directors have passed a resolution addressing the mechanics of holding such a meeting and dealing specifically how security issues should be handled, the procedure for establishing quorum and recording votes;
    - ii) Each Director has equal access to the specific means of communications to be used;
    - iii) Each Director has consented in advance to meeting by electronic means using the specific means of communication proposed for the meeting.
  - h) Any Director who is unable to attend a meeting may participate in the meeting by telephone or other telecommunications technology. Directors who participate in a meeting by telephone or other telecommunications technology are considered to have attended the meeting.
- 5.8 In accordance with Section 141 of the Act, a Director, Officer, or member of a committee who has an interest, or who may be perceived as having an interest, in a proposed contract or transaction with the Association will comply with the Act and the Association's Conflict of Interest Policy and will disclose fully and promptly the nature and extent of such interest to the Board or Committee, as the case may be, will refrain from voting or speaking in debate on such contract or transaction; will refrain from influencing the decision on such contract or transaction; and will otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act regarding conflict of interest.

## **ARTICLE 6 – COMMITTEES**

- 6.1 The Board may appoint such committees as it deems necessary for managing the affairs of the Corporation and may appoint members of committees or provide for the election of members of committees, may prescribe the duties and terms of reference of committees, and may delegate to any Committee any of its powers, duties, and functions.
- 6.2 Nominations Committee – The Board will establish a Nominations Committee composed of Directors, athletes, and other stakeholders to oversee the solicitation and receipt of nominations for the election of the Directors. The committee will also be responsible for vetting potential candidates, evaluating a candidate's skills and expertise, determining a candidate's independence as per these By-laws, and making recommendations to the membership about elections. The Committee will have an odd number of members with the objective that the committee is respected, credible, and representative. The Nominations Committee will have responsibilities and authority at the discretion of the Board.
- 6.3 Standing Committees – The Board will establish a Governance and Ethics Committee and an Audit and Finance Committee. The Board will determine the composition and terms of reference for these committees.

## **ARTICLE 7 – ANNUAL MEETING - VOTING PROCEDURES**

- 7.1 Voting privileges at meetings of Members shall be as follows:
  - a) Each Provincial/Territorial Association Member shall have three votes, to be exercised by three delegates chosen by the Provincial/Territorial Association Member, with the exception that a delegate may not be an employee of a national or international softball organization. The Association shall provide funding for the travel of two delegates to the Annual Meeting.
  - b) Each Director Member, including the President, shall have one vote.
  - c) There shall be no absentee voting or voting by proxy.
  - d) Quorum for a meeting of Members shall be those delegates and Director Members representing a majority of votes eligible to be cast at the Meeting.
- 7.2 Members will have the right to vote on the election of Directors, the appointment of the auditor, and any other matter required by the Act or these By-Laws or as directed by the Board.

## **ARTICLE 8 – PERMANENT EMPLOYEES**

- 8.1 The President and Chief Executive Officer may appoint any paid employee with the approval of the Board, and any employee so appointed shall be paid a salary approved and determined by the President and Chief Executive Officer.
- 8.2 A committee, appointed by the President, shall conduct annual salary reviews of employees. The committee will have the final responsibility of setting salaries for those employees.
- 8.3 Paid employees shall execute job responsibilities that are described in formal job descriptions.

## **ARTICLE 9 – MEETINGS**

- 9.1 The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held within fifteen (15) months of the last Annual Meeting but not later than six (6) months after the end of the Association's preceding financial year. The exact date of the meeting shall be determined two (2) calendar years in advance.
- 9.2 A Special Meeting of the Association may be called by the President, the Board of Directors or upon the written requisition of members who hold five percent (5%) of the votes of the Association. Twenty-one (21) days prior, written notice shall be given to the membership of any Special Meeting and such notice shall set forth the entire business to be conducted at the Special Meeting.
- 9.3 The Annual Meeting, when held in-person, shall be rotated annually through three regions. The regions will be comprised as follows:
  - i) ATLANTIC – New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island
  - ii) CENTRAL – Ontario, Québec, Manitoba, Nunavut, and Northwest Territories
  - iii) WESTERN – Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon
- 9.4 A meeting of Members may be held by means of telephone, electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting, if the Association makes available such a communication facility.
- 9.5 Any member entitled to attend a meeting of members may participate in the meeting by means of telephone, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting, if the Association makes available such a communication facility. A person so participating in a meeting is deemed to be present at the meeting.
- 9.6 Notice will include the time and place of a meeting, the proposed agenda, reasonable information to permit Members to make informed decisions, and shall be given to each member entitled to vote at the meeting, and the Board, by the following means:
  - a) By mail, courier or personal delivery to each member entitled to vote at the meeting, during a period of 21-60 days before the day on which the meeting is to be held; or
  - b) By telephone, electronic or other communication facility to each member entitled to vote at the meeting, during a period of 21-35 days before the day on which the meeting is to be held; or
  - c) By posting on the Association's website not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 9.7 Pursuant to section 171(1) of the Act (Fundamental Changes), a Special Resolution of the members is required to make any amendment to the bylaws of the Association to change the manner of giving notice to members entitled to vote at a meeting of members.

## **ARTICLE 10 – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 10.1 Accounts
  - a) All approved accounts shall be paid by cheque or electronic transfer.
  - b) All cheques written on the operating account at the National Office of the Association or electronic transfers will be signed/approved by two of the President, Chief Executive Officer or other individuals as approved by the Directors.
- 10.2 Audit and Inspection of the Books
  - a) The books and records of the Association shall be kept by the Chief Executive Officer under the strict supervision of the President or their designate on the Board and shall be audited each year by an independent auditor. This independent auditor shall be designated by Members at each Annual Meeting and will hold office until the next Annual Meeting.
  - b) The books and records of the Association may be inspected by the Members of the Association, by appointment made through the office of the President, at the National Office of the Association. Such a Member must be in good standing with the Association. The expenses of travel, housing and loss of time inspecting the books shall be borne by the requesting Member.
- 10.3 Borrowing Powers  
The Association may exercise any borrowing powers conferred upon it by any Act of Parliament governing this corporate body without share capital. This power must be approved by the Board.
- 10.4 Indemnities to Directors and Others

- a) Every Director of the Association or other person who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the Association or any company controlled by it and their heirs, executors and administrators, and estate and effects, respectively, shall from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the association, from;
- b) All costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which such Director or other person sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceedings which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against them, or in respect of any act, deed, matter of thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted by them, in or about the execution of the duties of their office or in respect of any such liability;
- c) All other costs, charges and expenses which they sustain or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by their own willful neglect or default.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 11.1 Contracts, documents, or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Association, shall be signed by the President and/or their designate and/ or the Chief Executive Officer or such other Director that may be authorized from time to time by resolution of the Board. All contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Association without any further authorization or formality.
- 11.2 The Board shall have power from time to time to appoint a Director or staff member on behalf of the Association either to sign contracts, documents in writing generally or to sign specific contracts, documents and instruments in writing.

#### **ARTICLE 12 – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

- 12.1 Resolutions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by any voting Member. A Notice of Motion to amend the Bylaws by a Member must be received in writing (or email) by the National Office of the Association by October 1st.
- 12.2 Except for the items set out in s. 197 of the Act (Fundamental Changes), these bylaws may be amended, revised, repealed or added by Ordinary Resolution of the Directors at a meeting of the Board of Directors and will have full force and effect until such time as they are sanctioned by Ordinary Resolution of the voting Members present at the next meeting of members, or defeated. Upon affirmative vote of the voting Members, any amendments, revisions, additions or deletions will be effective upon the conclusion of the meeting which the voting Members voted.
- 12.3 Except for the items set out in s. 197 of the Act (Fundamental Changes), these bylaws may be amended, revised, repealed or added by member proposal, as described in Section 163 of the Act. Amendments by member proposal must be approved by Ordinary Resolution of the Members at any meeting of the Members. Amendments by member proposal that are approved by the Members take effect immediately.
- 12.4 Playing Rule Changes
  - a) Submission to change the Playing Rules of the Association must be received in writing by the National Office of the Association by October 1st in odd numbered years only. The National Office of the Association will forward copies of all proposed Playing Rule changes to the membership by October 7th. A simple majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast from the Voting Members is required to enact or repeal Playing Rule change proposals at the Rules Forum and the Annual General Meeting. The voting strength at the Rules Forum will be one voting delegate from each Provincial/Territorial Association in good standing with the Association and two (2) Softball Canada Board Members.
  - b) Notice of the proposed amendments to the Playing Rules of the Association shall be provided to the relevant voting members of the Association by October 7th prior to the Members' Meeting. Notice may be waived in accordance with section 13.4.
  - c) Notice of the proposed amendments to these bylaws and the constitution shall be provided to the relevant voting Members at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Members Meeting. Notice may be waived in accordance with section 13.4.

#### **ARTICLE 13 – CUSTODY AND USE OF SEAL**

- 13.1 The seal of the Association shall remain in the custody of the Chief Executive Officer at the National Office.
- 13.2 The seal of the Association shall not be affixed to any contracts, documents or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Association except in presence of:
  - a) The President, or their designate and the Chief Executive Officer; or
  - b) The President and such other Director of the Association that may be authorized from time to time by resolution of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE 14 – NOTICE**

- 14.1 In these bylaws, written notice will mean notice which is hand-delivered or provided by mail, fax, electronic mail or courier to the address of record of the Association, Director or Member, as the case may be.

- 14.2 Date of notice will be:
- a) The date on which the notice is hand-delivered;
  - b) The date on which the notice is sent electronically, faxed, e-mailed or couriered;
  - c) Five (5) days after the date of mailing if provided by regular mail.
- 14.3 The accidental omission to give notice of a Meeting of the Directors or the Members, the failure of any Director or Member to receive notice, or an error in any notice which does not affect its substance will not invalidate any action taken at the Meeting.
- 14.4 No notice of a meeting of the Members is required if all Members waive notice, or if those absent consent to the meeting being held in their absence.

#### **ARTICLE 15 – FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES**

- 15.1 Section 197 of the Act requires a Special Resolution of Members at a Member's Meeting, to make the following fundamental changes to the bylaws or articles of the Association. Fundamental Changes are defined as follows:
- a) Change the Association's name;
  - b) Change the province in which the Association's registered office is situated;
  - c) Add, change or remove any restriction on the activities that the Association may carry on;
  - d) Create a new class or group of members;
  - e) Change a condition required for being a member;
  - f) Change the designation of any class or group of members or add, change or remove any rights and conditions of any such class or group;
  - g) Divide any class or group of members into two or more classes or groups and fix the rights and conditions of each class or group;
  - h) Add, change or remove a provision respecting the transfer of a membership;
  - i) Subject to section 133, increase or decrease the number of — or the minimum or maximum number — of directors;
  - j) Change the statement of the purpose of the Association;
  - k) Change the statement concerning the distribution of property remaining on liquidation after the discharge of any liabilities of the Association;
  - l) Change the manner of giving notice to members entitled to vote at a meeting of members;
  - m) Change the method of voting by members not in attendance at a meeting of members; or
  - n) Add, change or remove any other provision that is permitted by this Act to be set out in the articles.
- 15.2 Section 199 of the Act provides that each membership class is entitled to vote separately, Special Resolution of each class, if the fundamental change noted above relates to membership rights, such as:
- a) Affect an exchange, reclassification or cancellation of all or part of the memberships of the class or group;
  - b) Add, change or remove the rights or conditions attached to the memberships of the class or group, including:
    - i) To reduce or remove a liquidation preference, or
    - ii) To add, remove or change prejudicially voting or transfer rights of the class or group;
  - c) Increase the rights of any other class or group of members having rights equal or superior to those of the class or group;
  - d) Increase the rights of a class or group of members having rights inferior to those of the class or group to make them equal or superior to those of the class or group;
  - e) Create a new class or group of members having rights equal or superior to those of the class or group; or
  - f) Affect an exchange or create a right of exchange of all or part of the memberships of another class or group into the memberships of the class or group.

#### **ARTICLE 16 – DISSOLUTION**

- 16.1 In the event of dissolution or winding-up of the Association, all its remaining assets, after payment of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more recognized charitable organizations in Canada.

#### **Temporary - Bylaw #2 Board Transition Plan**

- 1.1 Board Transition – This Bylaw #2 is enacted, and the following sections of the Association's Bylaws will be temporarily repealed to the extent necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Bylaw #2 until this Bylaw #2 is repealed:
- a) 3.1 – Composition of the Board
  - b) 3.2 – Terms

- 1.2 Current Board Composition – The current Board composition of the Association, as of June 2023, consisted of the following individuals with the year their term expires:
  - a) President (SN) – 2023
  - b) Director (RD) – 2023
  - c) Director (JD) – 2024
  - d) Director (BP) – 2024
  - e) Director (SS) – 2023
  - f) Director (BS) – 2024
  - g) Director (KZ) – 2024
  - h) Director (RA) – 2023
- 1.3 Directors-at-Large – Each Director position becomes a Director-at-Large. Following each Annual Meeting, the Board may assign portfolios to Directors at its discretion and may elect Officer positions pursuant to these Bylaws.
- 1.4 Elections and Expirations at Annual Meetings – The following elections and expirations will occur at the next two (2) Annual Meetings of the Association and the Board composition is described:
  - a) 2023 Meeting
    - i. The following terms expire:
      - i. SN
      - ii. RD
      - iii. RA
      - iv. SS
    - ii. The following positions will be elected:
      - i. Three (3) Directors-at-Large for a three-year term (“A” Directors)
      - ii. Two (2) Directors-at-Large for a two-year term (“B” Directors)
      - iii. The Board composition following the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association is:
        - i. JD – exp. 2024
        - ii. BP – exp. 2024
        - iii. BS – exp. 2024
        - iv. KZ – exp. 2024
        - v. Three (3) Directors-at-Large (“A” Directors) – exp. 2026
        - vi. Two (2) Directors-at-Large (“B” Directors) – exp. 2025
  - b) 2024 Meeting
    - i. The following terms expire:
      - i. JD
      - ii. BP
      - iii. BS
      - iv. KZ
    - ii. The following positions will be elected:
      - i. One (1) Director-at-Large (“B” Director) for a one-year term
      - ii. Three (3) Directors-at-Large (“C” Directors) for a three-year term
    - iii. The Board composition following the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Association is:
      - i. Three (3) Directors-at-Large (“A” Directors) – exp. 2026
      - ii. Three (3) Directors-at-Large (“B” Directors) – exp. 2025
      - iii. Three (3) Directors-at-Large (“C” Directors) – exp. 2027
- 1.5 Repeal of this By-law #2 – After the elections at the 2025 Annual Meeting, the Board transition period will have completed and this Bylaw #2 should be repealed.

## MOTIONS – SPECIAL OPERATING RULES

SOR Motions will be voted on in several slate votes. Motion 1, 7, 19 and 21 were withdrawn. Motion 23 Amended. Motion 24 to be voted on separately.

### Move to approve SOR Motions 2 - 6, 8 - 18, 20, 22, and 25 in one slate vote

**Moved by:** Jeff Ellsworth (PE)

**Seconded by:** Richie Connors (NS)

#### NOTICE OF MOTION # 1

**Submitted by:** Softball Québec

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

Part One, Art. 1.1 Bid Procedures f) (p. 210)

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

f) Provinces/Territories who have communities bidding on a Championship must have had at least one (1) team from the Province or Territory participate in the Championship they are bidding on the year before the Championship. If there are no other bids, except from a P/T who hadn't participated as stated above, then these bids can be considered after October 1st the year prior to the Championship

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

**DELETION**

#### RATIONALE

Removing the limitation will allow for more provinces to bid on Canadian Championships.

Softball Canada already has some difficulty finding host committees. This change will certainly help provinces who rarely host championships to show their interest in doing so and to bid on Canadian Championships.

For example, a province who is currently developing in a category may want to submit a bid without the stress of absolutely needing to send a team to Canadian Championships the year prior.

It is also important to note that in categories like U15 and U17, hosting a Canadian Championship can spark interest and generate increased interest and motivation for the following year. It is therefore possible that a province is unable to send a team one year simply because they are preparing for the next year.

When a bid is presented more than a year before the championship, it is often difficult to know if at least one team will be participating the year prior to the championship you bid on. A bid can also be done 2 years in advance with the belief that a team will be participating but when it comes time, for varying reasons, the team doesn't participate.

In our opinion, a province who wants to develop the sport shouldn't be penalized because they were unable to present a team in a specific category. Penalizing a province by not allowing them to host an event that could help development in their region will harm the overall development of softball.

To conclude, we reiterate that Softball Canada needs to help provinces host Canadian Championships by offering more flexibility. By removing this rule, we give host committees the opportunity to better prepare their event and more time to secure sponsorships for the event.

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

None for Softball Canada but a lot for a host committee who could be confirmed two years in advance allowing them to secure more sponsorships without the fear that Softball Canada will pull the plug one year before.



Final Recommendations: **Withdrawn**

NOTICE OF MOTION #2

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Two, Art. 1.1 Eligibility a) iii) (p. 213)

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

iii) Are at least fifteen (15) years of age as of January 1 of the current year in order to be eligible to participate in a Senior Canadian Championship

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

**REVISION**

iii) Are at least fifteen (15) years of age as of January 1 of the current year in order to be eligible to participate in a **Men's or Women's** Canadian Championship

**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping. We no longer refer to the Men's and Women's Canadian Championships as "Senior" events.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## NOTICE OF MOTION #3

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three (SP), Art. 1.1 Introduction d) (p. 217)

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

d) The start date for the Men's Championship would be Sunday concluding on Saturday for a 7 day event. The start date for the Women's Championship would be on the Monday concluding on the Saturday for a 6 day event.

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

**REVISION:**

d) The start date for the Men's and Women's Championship would be Sunday concluding on Saturday for a 7 day event.

**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping. The Women's Slo-Pitch Canadian Championship has been a 7 day event as requested by the teams since 2019.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## NOTICE OF MOTION #4

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Two, Art. 2.6 Provincial Non-Residents (Fast Pitch Only) a) i) (p. 215)

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

- a) i) In U23 Men's/Women's, all but one (1) player on any provincial/territorial representative team to a Canadian Championship must be a bona fide resident of that province/territory by the official residency date for the year of competition.  
ii) In U20 Men's, U19 Women's, U23 Men's/Women's Championships, all but six (6) players, and only two of these will be allowed to be pitchers, on any territorial representative team to a Canadian Championship must be a bona fide resident of that territory by the official residency date for the year of competition, with the release of the Province/Territory that the player is registered with.
- b) In Men's, Master Men's and Women's Canadian Championships, all but two (2) players, and only one of these will be allowed to be a pitcher, on any provincial/territorial representative team to a Canadian Championship must be a bona fide resident of that Province/Territory by the official residency date for the year of competition.

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

**DELETE i) and REORDER ii) as a)**

**REVISION to b)** In **U23 Men's, U23 Women's**, Men's, Master Men's and Women's Canadian Championships, all but two (2) players, and only one of these will be allowed to be a pitcher, on any provincial/territorial representative team to a Canadian Championship must be a bona fide resident of that Province/Territory by the official residency date for the year of competition.

### **RATIONALE**

There is low participation in the U23 Men's and U23 Women's age categories. Adding an additional provincial non-resident ("import") may help more teams participate in these events.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #5

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three (SP), Art. 1.2 a) Team Representation iv) (p. 217)

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

iv) When a Canadian Championship is hosted by a province/territory who has been given all-star status in the category presented, this hosting province/territory may participate in the Canadian Championship with two (2) all-star teams.

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

**DELETE iv)**

**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping. This SOR does not apply to Slo-Pitch as there are no provinces/territories with all-star status. Even if they did in the future, this SOR makes no sense as P/T's are allowed to send up to four teams.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #6

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three (SP), Art. 1.2 Participants a) Team Representation v) b) (p. 218)

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

b) At least eight (8) players from the championship roster are still on the current roster and in attendance. If the previous champion does not have eight (8) returning players, the provincial/territorial body can declare a Defending Champion.

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

**REVISION**

b) At least **seven (7)** players from the championship roster are still on the current roster and in attendance. If the previous champion does not have **seven (7)** returning players, the provincial/territorial body can declare **their Provincial Champion (or top seeded team) as** a Defending Champion.

**RATIONALE**

This reduces the amount of returning players from 8 to 7 and clarifies which team the provincial/territorial body can declare as Defending Champion. With the previous wording, the provincial/territorial body could designate any team as Defending Champion and could take advantage of pre-determined scheduling.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #7

Submitted by: Softball Saskatchewan

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

Part 3 SOR SP. Article 1, 1.2. Participants, c) playing Rosters, iv) Player Additions, f), page 219

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

Any team from Manitoba or Saskatchewan attending the Canadian slo-Pitch Championships can pick up to five (5) from each other's Province with the release of the player's home province. All releases must be handled as per the Softball Canada Guidelines.

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

**REVISION:**

Any team from Manitoba or Saskatchewan attending the Canadian Slo-Pitch Championships can pick up to **eight (8)** from each other's Province with the release of the player's home province. All releases must be handled as per the Softball Canada Guidelines

**RATIONALE**

It can cost \$30,000 - \$40,000 for a team to attend a Canadian Championship. The teams from the smaller provinces have a much smaller number of residents to choose from than the larger provinces and simply looking to be able to field the most competitive team possible at the Canadian Championships.

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

NONE

Final Recommendations: **Withdrawn**

NOTICE OF MOTION #8

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three (Slo-Pitch), Art. 2.1 Tournament Format b) Championship Round (p. 220)

Part Four (Fast Pitch), Art. 2.1 Tournament Format b) ii) Championship Round (p. 231)

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

b) Championship Round

In championships with 7, 8 or 9 teams, 6 teams will play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 2 teams will have a single "life". In championships with 10 or more teams, 8 teams will play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 teams will have a single "life".

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

**REVISION**

b) Championship Round

In championships with 7, 8 or 9 teams, 6 teams will play in the championship round. The top 2 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 teams will have a single "life". In championships with 10 or more teams, 8 teams will play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 teams will have a single "life".

**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping. The wording in this SOR did not reflect what is applied in our Championship bracket on the following page. In a 6-team playoff bracket, only 2 teams have 2 lives and 4 teams have a single life. This applies to both Slo-Pitch and Fast Pitch.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**



## NOTICE OF MOTION #9

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three (Slo-Pitch), Art. 2.1 Tournament Format c) ii) (p. 220)

Part Four (Fast Pitch), Art. 2.1 Tournament Format c) ii) (p. 231)

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

c) Ranking in the Qualifying Round

Final standings in the qualifying round shall be established using the following criteria:

- i) Won/Lost records. If still tied, then:
- ii) Winners of games between tied teams NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. The remaining teams then revert back to i) and continue on.

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

### REVISION

c) Ranking in the Qualifying Round

Final standings in the qualifying round shall be established using the following criteria **and will revert back to i) after each criterion if the tie is broken.**

- i) Won/Lost records. If still tied, then:
- ii) Winners of games between tied teams NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. **If still tied, then:**

### RATIONALE

The previous SOR was unclear on when teams reverted back to their head-to-head result. This clarifies that it is after each individual criterion if the tie is broken.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #10

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three (SP), Art. 2.1 Tournament Format c) iii) NOTE (p. 220)

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

NOTE: When using criteria iii) full team records of the entire team records of the entire qualifying round, and only 4,5,6 etc. FULL innings in 4½, 5½, 6½ etc. inning games are to be used.

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

**DELETION**

**RATIONALE**

This change was previously made in Fast Pitch and has worked well. Tiebreaking criteria should be based on the game's final score, not the score after the last completed full inning. This removes confusion for teams who gain or lose plus/minus, runs scored and runs against in the top of the last inning.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #11

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three (SP), Art. 2.1 Tournament Format c) iii) a) and b) (p. 220)

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

- a) If teams are still tied within iii), then the total runs scored in all games will be used. If still tied, then:
- b) The least (fewest) amount of runs scored against in all games will be used. If still tied, then:

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

**REVISION**

- iv) The least (fewest) amount of runs scored against in all games will be used. If still tied, then:
- v) The total runs scored in all games will be used. If still tied, then:

**Renumber a-b-c) to iv-v-vi)**

**RATIONALE**

Inversing a) and b) to consider runs against ahead of runs scored in the criteria. This lines up with WBSC tie-breaking criteria and places a greater emphasis on preventing defensive runs as opposed to running up the score.

Renumbering because a-b-c should not be on a sub-level under iii)

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #12

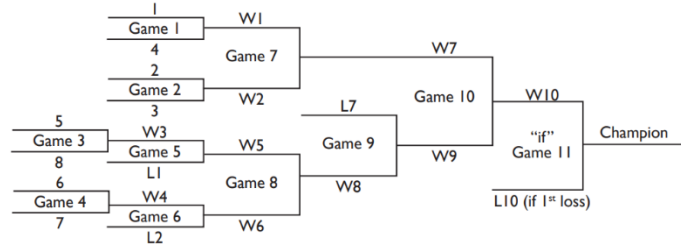
Submitted by: Canadian Championship

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

Part Three (Slo-Pitch), Art. 2.2 Model Draws a) Championship Round (p. 221)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

a) Championship Round.

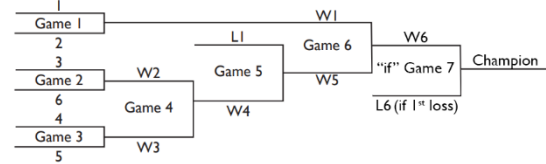


BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

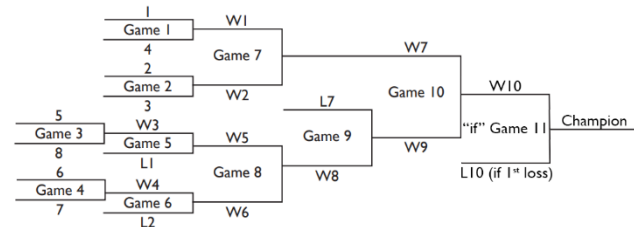
**ADDITION**

b) Championship Round

Six Team Playoff



Eight Team Playoff



**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping. Adding the 6-team playoff bracket that is referred to in SOR Part Three, Art. 2.1 b)

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #13

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three, Art. 2.5 Awards e) (p. 222)

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

e) In order for players to qualify for the final standings at bat or on the mound, the following will apply:

At bat: A player must have gone to bat at least 2.5 times the number of games the team has played, rounded to the highest whole number (with any activity at bat counting for a “time at bat”).

On the mound: A pitcher must have pitched in more than 8 innings (8 1/3 innings is sufficient to qualify).

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

**REVISION**

e) In order for players to qualify for individual awards, the following will apply:

At bat: A player must have at least 2.5 plate appearances times the number of games the team has played, rounded to the highest whole number

**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping. This clarifies that the criteria is for individual awards (not “final standings”), the wording is simplified to refer to plate appearances, and the “On the mound” part is deleted as we no longer have a “Top Pitcher” award in Slo-Pitch – it was replaced with a “Top Defensive Player” award several years ago.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #14

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three, Art. 2.6 Official Softball c) (p. 222)

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

c) The official and exclusive softball for the Women's Canadian Championship will be the Rawlings Super Green Dot YSX11RSC3 (COR 44).

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

**REVISION**

c) The official and exclusive softball for the Women's Canadian Championship will be the Rawlings **11" Hot Dot SBC11HDSY** or Rawlings Super Green Dot YSX11RSC3.

**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping. Change of the official Women's Slo-Pitch ball to the 11" Hot Dot will be within the next few years.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #15

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three (SP), Art. 2.7 c) Bats v) (p. 224)

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

v) Any bat failing inspection will be confiscated by the Softball Canada representative, without prejudice, for the duration of the tournament and will be returned to the owner team after the owner team's final game.

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

**DELETION**

**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping. Softball Canada no longer confiscates bats.

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

Removes the risk of Softball Canada incurring costs of replacing bats if they are lost after being confiscated.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #16

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Three (SP), Art. 2.7 c) Bats vii) (p. 224)

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

vii) Any player using a bat that was not inspected or has failed inspection and/or approval, shall have the bat confiscated and will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament.

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

**REVISION**

vii) Any player using a bat that was not inspected or has failed inspection and/or approval will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament.

**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping. Softball Canada no longer confiscates bats.

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

None

Final Recommendations: **Carried**



NOTICE OF MOTION #17

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Four (Fast Pitch), Art. 1.2 Participants a) Team Representation i) (p. 227)

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

i) Canadian Championship events will be hosted ranging from five to seven days, with the maximum number of teams dependent on the host capacity.

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

**REVISION**

i) Canadian Championship events will be hosted ranging from five to six days, with the maximum number of teams dependent on the host capacity.

**RATIONALE**

Housekeeping. Fast Pitch Championships are always 5 or 6 days and never 7 based on feedback from hosts/teams.

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

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #18

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Four (Fast Pitch), Art. 1.2 a) Team Representation v) (b) (p. 227)

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

(b) At least eight (8) players from the championship roster are still on the current roster and in attendance except for the U23 level of competition where it is acceptable for seven (7) players to have been on the championship roster and the U15, U17, U19 and U20 level of competition where provincial/territorial bodies can declare a Defending Champion if the previous champion does not have seven (7) returning players.

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

**REVISION**

(b) At least **seven (7)** players from the championship roster are still on the current roster and in attendance. **If the previous champion does not have seven (7) returning players, the provincial/territorial body can declare their Provincial Champion (or top seeded team) as Defending Champion.**

**RATIONALE**

This reduces the amount of returning players from 8 to 7 in Men's and Women's categories and clarifies which team the provincial/territorial body can declare as Defending Champion. With the previous wording, the provincial/territorial body could designate any team as Defending Champion and could take advantage of pre-determined scheduling.

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

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #19

Submitted by: Softball Saskatchewan

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

SOR FP: Article 1, 1.2 Participants, c) Playing Rosters, i) Roster size, page 228

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

Playing Rosters

Team roster sizes will be as follows:

Players (including pick-ups) Minimum 11      Maximum 17

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

**Revision: Add exception for Men's and Women's to be Maximum 18**

**RATIONALE**

By increasing the number of players on a roster allows flexibility for players and teams. At this age many players struggle to commit to a team due to family, job and other competing commitments. This change would be beneficial to teams and ultimately the game by allowing more flexibility in the rosters.

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

NONE

Final Recommendations: **Withdrawn**

NOTICE OF MOTION #20

Submitted by: Softball Saskatchewan

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

SOR FP: Article 1, 1.2 Participants, c), ii All-Star Rosters b), page 228

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

All-Star Rosters

b) The following provinces/territories have been allowed All-Star status in all categories:

7. Saskatchewan (except U19 and U20 categories)

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

**Deletion of only: (Except U19 and U20 categories)**

**RATIONALE**

Should we wish to utilize the All-Star status granted to us, these are the most likely age groups where we would utilize this rule.

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

NONE

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## NOTICE OF MOTION #21

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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

Part Four (Fast Pitch), Art. 2.1 Tournament Format c) Ranking in the Qualifying Round (p. 231)

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

c) Ranking in the Qualifying Round

Final standings in the qualifying round shall be established using the following criteria:

- i) Won/Lost records. If still tied, then:
- ii) Winners of games between tied teams NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. The remaining teams then revert back to i) and continue on.
- iii) Difference PLUS or MINUS of total runs scored, with a limit of 7 PLUS or MINUS per game allowed.
  - a) If teams are still tied within iii) the least (fewest) amount of runs scored against in all games will be used. If still tied, then:
  - b) The total runs scored in all games, with a maximum of 10 runs scored per game, will be used. If still tied then:
  - c) Positions will be settled by a coin toss.

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

c) Ranking in the Qualifying Round

Final standings in the qualifying round shall be established using the following criteria:

- i) Won/Lost records. If still tied, then:
- ii) Winners of games between tied teams NOTE: In order to use this criteria, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the teams they are tied with to be ranked higher. The remaining teams then revert back to i) and continue on.
- iii) **Least (fewest) runs scored against in the games among the tied teams. If still tied, then:**
- iv) Least (fewest) amount of runs scored against in all games will be used. If still tied, then:
- v) Positions will be settled by a coin toss.

### RATIONALE

Alignment with the WBSC and Canada Games tiebreaking criteria which no longer uses plus/minus and focuses on runs against instead of runs scored to break ties. The limit of 7 PLUS or MINUS and 10 runs scored created significant confusion for participants and fans when they looked at standings and tiebreaking criteria.

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

None.

Final Recommendations: **Withdrawn**

NOTICE OF MOTION #22

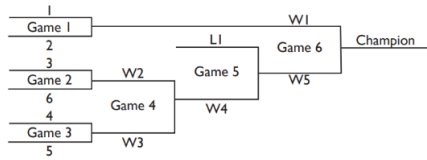
Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

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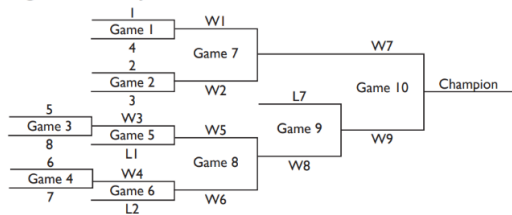
Part Four (Fast Pitch), Art. 2.2 Model Draws b) Championship Round (p. 232)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Six Team Playoff



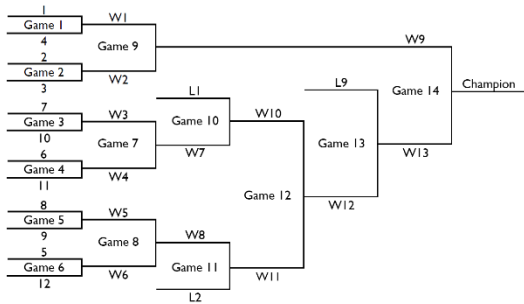
Eight Team Playoff



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

ADDITION

Twelve Team Playoff



RATIONALE

Softball Canada has started using a twelve-team playoff format in certain categories with a high number of registered teams. This playoff format allows more teams to qualify for the playoff round, and is especially a good alternative in events that require a modified round robin in the preliminary round.

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

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NOTICE OF MOTION #23

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

Moved by: Dennis Marchiori (NT)

Seconded by: Hillary Pineau (NB)

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

Part Four (Fast Pitch), Art. 2.5 Awards e) (p. 233)

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

e) In order for players to qualify for the final standings at bat or on the mound, the following will apply:

At bat: A player must have gone to bat at least 2.5 times the number of games the team has played, rounded to the highest whole number (with any activity at bat counting for a "time at bat").

On the mound: A pitcher must have pitched in more than 15 innings (15 1/3 innings is sufficient to qualify).

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

**REVISION**

e) In order for players to qualify for **individual awards**, the following will apply:

At bat: A player must have at least **2 plate appearances** times the number of games the team has played, rounded to the highest whole number

**In the circle:** A pitcher must have pitched in **10 innings or more**, ~~more than 2 innings per team game played~~.

**RATIONALE**

This clarifies that the criteria is for individual awards (not "final standings") and the wording is simplified to match current softball terminology. Players in some age categories had a difficult time reaching the previous minimums to qualify for awards because of a varying amount of preliminary round games depending on the number of teams entered. The new minimums are now tied to the amount of games played. There is also a slight reduction in plate appearances to allow more athletes to reach the minimum.

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

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried (as amended)**

NOTICE OF MOTION #24

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

Moved by: Jackie Dugger (BOD)

Seconded by: Jason Ranchoux (BC)

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

Part Four (Fast Pitch), Art. 2.7 Dress and Equipment a) Uniforms ii) (p. 234)

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

ii) Coaches appearing on the field must wear uniforms identical (similar) to the players or any combination of dress shorts, slacks or track pants and shirts as near to the team colours as possible in all categories and Coaches' footwear must be completely closed in (no sandals, crocs or similar footwear permitted). Both coaches are required to be dressed in similar fashion.

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

**ADDITION**

**EXCEPTION: In the U23 Men's and Men's categories no shorts are allowed.**

**RATIONALE**

With an increase in exposure/interest in the Men's game, coaches should look more professional. The coach dress code in these categories has become an issue with some coaches wearing a combination of shorts and pants in the same game and it does not look professional. This was previously discussed and agreed to in a previous Canadian Championship Workshop but had not been presented as an SOR motion. This also aligns with WBSC regulations.

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

None.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**



NOTICE OF MOTION #25

Submitted by: Board of Directors/ODC

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

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championship Play, Art. 2.7 Dress and Equipment

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

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

**ADDITION**

2.7 d) Bat Compression Test

Bat compression testing will be conducted at the U20 Men's, U23 Men's, Men's and Master Men's events on an annual basis. Failure to meet the bat compression test will result in the bat being an illegal bat and not permitted for use at the Canadian Championships. Bats approved for use will be marked, and any bat used that is not so marked will be considered an illegal bat.

Note - The protocol that will be followed to determine whether bats are suitable for play at the Canadian Championships will be available on the Softball Canada website. All bats will be compression tested to the current WBSC standards. If the bat passes compression testing, it will be approved for Canadian Championship play regardless of certification stamp(s).

**RATIONALE**

This motion follows recommendations made by USA Softball, the ISC and Men's Fast Pitch athletes. Men's Fast Pitch bats are not in high production and old stock is dwindling; most bats currently being used are 10-15 years old. Newer model bats are no longer made for the Men's Fast Pitch game and preference is given to past models that have much more durability. Due to current market demand, manufacturers are building high-performance Slo-Pitch bats that are less durable or light weight female Fast Pitch bats, neither of which are very suitable for Men's Fast Pitch. The compression test is to ensure the bat meets standards. If a bat can pass the standards, we are recommending it to be used regardless of the stamp on the bat.

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

None Known.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

**Move to approve Rule Change Proposals 1-13, 20, 22-24, 26-29, 32-33, 35, 37-40, 42-46  
in one slate vote**

<b>Moved by:</b> Jackie Dugger (BOD)	<b>Seconded by:</b> Ryan DeBelser (AB)
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<b>PROPOSAL 1</b>										
<b>PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:</b> 2024										
<b>Submitted by:</b> Board of Directors / ODC										
<b>TYPE:</b>		FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		X	ORTHODOX		ALL	
<b>Rule:</b>	1	<b>Section:</b>	2	<b>Letter:</b>	2	<b>Number:</b>	F	<b>Letter:</b>	f	
<b>CHANGE IS:</b>		New								
<b>CHANGE:</b>		<i>Page 39 SP after a warning by the Plate Umpire, any one of these Rules is willfully violated, except if the pitcher continues to repeatedly violate a pitching Rule the pitcher will be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game and shall be declared an illegal pitcher;</i>								
<b>RATIONALE:</b>		Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)								
Final Recommendations: <b>Carried</b>										

<b>PROPOSAL 2</b>										
<b>PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:</b> 2024										
<b>Submitted by:</b> Board of Directors / ODC										
<b>TYPE:</b>		FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL		X
<b>Rule:</b>	1	<b>Section:</b>	2	<b>Letter:</b>	4	<b>Number:</b>	c	<b>Letter:</b>		
<b>CHANGE IS:</b>		Revision								
<b>CHANGE:</b>		<i>P 40 SP/ 123 FP c) If an incorrect runner is placed on second base, they shall be called out if a proper appeal is made by the defensive team after a pitch (legal or illegal) or play and is upheld. A proper appeal may be made at any time the incorrect runner is on base. If the offensive team places the correct runner on base before a proper appeal is made, there is no penalty.</i>								
<b>RATIONALE:</b>		Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)  This new rule will impose a penalty for a team that places the wrong temporary runner at second base in a tiebreaker situation.								
Final Recommendations: <b>Carried</b>										

## PROPOSAL 3

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	1	Section:	2	Letter:	6	Number:	a	Letter:	iv
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CHANGE IS: Addition

CHANGE: *P 40 SP/123 FP iv) 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: Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 4

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	1	Section:	2	Letter:	6	Number:	E	Letter:	x
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CHANGE IS: Revision

CHANGE: *P 41 SP (1.2.6dx) /124 FP x) the use of an incorrect runner on second base in a tiebreaker inning or as a temporary runner for the catcher or pitcher of record.*

RATIONALE: Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 5

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	2	Section:	1	Letter:	5	Number:		Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: New

CHANGE: P 44 SP/ 126 FP

**2.1.5 COACHES' BOX:** The area in foul territory on the first base and third base side of the playing field in which the offensive coaches must position themselves (see Appendix 1-F for dimensions).

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Adds definition of Coaches' Box

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 6

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	2	Section:	1	Letter:	10	Number:		Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: New

CHANGE: P 44 SP / 127 FP

**2.1.10 MITT:** A mitt consists of a solid piece for finger placement, no finger slots and a deeper pocket than a glove. A glove has separated finger slots on the outside and back (see Appendix 4 Glove Specifications).

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Adds definitions for types of gloves.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 7

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X	
Rule:	2	Section:	1	Letter:	13	Number:		Letter:	

CHANGE IS: New

CHANGE: P 44 SP / 127 FP  
**2.1.13 ON-DECK CIRCLE:** The area to which the on-deck batter is restricted while waiting their turn at bat (see Appendix 1- F for location and dimensions)

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Adds definition of On Deck Circle

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 8

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X	
Rule:	2	Section:	5	Letter:	1	Number:	a.	Letter:	ii

CHANGE IS: Revision

CHANGE: P 47 SP / 130 FP  
**ii) Caps, visors and headbands are optional for female players, and players are free to choose which of these they wish to wear. Each must be of the same color and style of the team uniform colors. Plastic or hard visors are not allowed.**

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Housekeeping - Rewording of current rule

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 9

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	2	Section:	5	Letter:	1	Number:	b	Letter:	ii
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CHANGE IS: Revision

CHANGE: P 47 SP / 130 FP  
ii) A player may wear one or two warming sleeves (compression sleeves) provided that each is the same one solid color that is a team uniform color and that the color matches all other undershirts worn by any player on that team.

RATIONALE: Adopts new WBSC Rule (2022)  
Aligns with current interpretation used at Canadian Championships.to allow a player to choose to wear only one compression sleeve

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 10

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	3	Section:	2	Letter:	8	Number:	h.	Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: New

CHANGE: P 53 SP (3.2.6h) / 136 FP  
h) An ineligible player may not return to the game as a player.

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Clarifies current rule

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 11

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC

<b>TYPE:</b>	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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**CHANGE IS:** New

**CHANGE:** **P 49 SP / 132 FP**  
**3.1.9 UNREPORTED SUBSTITUTION: An unreported substitution occurs when a player enters the game without being reported to the responsible umpire as:**  
a) a substitute;  
b) a player eligible to enter, return to or stay in the game under the provisions of the replacement player rule;  
c) a declared ineligible player  
d) an illegal re-entry

**RATIONALE:** Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Adds definition

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 12

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC

<b>TYPE:</b>	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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<b>Rule:</b>	3	<b>Section:</b>	1	<b>Letter:</b>	12	<b>Number:</b>		<b>Letter:</b>	
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**CHANGE IS:** Revision

**CHANGE:** **P 50 SP / 132 FP**  
**3.1.12 INELIGIBLE REPLACEMENT PLAYER**  
An Ineligible Replacement Player is a player who may not enter the game to replace a Withdrawn Player. An Ineligible Replacement Player is one who:  
a) has been removed from the game by the umpire for a Rule violation;  
b) is in the current line-up;  
**c. An ineligible replacement player entering the game is considered an illegal re-entry.**  
*d) SC: an injured/ill player removed from the game (U17 and below).*

**RATIONALE:** Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
This clearly states that the use of an Ineligible Replacement Player is treated as an Illegal Re-Entry which it already is per 3.2.8 c).

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 13

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC

<b>TYPE:</b>	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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**CHANGE IS:** New

**CHANGE:** P 50 SP / 133 FP  
**3.1.19 ROSTER:** The list of all players eligible to be entered on a team's line-up card.

**RATIONALE:** Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
 Adds definition of Roster

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

**Move to approve Rule Change Proposals 14-17, 19, 21 and 25 in one slate vote as amended to FP only**

**Moved by:** Gary MacDonald (SK)

**Seconded by:** Jeff Ellsworth (PE)

## PROPOSAL 14

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC

<b>TYPE:</b>	FAST PITCH	✘	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	
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**CHANGE IS:** New

**CHANGE:** ~~P-51 SP~~ / 133 FP  
**3.1.22 TEMPORARY RUNNER** added as 3.1.23: A player who may run for the catcher or pitcher of record who is on base with two outs.

**RATIONALE:** Adopts new WBSC Rule (2022)  
 Allows the use of the temporary runner for both the catcher and pitcher.

Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only**



## PROPOSAL 15

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	
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CHANGE IS:	Revision
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CHANGE:	<del>P-52 SP /</del> 134 FP All starting players, including the DP and the FLEX, may be substituted or re-enter the line-up once and must remain in the same batting position whenever they are in the line-up. A violation of this rule is considered an illegal re-entry.
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RATIONALE:	Aligns with WBSC Rulebook. Housekeeping: Confirms a violation is considered an illegal re-entry
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Final Recommendations: Carried as amended to FP only

## PROPOSAL 16

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	
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CHANGE IS:	Revision
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CHANGE:	<del>P-52 SP /</del> 135 FP A DP may bat for any defensive player who is designated as the FLEX.
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RATIONALE:	Aligns with WBSC Rulebook. Housekeeping: Confirms that the DP may only bat for the FLEX
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Final Recommendations: Carried as amended to FP only

## PROPOSAL 17

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL		
Rule:	3	Section:	2	Letter:	4	Number:	b.	Letter:	iv

CHANGE IS: Addition

CHANGE: ~~P 52 SP / 135 FP~~  
*iv) A team's line-up may revert to 10 players by a player:*  
*a) entering a substitute into the FLEX position; or*  
*b) re-entering the original starting FLEX, but only once.*

RATIONALE: Aligns with new addition to WBSC Rulebook.  
Clarifies that teams may enter a substitute directly into the FLEX position without having to enter the original FLEX

Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only**

## PROPOSAL 18

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Softball Saskatchewan

TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL		
Rule:	3	Section:	2	Letter:	4	Number:	B	Letter:	i

CHANGE IS: Addition

CHANGE: P 52 SP / 134 FP  
If the DP plays defense for a player other than the Flex Player, that player continues to bat, is identified as the OPO and the change must be reported to the plate umpire at Canadian Championships.

RATIONALE: If this change is not reported to the umpire, defensive stats cannot be recorded accurately. This designation of the OPO was requested by the scorekeepers so they could determine which players were playing defense.

Final Recommendations: **Withdrawn**

## PROPOSAL 19

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC

<b>TYPE:</b>		FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	
<b>Rule:</b>	3	<b>Section:</b>	2	<b>Letter:</b>	5	<b>Number:</b>	c/d	<b>Letter:</b>	iii

**CHANGE IS:** Addition / Revision

**CHANGE:** ~~P 53 SP / 135 FP~~  
**c) iii) A team's line-up may revert to 10 players by a player:**  
     **1. entering a substitute into the FLEX position; or**  
     **2. re-entering the original starting FLEX, but only once.**  
  
*d) A FLEX who enters the game on offence for a player other than the DP is considered an illegal re-entry*

**RATIONALE:** Aligns with new addition to WBSC Rulebook.  
  
 Clarifies that teams may enter a substitute directly into the FLEX position without having to enter the original FLEX and the limits on the FLEX as a substitute.

Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only**

## PROPOSAL 20

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC

<b>TYPE:</b>		FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
<b>Rule:</b>	3	<b>Section:</b>	2	<b>Letter:</b>	6	<b>Number:</b>	d.	<b>Letter:</b>	

**CHANGE IS:** New / Revision

**CHANGE:** ~~P 53 SP / 135 FP~~  
  
**d) A team representative must notify the plate umpire of all line-up card changes. A proper appeal of the failure to do so that is upheld shall result in that player being declared an unreported substitution.**

**RATIONALE:** Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
  
 Housekeeping: Clarifies with better wording.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 21

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	
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Rule:	3	Section:	2	Letter:	8	Number:	a.	Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: Revision

CHANGE: ~~P 53 SP (3.2.6a) / 136 FP~~  
**a) A substitute named on the line-up card may take the place of any player in the line-up. Multiple substitutions may be made for a player that is listed in the starting line-up, but no substitute may return to the game after being substituted (removed from the game), except as a replacement player. A substitute who re-enters the game as a player is an illegal re-entry.**

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
 Housekeeping: Clarifies existing rule and application.

Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only**

## PROPOSAL 22

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	3	Section:	2	Letter:	8	Number:	d	Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: New / Deletion / Revision

CHANGE: **P 53 SP 3.2.6d / 136 FP**  
**REVISE: d) Any substitute who has entered the game but has not been reported to the umpire becomes an unreported substitution.**

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
 Housekeeping: Clarifies protocols around substitutions

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 23

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	3	Section:	2	Letter:	8	Number:	h.	Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: New

CHANGE: **P 53 SP (3.2.6) / 136 FP**  
**ADD**  
***h) An ineligible player may not return to the game as a player.***

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Housekeeping: Clarifies that a player deemed ineligible cannot return to the game in any capacity

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 24

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	3	Section:	3	Letter:	a / b	Number:		Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: Revision

CHANGE: **P 54 SP / 136 FP**  
***a) An appeal must be made by a manager, coach or player before an umpire may consider and make a decision on:***  
  
***i) an unreported substitution;***  
***ii) an illegal re-entry; or***  
***iii) an ineligible player.***

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Housekeeping: Clarifies the protocols on appeal situations

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 25

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH	<b>X</b>	SLO-PITCH	ORTHODOX	ALL
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Rule:	4	Section:	1	Letter:	9	Number:		Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: New

CHANGE: ~~P 60 SP (4.1.6)~~ / 143 FP  
**4.1.9 SLINGSHOT PITCH:** *A pitch where the pitcher drops their pitching arm to the side and the rear before starting a quick slingshot action and accelerating with their forward motion. To be a legal pitch, the pitcher must release the ball on the first forward motion past the hip and not make a full revolution of the pitching arm. A slingshot pitch is legal in fastpitch but not in modified pitch.*

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
 Adds definition of Slingshot Pitch

Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only**

## PROPOSAL 26

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH	ORTHODOX	ALL	X
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Rule:	4	Section:	2	Letter:	2	Number:	b.	Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: Revision

CHANGE: **P 61 SP / 144 FP**  
**b) From the dugout a manager, coach or player reports a substitution to the responsible umpire and after making that substitution crosses the foul line to talk to the pitcher or any fielder.**

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
 Housekeeping: Rewords to clarify that a coach / manager who reports a change prior to crossing the foul line does not count as a charged conference

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 27

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE: FAST PITCH SLO-PITCH  ORTHODOX ALL

Rule: 4 Section: 3 Letter: 2 Number: b Letter:

CHANGE IS: New

CHANGE: P 62  
*Under the supervision and control of an umpire, a resin bag may be used to dry the hands and must be kept on the ground behind the pitcher's plate within the pitching circle when not in use. During inclement weather or wet field conditions and with an umpire's permission, the resin bag may be placed in the pitcher's back pocket.*

RATIONALE: Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 28

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE: FAST PITCH SLO-PITCH  ORTHODOX ALL

Rule: 5 Section: 1 Letter: 34 Number: vi Letter:

CHANGE IS: Addition

CHANGE: P 70  
*The delivery of the wrong size ball to the batter (Co-ed Only).*

RATIONALE: Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)  
Practice currently in place in Softball Canada play.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

# PROPOSAL 29

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	x
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Rule:	5	Section:	4	Letter:	2	Number:	c.	Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: Revision

CHANGE: **P 75 SP / 160 FP**  
**Fast Pitch**  
*c) No person may erase the batter's box lines at any time in the pre-game meeting or during the game.*  
**Slo-Pitch**  
*c) No person may erase the batter's area lines at any time in the pre-game meeting or during the game.*

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Prohibits participants from deliberately erasing lines of the batter's box or batter's area

Final Recommendations: **Carried**



## Move to approve Rule Change Proposals 30 and 31 in one slate vote (as amended)

Moved by: Jackie Dugger (BOD)

Seconded by: Ryan DeBelser (BOD)

### PROPOSAL 30

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC

<b>TYPE:</b>	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORTHODOX		ALL		
<b>Rule:</b>	5	<b>Section:</b>	4	<b>Letter:</b>	3	<b>Number:</b>	a	<b>Letter:</b>	viii

**CHANGE IS:** NEW

**CHANGE:** *P 75*  
 When at any time a defensive team member erases the lines of a batter's ~~box~~ **area**, a ball will be called on the next scheduled offensive team batter or the offensive team batter currently at bat. A pitch does not have to be thrown. When at any time an offensive team member erases the lines of a batter's ~~box~~ **area**, a strike will be called on the next scheduled offensive team batter or the offensive team batter currently at bat. A pitch does not have to be thrown.

**RATIONALE:** Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)

Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended**

### PROPOSAL 31

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC

<b>TYPE:</b>	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Rule:</b>	5	<b>Section:</b>	4	<b>Letter:</b>	3	<b>Number:</b>	b.	<b>Letter:</b>	lv(fp) / x (sp)

**CHANGE IS:** New

**CHANGE:** *P 76 SP / 160 FP*  
*FP -iv)*  
*SP – x) When at any time a defensive team member erases the lines of a batter's ~~box~~ **area**, a ball will be called on the next scheduled offensive team batter or the offensive team batter currently at bat. A pitch does not have to be thrown. When at any time an offensive team member erases the lines of a batter's ~~box~~ **area**, a strike will be called on the next scheduled offensive team batter or the offensive team batter currently at bat. A pitch does not have to be thrown.*

**RATIONALE:** Adopts WBSC Rule  
 This rule will prevent participants from deliberately erasing the lines of the batter's box or batter's area  
Note that this rule inadvertently was included in our 2022-23 rule book.

Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended**

## PROPOSAL 32

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:		FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORTHODOX		ALL	
Rule:	5	Section:	4	Letter:	3	Number:	b	Letter:	ix 2	

CHANGE IS: NEW

CHANGE: P 76  
*When the coach or non-playing team member erases the lines, a strike will be called on the next scheduled batter (or their substitute) in the line-up. A pitch does not have to be thrown;*

RATIONALE: Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 33

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:		FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORTHODOX		ALL	
Rule:	5	Section:	5	Letter:	a	Number:	iii	Letter:	3	

CHANGE IS: New

CHANGE: P 77  
*Anytime that they must legally advance to first base, unless they are injured and must receive treatment, while the ball is dead;*

RATIONALE: Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 34

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:		FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORTHODOX		ALL	
Rule:	5	Section:	5	Letter:	C	Number:	i	Letter:	2

CHANGE IS: New

CHANGE: *P 77  
a fly ball that a defensive player, in the judgment of the Umpire, is able to catch. The ball is declared dead. Runners are awarded the bases they would have obtained, in the umpire's judgement, had the interference not occurred.*

RATIONALE: Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)

Final Recommendations: Carried as amended – **amendment to be 5.5.2 c**

## PROPOSAL 35

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:		FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
Rule:	5	Section:	10	Letter:	4	Number:	g.	Letter:	

CHANGE IS: Addition / Revision

CHANGE: **P 87 SP / 173 FP**

**g. when they are hit by a live, fair and untouched batted ball while in contact with their base, unless they intentionally interfere with the ball or a fielder making a play. The ball is dead or remains live, depending on the position of the fielder closest to the base at the time the ball contacts the runner:**

***i. the ball remains live if the fielder closest to the base is positioned ahead of the base;***

***ii. the ball becomes dead if the fielder is behind the base.***

RATIONALE: Adopted from WBSC Rulebook.  
Clarifies that the status of the batted ball will depend on the position of the closest fielder.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 36

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	Appendix	Section:	2	Letter:	A	Number:	9	Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: Revision

CHANGE: **P96 SP / 182FP**  
**9. A bat must that has any exposed rivets, pins, rough or sharp edges or any exterior fastener that would be or present a hazard is an illegal bat. A bat must be free of burrs and cracks.**

RATIONALE: Adopted from WBSC Rulebook.  
Housekeeping: Reworded to clarify

Final Recommendations: **Withdrawn**

## PROPOSAL 37

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	Appendix	Section:	2	Letter:	A	Number:	10	Letter:	
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CHANGE IS: New / Revision

CHANGE: **P 96 SP / 182 FP**  
**10. A non-wooden bat must not have a wooden handle.**

RATIONALE: Adopted from WBSC Rulebook.  
Clarifies that non-wooden bats may not have a wooden handle.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 38

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC

<b>TYPE:</b>		FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL		X	
<b>Rule:</b>	Appendix	<b>Section:</b>	2	<b>Letter:</b>	A	<b>Number:</b>	12	<b>Letter:</b>			

**CHANGE IS:** Revision

**CHANGE:** ***P 96 SP / 182 FP***  
**12. A bat that is non-wooden and not made of one-piece construction with the barrel end closed, must have a rubber or vinyl plastic or other material insert that is approved by the WBSC Equipment Standards Commission, USA Softball, or USSSA (SP Only) and is firmly secured at the large end of the bat.**

**RATIONALE:** Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
 Housekeeping: Reworded to replace “metal” with “non-wooden”

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 39

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Softball Saskatchewan

<b>TYPE:</b>		FAST PITCH		x		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	
<b>Rule:</b>	3	<b>Section:</b>	2	<b>Number:</b>	4	<b>Letter:</b>	d				

**CHANGE IS:** Revision

**CHANGE:** P 135  
 3.2.4.d. SC: The use of the Designated Player and FLEX Player is **ONLY** permitted at U15 and above age categories.

**RATIONALE:** The current rule does not permit the use of the DP/FLEX in the U15 age category and below. This change would extend the use of the DP/FLEX to U15 (and above) categories.  
*Please note that this rule was omitted during the adoption of the new rules format and is not included in the current printed rule book. However, it continues to be a Softball Canada rule and will be included in the 2024-25 rule book.*

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 40

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Softball Québec

<b>TYPE:</b>	FAST PITCH	x	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL		
<b>Rule</b>	4	<b>Section:</b>	2	<b>Letter:</b>		<b>Number:</b>	1	<b>Letter:</b>	<b>A and effect</b>

**CHANGE IS:** Revision

**CHANGE:** P 143

4.2.1 CHARGED DEFENSIVE CONFERENCE  
a) A defensive team has only three (3) charged defensive conferences in a seven-inning game.  
**i. Five (5) charged conferences for U15 category**  
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EFFECT Rule 4.2.1 a) For the fourth (**sixth for U15**) and each additional charged defensive conference in a seven-inning game or for any charged defensive conference in excess of one per inning in an extra-inning game, the pitcher in the game during the conference is declared an illegal pitcher who may not pitch again for the remainder of the game but may play another fielding position.

**RATIONALE:** With the change to the WBSC book and the change in age categories, this rule was removed from the rule book.  
It is believed that 5 defensive conferences should be allowed for U15.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

**Moved by:** Diego LaManna (QC)

**Seconded by:** Dave Feener (NL)

## PROPOSAL 41

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024**

**Submitted by:** Softball Québec

<b>TYPE:</b>	FAST PITCH	x	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL		
<b>RULE:</b>	4	<b>Section:</b>	3	<b>Letter:</b>		<b>Number:</b>	1	<b>Letter:</b>	<b>e</b>

**CHANGE IS:** Revision

**CHANGE:** P 145

The pitcher must, after taking the signal, bring their whole body to a full and complete stop with the ball in both hands in front of the body. The stepping (non-pivot) foot must be stationary at the start and during pause. The stepping (non-pivot) foot can only move forward with the start of the pitch. Any backward movement of the stepping non-pivot foot during or after the pause is an illegal action.

This position must be held for not less than ~~two (2) seconds~~ **one (1) second** and not more than five (5) seconds before releasing the ball. Holding the ball in both hands to the side of the body is considered in front of the body. (MP only – This position must be held for not less than ~~two (2) seconds~~ **one (1) second** and not more than ten (10) seconds before releasing the ball)

**RATIONALE:** In the Canadian minor championships, 2 seconds are required, whereas in the higher-level Canadian championships (senior, both men's and women's), a 1-second pause is required.  
We believe that 2 seconds is too long and that a 1-second pause would greatly reduce the number of illegal pitches called when the pitcher takes absolutely no advantage of a reduced pause.

Final Recommendations: **Rejected**

## PROPOSAL 42

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL		
Rule:	4	Section:	3	Letter:	3	Number:	b.	Letter:	

CHANGE IS: Revision

CHANGE: **P 147**  
***b) The pitcher may make only one revolution on a windmill pitch. The pitcher may drop their pitching arm to the side and rear before starting the windmill motion or the slingshot motion. The pitching arm may pass the hip twice on the windmill pitch, but only once on a slingshot pitch.***

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Clarifies legal delivery for fast pitch.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 43

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH	X	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL		
Rule:	4	Section:	3	Letter:	5	Number:	b.	Letter:	

CHANGE IS: Addition / Revision

CHANGE: **P 147**  
***b) Under the supervision and control of an umpire, a resin bag may be used to dry the hands and must be kept on the ground behind the pitcher's plate within the pitching circle when not in use. During inclement weather or wet field conditions and with an umpire's permission, the resin bag may be placed in the pitcher's back pocket.***

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Confirms common practice for inclement weather

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 44

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ALL	
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Rule:	5	Section:	1	Letter:	37	Number:		Letter:	
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CHANGE IS:	New
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CHANGE:	<b>P 156</b> <b>5.1.37 PICK-OFF PLAY: An attempt by the defensive team to put out a runner who is off their base as a result of a pitched ball.</b>
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RATIONALE:	Aligns with WBSC Rulebook. Adds definition of Pick-off Play
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Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## PROPOSAL 45

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH		SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX		ALL	X
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Rule:	5	Section:	1	Letter:	38	Number:		Letter:	
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CHANGE IS:	NEW
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CHANGE:	<b>P 156</b> <b>5.1.38 PLAY: After a pitch and when the ball is live:</b> <b>a) a batter takes a pitch in the batter's box, swings at or hits the pitch and runs to first base;</b> <b>b) after the pitch leaves the pitcher's hand a runner attempts to steal a base or advance on a batted ball (SC: FP Only); or</b> <b>c) the defensive team attempts to put out a batter-runner or a runner.</b> <b>d) A pitch is not a play</b>
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RATIONALE:	Aligns with WBSC Rulebook. Adds definition
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Final Recommendations: **Carried**



# PROPOSAL 46

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:		FAST PITCH		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SLO-PITCH			ORTHODOX		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ALL		
Rule:	5	Section:	4	Letter:		4	Number:	c.	Letter:		iii		

CHANGE IS: Addition / Revision

CHANGE: **P 162**  
**iii) Interferes with a play at home plate. If in the umpire's judgement the batter's action constitutes intentional interference, the runner attempting to score is also out;**

RATIONALE: Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.  
Adds that intentional interference by a batter-runner would result in both the batter and runner being ruled out.

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

Moved by: Jeff Ellsworth (PE)

Seconded by: Hillary Pineau (NB)

## PROPOSAL 47

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC

TYPE:	FAST PITCH	x	SLO-PITCH		ORTHODOX	x	ALL		
Rule:	5	Section:	10	Letter:	3	Number:	b	Letter:	3.iii.iv.iv

CHANGE IS: Addition / Revision

**CHANGE:**

**P 171**  
**ADD**

iii) they are legitimately off their base after a pitch, or as a result of a batter completing their turn at bat and, while the pitcher has the ball within the pitcher's circle, they do not immediately return to their base or attempt to advance to the next base

iv) once the runner returns to a base for any reason, they will be declared out if they leave said base. A runner will not be declared out if:

1. a play is made on them or another runner (a fake throw is considered a play)
2. the pitcher no longer has possession of the ball within the pitcher's circle; or
3. The pitcher releases the ball by a pitch to the batter

v) A base on balls or dropped third strike is treated the same as a batted ball. The batter-runner may continue past first base and is entitled to run towards second base as long as they do not stop at first base. If they stop after they round first base, they must immediately return to first base or immediately continue to second base.

vi) The batter or batter-runner is declared out for intentionally interfering with a play at home plate in an attempt to prevent an obvious out on an advancing runner at the plate. The advancing runner is out and all other runners must return to the base held at the time of the pitch.

**RATIONALE:**

Adopt from WBSC Rulebook.

These clarify several situations where a runner may be called out.

Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended**

Moved by: Robb Andison (YK)

Seconded by: Hillary Pineau (NB)

## LATE ADDITION – Motion from the Floor

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: Batter's Area

Submitted by: ODC – Don Farr

TYPE: FAST PITCH SLO-PITCH X ORTHODOX ALL

Rule: 5 Section: 1 Letter: 4 Number: SC Letter: 2021

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

CHANGE: Current rule is to have both feet within the batter's area (behind the line) upon contact with a ball hit fair or foul. Change would be to read: "The batter must start and finish their at bat with both feet **on or** behind the front batter's ~~box~~ **area** line.

The second sentence of the current rule would be taken out as the penalty would be covered in rule 5.4.1 a) iv

RATIONALE: When the rule was originally proposed in 2021 the intent was that the foot could not be fully over when contact was made. Having the current rule changed to reflect the requirement of having the front foot to still have contact with the line would have it with the same intent as rule 5.4.4 a) iv which states the batter is out if the foot is outside of the lines.

The current rule was immediately contested by players at both provincial and Canadian championships, as it being enforced when any part of the foot broke the front line.

Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended**

President Neiles did not chair elections as he is running for President and passed the gavel to Jackie Dugger.

In accordance with the newly adopted bylaws, the elections were as follows:

- 3 Directors-at-Large (3 year terms)
- 2 Directors-at-Large (2 year terms)

A ballot was then cast by Debbie Malisani.

Robb Andison, Scott Neiles and Neil Teague were elected as Directors and will serve a three (3) year term.

NEW BUSINESS NOTICE OF MOTION #1	
New Business As moved from the floor	
Moved by:	Seconded by:
To accept the following President elected to the Board of Directors at the 2023 Softball Canada Congress in Niagara Falls, ON.  Scott Neiles	
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Final Recommendations: <b>Withdrawn</b>	

NEW BUSINESS NOTICE OF MOTION #2	
New Business As moved from the floor	
Moved by: <b>Jeff Ellsworth (PE)</b>	Seconded by: <b>Gary Burns (SK)</b>
To accept the following Directors elected to the Board of Directors at the 2023 Softball Canada Congress in Niagara Falls, ON.  Robb Andison Neil Teague <b>Scott Neiles</b>	
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Final Recommendations: <b>Carried as Amended to add Scott Neiles</b>	

NEW BUSINESS NOTICE OF MOTION #3

New Business

As moved from the floor

Moved by: **Jeff Ellsworth (PE)**

Seconded by: **Gary Burns (SK)**

To accept the names of the following individuals inducted into the Softball Canada Hall of Fame at the 2023 Softball Canada Congress in Niagara Falls, ON.

- ATHLETE – Brian Paton, ON
- BUILDER – Patricia Sparling, ON
- TEAM – Orioles, ON
- COACH – Rosemary Theriault, ON
- OFFICIAL – Mary de Bruyn, ON

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NEW BUSINESS NOTICE OF MOTION #4

New Business

As moved from the floor

Moved by: **Jackie Dugger**

Seconded by: **Ryan DeBelser**

To accept the Rule Changes as passed at the 2023 Rules Workshop

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NEW BUSINESS NOTICE OF MOTION #5

New Business

As moved from the floor

Moved by: **Gary MacDonald**

Seconded by: **Diego LaManna**

That Softball Saskatchewan host the 2024 Softball Canada Congress and AGM in Saskatoon, SK to be held from November 6 – 9, 2024

Final Recommendations: **Carried**

NEW BUSINESS NOTICE OF MOTION #6

New Business

As moved from the floor

Moved by: **Dave Northern**

Seconded by: **Debbie Malisani**

That the 2023 Softball Canada Congress held in Niagara Falls, ON be adjourned.

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Final Recommendations: **Carried**

## CONCLUSION

Following the AGM was recognition and awards to the following:

- Debbie Malisani – Volunteer of the Year
- Kearney Drunken O’Keefe – FP Umpire of the Year
- Jeff Whipple – Outgoing National Director of Umpires
- Scott Searle – Outgoing Board of Director
- Ryan DeBelser – Outgoing Board of Director