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### Softball Canada Announces 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees

Softball Canada is pleased to announce that Jimm Barr (Official, Northwest Territories), Paul Gard (Builder, Northwest Territories) and Adam Smith (Athlete, Ontario) will be inducted into the Softball Canada Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place on November 16, 2013 in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.



Jimm Barr's (London, ON) illustrious umpiring career began in Yellowknife, NWT where he worked local games while he was stationed there as an RCMP officer. He worked many Canadian Championships and was awarded his Level V and International Softball Federation umpire status in 1990. At the international level, Jimm worked the 1994 and 2002 ISF Women's World Championships as well as the 2000 ISF Men's World Championship, and also officiated at the 1995 Women's Olympic Qualifier in Puerto Rico. Jimm served on Softball Canada's Officiating Development Committee (ODC) from 1996 to 2000, and served as a Canadian Championship Umpire in Chief eight times and Deputy Umpire in Chief four times as well as presenting at several Blue Conventions. He moved to Saskatoon, SK in 1996 and to London, ON in 2006 where he passed away suddenly on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. He is survived by his wife Diana Barr and son Nolan Barr.

Paul Gard (Yellowknife, NWT) has been involved with softball for over 40 years as a player, coach and administrator. One of his crowning achievements as a player was winning the 1981 Canadian Men's Fastpitch Championship as a member of the Crown Well Oilers from Alberta, and he also played in several World Masters Games. Paul has been involved with NWT Softball for many years, serving as President on two occasions and contributing in many other roles to develop the sport in the Territory. He coached Team NWT to a consolation round Gold medal at the 2009 U19 Men's International Championship, and also coached this year's team at the U21 Men's International Championship, losing in the consolation round finals. This year will be Paul's last year serving on Softball NWT's board, which he will end by hosting the Softball Canada Congress for the first time in the Territory.

Adam Smith (Hagersville, ON) played on Canada's Senior Men's National Team from 1989 to 2000, where he represented our country at two ISF Men's World Championships – winning Gold in 1992 and a fourth-place finish in 2000 – and two Pan American Games, where he won Gold in 1995 and 1999. In addition to his tremendous international career, Adam is also a four-time Canadian Championship Gold medalist and a five-time Silver medalist, earning All-Star and Top Batter awards in 1993 and was the Top Player of the Championship Round in 1996. Smith is known for his fantastic two-way play as a very dangerous hitter and a remarkable defensive second baseman, capable of making highlight

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All three inductees will join the Softball Canada Hall of Fame at an Induction ceremony which will be held Saturday, November 16, 2013. The ceremony will be held in conjunction with Softball Canada's Annual General Meeting and Congress in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, which will take place from November 14-16.

### TEAM CANADA WINS SILVER at Pan American Championship!



The Senior Women's National Team competed at the VIII Women's Pan American Softball Championship August 10-18 in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico and won a Silver medal. The top five teams from the event consisting of Canada, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and the United States qualified for the 2014 ISF Women's World Championship in Haarlem, Netherlands, while those same five teams and Brazil qualified for the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, ON.

Team Canada's bats got off to a bit of a slow start in the tournament, defeating Mexico 1-0 and losing 4-0 to the Dominican Republic before beating Venezuela 1-0, but then picked up with big wins over Peru (8-0), Belize (13-0), Guatemala (8-1) and Puerto Rico (5-0) to finish second place in Pool B with a 6-1 record.

In its first playoff game, Canada lost 8-2 in a tough matchup against the United States, but bounced back with a 5-0 win over Brazil – highlighted by a no-hitter by Jenna Caira (Toronto, ON) – and a 6-0 win over Puerto Rico to advance to the medal round. Jen Yee (North Delta, BC) hit a solo homerun to break a scoreless tie in the bottom of the sixth inning in a 2-0 win against Cuba to advance Canada to the Gold medal game, but they went on to lose 8-1 to the United States to earn the Silver medal.

### 2013 Senior Women's National Team Results



#### VIII Women's Pan American Championship (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico)

Date	Event	Game	Result
August 10	VIII Pan Am Championship	Canada vs. Mexico	<a href="#">W 1-0</a>
August 11	VIII Pan Am Championship	Canada vs. Dominican Republic	<a href="#">L 4-0</a>
August 12	VIII Pan Am Championship	Canada vs. Venezuela	<a href="#">W 1-0</a>
August 13	VIII Pan Am Championship	Canada vs. Peru	<a href="#">W 8-0</a>
	VIII Pan Am Championship	Canada vs. Belize	<a href="#">W 13-0</a>
August 14	VIII Pan Am Championship	Canada vs. Guatemala	<a href="#">W 8-1</a>
August 15	VIII Pan Am Championship	Canada vs. Puerto Rico	<a href="#">W 5-0</a>
August 16	VIII Pan Am Championship	Playoff: Canada vs. United States	<a href="#">L 8-2</a>
August 17	VIII Pan Am Championship	Playoff: Canada vs. Brazil	<a href="#">W 5-0</a>
	VIII Pan Am Championship	Playoff: Canada vs. Puerto Rico	<a href="#">W 6-0</a>
August 18	VIII Pan Am Championship	Bronze: Canada vs. Cuba	<a href="#">W 2-0</a>
	VIII Pan Am Championship	Gold: Canada vs. United States	<a href="#">L 8-1</a>

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### US World Cup of Softball VIII - Results (Oklahoma City, OK)

Date	Event	Game	Result
July 11	US World Cup of Softball VIII	Canada vs. United States	<a href="#">L 7-0</a>
July 12	US World Cup of Softball VIII	Canada vs. Puerto Rico	<a href="#">W 13-3</a>
	US World Cup of Softball VIII	Canada vs. Japan	<a href="#">W 2-1</a>
July 13	US World Cup of Softball VIII	Canada vs. Australia	<a href="#">W 2-0</a>
July 14	US World Cup of Softball VIII	Bronze: Canada vs. Australia	<a href="#">L 4-3</a>

Canada finishes 4<sup>th</sup>



### Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship (Surrey, BC)

Date	Event	Game	Result
July 16	Canadian Open Fastpitch	Canada vs. California A's	<a href="#">W 5-1</a>
July 17	Canadian Open Fastpitch	Canada vs. Australia	<a href="#">W 3-0</a>
July 18	Canadian Open Fastpitch	Canada vs. Japan	<a href="#">L 8-3</a>
July 19	Canadian Open Fastpitch	Canada vs. Venezuela	<a href="#">L 7-6</a>
	Canadian Open Fastpitch	Canada vs. United States	<a href="#">L 8-5</a>
July 20	Canadian Open Fastpitch	Playoff: Canada vs. Venezuela	<a href="#">W 9-4</a>
	Canadian Open Fastpitch	Playoff: Canada vs. United States	<a href="#">L 7-4</a>
July 21	Canadian Open Fastpitch	Playoff: Canada vs. California A's	<a href="#">W 1-0</a>
	Canadian Open Fastpitch	Playoff: Canada vs. Australia	<a href="#">L 6-4</a>

Canada finishes 4<sup>th</sup>

## CANADA FINISHES FIFTH

### at ISF X Junior Women's World Championship

The Canadian Junior Women's National Team competed at the ISF X Junior Women's World Championship in early July in front of great crowds of dedicated fans at the Old Brampton Fairgrounds in Brampton, ON. After a pair of regional evaluation camps, a final selection camp and a week of team preparation, the players were eager to step on the field and compete with the best up and coming athletes the sport has to offer.



Team Canada started the tournament strong by going undefeated through the first four games of the preliminary round, earning victories over Great Britain (W 5-0), the Czech Republic (W 5-1), Korea (W 11-1) and Puerto Rico (W 4-0). However, they then lost 4-0 against the United States in a very good ball game, followed by a tough 2-1 loss to New Zealand to finish the round-robin in third place in Pool A. After the preliminary round, Chelsea Jenner (Abbotsford, BC) was third in the tournament with a .444 batting average, while pitcher Sara Groenewegen (Surrey, BC) was tied for fifth with 18 strikeouts. In fact, Team Canada led all teams with 48 strikeouts through the first seven games, as Jocelyn Cater (Delta, BC) struck out 17 and Madison Schreyer (Winnipeg, MB) struck out another 13. Canada's offence was spread out among the team, with Holly Speers (Surrey, BC), Aspen Searle (Brantford, ON), Miranda Castiglione (Brampton, ON), Tori Charters (Winnipeg, MB) and Groenewegen all hitting over .300.

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The red and white opened the playoff round with a 4-0 win over China, but were shut down 3-0 by Australia to end any medal hopes at the event. Australia went on to defeat New Zealand to advance to the medal round, but lost to Japan to earn the Bronze medal. Japan would go on to defeat the United States to win the Gold medal in a game that went through a pair of lengthy rain delays before tournament officials eventually calling the game after six innings of play.

Despite two days of rain in the playoff round, the event was a big success for the host organizing committee, with all teams expressing their gratitude for the quality of the event and all of its surrounding areas. The next ISF Junior Women's World Championship will take place in Oklahoma City, OK in 2015.



### ISF X Junior Women's World Championship (Brampton, ON)

Date	Event	Game	Result
July 1	ISF World Championship	Canada vs. Venezuela	<a href="#">W 7-0</a>
	ISF World Championship	Canada vs. Great Britain	<a href="#">W 5-0</a>
July 2	ISF World Championship	Canada vs. Czech Republic	<a href="#">W 5-1</a>
	ISF World Championship	Canada vs. Korea	<a href="#">W 11-1</a>
July 3	ISF World Championship	Canada vs. Puerto Rico	<a href="#">W 4-0</a>
	ISF World Championship	Canada vs. United States	<a href="#">L 4-0</a>
July 4	ISF World Championship	Canada vs. New Zealand	<a href="#">L 2-1</a>
July 5	ISF World Championship	Playoff: Canada vs. China	<a href="#">W 4-0</a>
July 6	ISF World Championship	Playoff: Canada vs. Australia	<a href="#">L 3-0</a>

Canada finishes 5th

### 2013 Men's Slo-Pitch Border Battle



The Canadian Men's Slo-Pitch Team fell behind early and could not catch up with Team USA's bats, losing the 2013 Men's Slo-Pitch Border Battle by a score of 25-10 in five innings in Oklahoma City, OK.

With Canada batting first as the visiting team, Franck Henry (St-Hyacinthe, QC) stroked a one-out single but was quickly erased by an inning-ending double play to keep Canada off the scoreboard. In the bottom of the inning, USA put their two first batters on base before Kevin Filby hit a three-run homerun, giving Team USA a 3-0 lead.

James Kelly (Amherstburg, ON) led off the top of the second inning with a homerun, and after Jeff Zanolli (Taber, AB) and Ryan Wood (Winnipeg, MB) both singled, Al Blais (Maple, ON) launched a three-run homerun to give Canada a 4-3 lead.

In the bottom of the frame, the Americans re-took the lead by scoring six runs, highlighted by a three-run homerun Bryson Baker and a solo shot by Brian Wegman, putting USA up 9-4. Team Canada cut that lead to 9-7 with three runs in the top of the third on a leadoff homerun by Shawn Germain (St. Paul, AB) and a two-run homer by Kelly, but USA responded once again by adding eight runs to their lead by hitting three singles, two doubles, and a pair of two-run homeruns by Brett Helmer and Robert Blackburn.

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After two quick outs, the red and white managed to add two runs to their total in the top of the fourth. Chris Parr (Chilliwack, BC) doubled and scored on a triple by Germain, who scored on a single by Dave Boldt (St. Thomas, ON). However, Boldt was thrown out trying to stretch his hit into a double to end the inning. With USA already leading 17-9, they proceeded to pile on six more runs in the bottom of the fourth to increase their lead. After a leadoff double, Lee Powers hit a two-run bomb and Canada retired the next two batters, but USA would go on to add a run on an error and a three-run homerun by Johnny McCraw.

Team Canada added a run in the top of the fifth on a sacrifice fly by Zanolli to bring the score to 23-10 for Team USA, but that was all the offence Canada could get going. The Americans hit back-to-back solo homeruns in the bottom of the fifth to end the game on the run-ahead rule.

Kelly led Canada at the plate by going three-for-three with two homeruns and four runs batted in, while Henry also collected three hits. Germain had a homerun, a single and two runs batted in, while Zanolli added a pair of singles. Blais chipped in with a three-run homerun, with Boldt, Wood and Parr each adding a hit to round out Canada's 14 hits.

Chris Parr took the loss in the pitcher's circle, allowing 25 runs – 21 earned – on 25 hits.

### Men's Slo-Pitch Border Battle Team Results

Date	Event	Game	Result
July 9	Exhibition	Canada vs. J&R Logistics	<a href="#">W 21-14</a>
	Exhibition	Canada vs. United States	<a href="#">L 25-10</a>
July 10	Exhibition	Canada vs. United States Futures	<a href="#">W 18-17</a>
	Exhibition	Canada vs. FalloutSports.com	<a href="#">W 26-24</a>
July 11	Border Battle V	Canada vs. United States	<a href="#">L 25-10</a>

### Featured Worth Ball



The Worth 12" Red Dot is the Official Ball of Softball Canada's Women's Canadian Fast Pitch Championships (U14, U16, U18, U21 and Senior categories). The 12" Red Dot has 88 stitches and a Pro Leather cover. This ball is recommended for league play for all female categories above the age of 12.

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# 2013 U21 Men's International Softball Championship



The 2013 U21 Men's International Softball Championship took place July 9-14 in Saskatoon, SK and was a tremendous success. This was the second time an event of this magnitude has been staged, following the successful 2009 U19 Men's International Championship which was played in Charlottetown, PEI. The event featured the very best young male softball players from 10 Provincial and Territorial teams and also included two international teams, one entry from ISA New Zealand and the U18 Men's National Team from Argentina. The Canadian teams included British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Northwest Territories. Softball Canada originally created the event to offer Men's Fastpitch players the opportunity to compete in a format similar to what is offered at the Canada Games, with Men's Softball being left off the program in 2009 and 2013. However, the sport will return to the 2017 Canada Games.

The round-robin portion of the tournament was split into two pools of six teams. Each team played the opponents within their pool, and at the end of the round-robin the top four teams from each pool advanced to the playoff round. The teams that did not qualify competed in the "Impact Diesel Performance" Championship.

### Final Preliminary Round Standings

Red Pool	W	L
1. Ontario	5	0
2. New Zealand	4	1
3. Alberta	3	2
4. Nova Scotia	2	3
5. New Brunswick	1	4
6. Manitoba	0	5

Black Pool	W	L
1. Saskatchewan	5	0
2. Newfoundland & Labrador	4	1
3. Argentina	3	2
4. British Columbia	2	3
5. Northwest Territories	1	4
6. Quebec	0	5

For individual game results, please visit the tournament website at <http://championship.softball.ca/u21mensinternational>.

The Impact Diesel Performance round was played on July 13, as the Northwest Territories defeated Manitoba 6-1 and New Brunswick defeated Quebec 3-1 to each advance to the consolation final, where New Brunswick blanked the Northwest Territories 5-0.

After a lengthy rain delay on July 13 forced some games to be played later in the day and one game to be pushed back to the following day, Ontario defeated New Zealand 5-1 in the game between the two remaining teams with two lives to earn a direct berth to the Championship game. Newfoundland and Labrador assured itself of a medal with a 6-1 win to eliminate Argentina, but would go on to lose 5-2 to New Zealand. Ontario and New Zealand squared off once again for the second time of the day and third time in the tournament, with Ontario winning the Gold medal with a big 9-3 win.

Softball Canada would like to thank the organizing committee and the Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association for their excellent work in hosting this fantastic event. We would also like to thank all of the Provincial/Territorial Associations and teams who committed to the event, as well as our two international teams who brought excellent international flavour to the competition.

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# AWARDS

### **Rose Hodgson Volunteer of the Year Award**

This award, created by Softball Canada in 2008, recognizes the life and contributions of Rose Hodgson. Rose, who passed away in 2007 after serving nine years as an active Softball Canada Board member, contributed selflessly to the betterment of softball at the local, provincial and national levels. In her over 35 years as a volunteer, she always put players first and supported any initiative that gave them the opportunity to play and reach their dreams.

Nominees for the award can be volunteers from any level of the game. They will have supported the experiences of players through any number of contributions (outside of coaching and officiating where awards already exist). The theme of their nomination will be that they have tirelessly committed themselves to the game. They may have created or improved softball opportunities in their area, or simply added to the enjoyment of the game for those involved in the sport.

A letter of application, including references, supporting material and a letter of endorsement from the respective Provincial/Territorial Softball Association must be received at the Softball Canada office by September 15.

The successful candidate will be selected from within the region hosting the Annual Meeting that year. The presentation of the award will be made at the annual Softball Canada Congress.

### **Ethel Boyce Achievement Award**

Mrs. Ruth A. Laing created the ETHEL BOYCE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD in 1998 by making a donation in memory of her sister Miss Ethel Phoebe Boyce.

Miss Boyce was an avid softball player who had a professional and personal interest in people. She was particularly interested in youths and helping them succeed in life.

The award is administered by Softball Canada and is given annually to a female and male recipient. It is expected that the award winners will have exhibited leadership traits and skills in softball. Both recipients receive \$1,000. The award is meant to help defray the costs of education and/or playing softball. The award winners will be announced at the annual Softball Canada Congress.

To qualify for this award the applicant must be:

- Registered with a Provincial/Territorial Softball Association
- A resident of the province or territory
- In attendance at a recognized Canadian post-secondary educational institution, or plan on attending one in the following year

By September 15th of each year, Softball Canada must receive a letter of application, a completed application form (<http://www.softball.ca/download.php?id=317>), along with a letter of endorsement from the provincial/territorial office.

Note: Reference letter(s) must be included whenever possible.



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### **Claude Deschamps Memorial Award**

The CLAUDE DESCHAMPS MEMORIAL AWARD was established in 1984 in honour of a former Executive Director of Softball Canada, Mr. Claude Deschamps.

This bursary is nationally administered by Softball Canada and is awarded annually to a female and male recipient to use towards their education. The recipients for this award receive \$1,000 each and are chosen from the region hosting the annual Softball Canada Congress.

To qualify for this award, the applicant must be:

- Registered with the Provincial/Territorial Softball Association
- In a minor category, for a minimum of two (2) years prior to the application
- Be a resident of the province/territory
- Be in attendance at a recognized educational institution at a post-secondary level

By September 15th of each year, Softball Canada must receive a letter of application, a completed application form (<http://www.softball.ca/download.php?id=317>), along with a letter of endorsement from the provincial/territorial office.

Note: Reference letter(s) may be included whenever possible.

#### **\*2013 Region**

Central: Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

### **Softball Canada's 2013 Annual Congress**

This is a reminder to mark your calendar for Softball Canada's 2013 Annual Congress hosted by NWT Softball.

Dates: November 14-16, 2013

Place: The Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife NT

Agenda:

- November 14th – Registration and Welcome Reception
- November 15-16th – Workshops and AGM
- November 16th – Hall of Fame Banquet in the evening

For more information contact Kathy Stewart at [kstewart@softball.ca](mailto:kstewart@softball.ca) or 613-523-3386 ext. 3104.



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# UMPIRING

### Jeff Whipple appointed National Director of Umpires

Softball Canada is very pleased to announce that Jeff Whipple (Fredericton, NB) has been appointed as the new National Director of Umpires (NDU). Whipple will take over the position that is currently held by Brian Van Os, who decided not to re-apply at the end of his term after serving as NDU since 2008. Van Os will continue to serve until the completion of his term on October 1st, 2013 and will help with the transition to Whipple.

"The sport of softball and the umpiring community in particular has been such a huge part of my life for many years" stated Whipple. "The opportunity to continue to play a role in providing opportunities for young officials to enjoy the experiences I have been fortunate to share is exciting. Our national umpiring program, through strong visionary leadership, is not just amongst the strongest national sports officials organization in Canada, but ranks right up there with the best in the world. I am excited to be part of continuing to build a stronger community, providing tremendous opportunities for umpires at all levels and ages and help support the revitalization of our sport. It is a huge challenge to fill some very big shoes, but I know we have a great leadership team in place both at the national and provincial level."

Whipple started umpiring in 1986. After officiating at four Canadian Championships, he received his Level V and ISF certification in 1997, and subsequently officiated at two ISF World Championships (Junior Women, Taipei, 1999; and Senior Women, Saskatoon, 2002). He has instructed at many certification clinics and mechanics schools and has been an Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) or Deputy Umpire-in-Chief (DUIC) at eight Canadian Championships. He joined Softball Canada's Officiating Development Committee (ODC) as a National Deputy Umpire-in-Chief in 2008, and has also chaired Softball Canada's Umpire Program Review Committee since 2011. Jeff has been an excellent contributor to Softball Canada, providing valuable input to improving the umpiring program.

"I am very pleased to have someone with Jeff Whipple's ability taking on the role of National Director of Umpires for Softball Canada" said Softball Canada President Kevin Quinn. "Jeff is a very hard working individual with tremendous skills as an educator and communicator. Jeff will bring a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and technical knowledge to this position. I am sure Jeff will do a fantastic job for us."

"I want to take this opportunity to thank Brian Van Os for his tremendous dedication he has shown to our officials program" added Quinn. "Brian is very knowledgeable about our sport and brought a high energy level to his role as National Director of Umpires. Brian has assisted Softball Canada to forge a high level of International cooperation with various international officials around the world."

### Call for Applications — Deputy Umpire-in-Chief Officiating Development Committee

Three (3) Deputy Umpire-in-Chief positions on the Officiating Development Committee will be open as of October 1, 2013. All three positions are two-year terms.

Committee member selection shall be made according to pre-established criteria, which will include, in addition to the required skills and experience; both slo-pitch and fast pitch certified umpires, representation by population (i.e. provincial/territorial umpire registrations), gender equity, and bilingualism considerations.

See the following Position Description & Responsibilities, and the Selection Criteria. Please ensure this information is circulated to all individuals who would be eligible for the position.

**The deadline for applications for the ODC Deputy Umpire-in-Chief positions is *Tuesday, September 3, 2013***

**Decisions on the final candidates will be presented to the Board of Directors in September.**

**Announcement of the successful candidates will occur following presentation to the Board of Directors.**

Send your applications to Donna Ozarko, Softball Canada, [dozarko@softball.ca](mailto:dozarko@softball.ca) or fax 613-523-5761.

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### *DEPUTY UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF (ODC)*

The following is a list of the job responsibilities of Deputy Umpires-in-Chief.

- Attend Officiating Development Committee (ODC) meetings (up to 2 per year)
- Prepare & develop ODC meeting agenda items in consultation with the National Director of Umpires & National Office Staff
- Provide input to the Officials Development budget
- Provide on-going leadership to specific policy & project assignments for officiating development program area(s)
- Direct the development & evaluation of the Officials Certification program in collaboration with the National Director of Umpires & National Office Staff
- Instruct & evaluate the Officials Certification program & National Umpire School program, as required
- Develop officiating educational resources including, but not limited to, National Umpire School material, SP and FP exams, newsletter information, casebook
- Supervise Canadian Championships and evaluate working umpires, as required
- Provide input into selection process for Umpires-in-Chief and Deputy UICs at Canadian Championships
- Recruit, select, & evaluate international umpires in collaboration with National Director of Umpires & CEO/designated staff person
- Recommend interpretations & amendments to playing rules in consultation with the National Director of Umpires
- Provide input on revisions to umpire mechanics
- Assist with review of officials' equipment requirements with official supplier
- Perform other related duties as requested by the National Director of Umpires & CEO/ designated staff person

#### **Officiating Development Committee Deputy Umpire-in-Chief Selection Criteria**

- Minimum Secondary school completion (or equivalent educational background)
- Leadership, planning or administrative experience in a volunteer or professional capacity
- Experience in leading/instructing/facilitating softball officiating programs
- Excellent oral & written communication skills
- Officiating supervisory skills & experience evaluating officials (P/T or National level)
- Softball officiating experience
- Member in good standing with P/T Association & Softball Canada
- Application endorsed by P/T Association
- Fluency in Canada's official languages an asset
- References provided

DEPUTY UMPIRES-IN-CHIEF WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF UMPIRES (IN COLLABORATION WITH OFFICIATING DEVELOPMENT BOARD LIAISON AND DESIGNATED STAFF PERSON) AND RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE OFFICIATING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM, OR A SPECIFIC TERM DETERMINED BY THE EXTENT OF THEIR AREA OF JOB RESPONSIBILITY. DEPUTY UMPIRES-IN-CHIEF WILL ATTEND ODC MEETINGS AS THE BUSINESS OF THE ODC DICTATES.

THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF UMPIRES WILL EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DEPUTY UIC ANNUALLY.

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# COACHING

### **Softball Alberta to host Competition - Development NCCP Clinics**

Softball's Competition - Development Clinics are the workshops that replaces Level 3 Technical in the old NCCP. This context focuses on coaches working with athletes who are in the Train to Train and Train to Compete stages of Softball's Long-Term Player Development model. These athletes/teams are competing at the U16, U18, U21 and Senior Canadian Championships, at the Canada Summers Games or U21 Men's International Championship and at Junior World Championships. The training workshops involve both softball-specific training modules offered over two weekends of training and generic multi-sport modules offered through the designated provincial/territorial organization responsible for NCCP training.

**Date for Clinic #1:** September 20-22, 2013

**Date for Clinic #2:** TBD

**Time:** Friday - 6:30PM - 10:00PM, Saturday - 9:30AM - 5:30PM, Sunday - 9:00AM - 5:00PM

**Location:** Leduc Recreation Centre (4330 Black Gold Dr Leduc, AB T9E 3C3)

**Cost:** TBA

**Contact:** Jackie Desilets [jackie@softballalberta.ca](mailto:jackie@softballalberta.ca) or 780-461-7735 if you are interested in attending.



## Home Run Sports

### **Coach of the Year Award**

Don't forget to nominate your coach for Softball Canada's Home Run Sports Coach of the Year Award. Deadline for nominations is **October 1st, 2013** (or the next business day). The nomination criteria are as follows:

1. The coach shall be a Canadian citizen / landed immigrant.
2. The coach shall be fully certified (at any softball NCCP level) to qualify.
3. The coach shall be nominated by a player, softball club or league executive, district softball organization, community service group, municipal council or local school board. (No personal nominations will be accepted.)

Nominations must include:

- Coach's name, address, and phone number(s)
- Name, address, and phone number(s) of nominating individual or group
- Record of nominee's coaching experience
- Coach's record of softball NCCP activity
- Record of coaching achievements / player progress
- Coach's role in developing and improving sport, coaching and athletes in their community
- Personal highlights
- Letter of support from respective Provincial/Territorial Softball Association

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- It is strongly recommended to include letters of support from athletes that have been coached by the nominee or letters from other sources to give the selection committee a good understanding of the nominee's coaching ability
- Picture of nominee. Can be a head and shoulders shot or a photo of nominee actively coaching

The deserving recipient of the 2013 Home Run Sports Coach of the Year Award will be flown to Yellowknife, NWT for two days and one night and will be honoured during the 2013 Softball Canada Congress from November 15-16.

If you would like a copy of the nomination forms for the Home Run Sports Coach of the Year Award, please contact Lise Jubinville at 613-523-3386, Ext. 3108 or by email ([ljubinville@softball.ca](mailto:ljubinville@softball.ca)) or visit Softball Canada's web site ([www.softball.ca](http://www.softball.ca)) under the About Softball Canada menu then click on Awards).

### 2013-2014 INVESTORS GROUP GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) has announced that the 2013-14 Investors Group Community Coaching Conferences program has kicked off this month with new funding available to those hosting an NCCP workshop and/or a coaching conference. Grants range from \$500 - \$1,000.

Visit the CAC's [web site](#) for more information and to apply today!



### Contest # 1

Attention Triple Play Players – The Triple Play **SCAVENGER HUNT CONTEST** starts August 1<sup>st</sup> and runs until August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Visit Softball Canada's Triple Play website ([www.tripleplaysoftball.ca](http://www.tripleplaysoftball.ca)) to enter the contest.

How to enter:

- Create a new Triple Play account or log into your existing one
- Visit <http://www.tripleplaysoftball.ca/english/contest/entry-form/triple-play-scamenger-hunt.htm>
- Answer all 20 questions on the Scavenger Hunt by visiting the various sections on the website including the parents, coaches, news, events and about us section.
- Submit your answers in the Contests section using a Word.doc or Word.docx file, files should be titled indicating your lastname\_ScamengerHunt i.e. Smith\_ScamengerHunt.

Prizes: Contest submissions will be entered into a draw to win a new ball glove (of their choice) from Worth Sports with a value of up to \$160.

## AROUND the HORN

### The promotion and development of softball throughout Quebec!

By Geneviève Houle

This year more than any other year a significant emphasis has been placed on the development of softball within the province. The Learn to Play program is often presented but there are also other ways to promote our sport and the services that the federation can offer people. Young people are the future of our sport and that is why we are looking for ways to get in touch with them.

Various activities have been brought back and improved this year:

- Extracurricular activities within Elementary schools: Focused activities for young people who are not familiar with the sport are recruited to play softball every week and to play scheduled games at the end of the school year. This activity has occurred for a fourth year now and it took place at Îles des Soeurs Elementary School (Montreal area) from January to June 2013. After 20 weeks of training the students were able to play against a Squirt team who were already playing softball. This project has been a success since its inception!
- Continually present year after year is a school League which takes place in the Lac-St-Louis region. This League consists of several schools in the region and holds a festival day at the end of the season.
- Many young people participate in the demonstrations games of t-ball in a very well organized tournament in St-Léonard-d'Aston. This tournament has existed for several years and includes many youth players from the region and from abroad. In 2013 the tournament took place from June 27-30.
- A day camp was organized in the Laval region in 2011. This activity took place for an entire week with 25 youth who greatly appreciated their experience. Following the success of this initial project another day camp surfaced in 2013 and other cities are participating in the creation of week day camps for the sport.

Based on the Learn to Play program, the federation will be leading summer activities in various regions of Quebec:

- At the Canadian Championship in St-Léonard-d'Aston
- At daycare activities in the Saguanay-Lac-St-Jean region
- July 9, 2013: At a daycare in Rive-Sud of Montreal
- July 17, 2013: At the day camp at the Université du Québec en Outaouais

Other dates and locations are coming to showcase our sport. Next year we will also have an original development program named Experience Softball. This very large tent will travel throughout the province to showcase and help youth discover the sport. This tent is currently in production as the federation had the opportunity to link this program with Sports Québec's PNH contest and was eligible to win some money to spend on promotional material. Our Experience Softball tent development project won first prize. Softball Quebec is looking forward for you to discover this new tool on your fields most likely by 2014.

In summary, through the Learn to Play program, Softball Quebec tries to introduce the sport and uses new development techniques while also improving the activities already in place and that work well. We would like to wish everyone a great 2013 season and we are confident that the great work will continue and will only improve in 2014.

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# AROUND the HORN

## Learn to Play Fort St. John!



Softball BC with the support of Imagine Grants through the generosity of Northern Health was able to travel north last month with our Learn to Play Program. With the help of our local coordinators, specifically Barb McCracken, we were able to visit 3 different elementary schools.

Our four day visit to the north was a whirlwind of classroom gym visits. We lucked out with the weather and were able to take all of the classes outside to play on their grass fields. Throughout our visit we were able to introduce Learn to Play Softball to just under 500 children.

Our outstanding coordinator for the area Barb McCracken is a teacher at one of the elementary schools that we were able to visit. She has established a mixed boys and girls after school softball team for the elementary aged kids. All the members of the team were ecstatic to show me their skills and we were able to leave a bag of equipment behind. After letting the other schools know about what has been started at Mrs. McCracken's elementary they were talking about having friendly games across schools. We left Fort St. John truly looking forward to seeing the potential for growth in the sport in the area.



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### 2013 Canadian Championships

#### U14 Girl's (Montreal, QC)

*Cup Division:*

Gold – Guelph Gators, ON

Silver – Pickering Heat, ON

Bronze – Surrey Storm, BC

*Bowl Division:*

Gold – Smitty's Terminators, MB

Silver – Winnipeg Lightning, MB

Bronze – Victoria Devils, BC

*Plate Division:*

Gold – Halton Hawks, ON

Silver – London Lightning, ON

Bronze – Extreme Laval, QC

#### U18 Women's (Charlottetown, PEI)

*Cup Division:*

Gold – Saskatoon Selects, SK

Silver – White Rock Renegades '95, BC

Bronze – Quebec Rebelles, QC

*Bowl Division:*

Gold – River City Hornets, AB

Silver – Mississauga North Tigers, ON

Bronze – Calahoo Erins, AB

*Plate Division:*

Gold – Palmerston Marlins, ON

Silver – Milverton AW Millwrights, ON

Bronze – Port Perry Angels, ON

#### Senior Women's (Guelph, ON)

Gold – Rebelles Senior, QC

Silver – Winnipeg Smitty's, MB

Bronze – Les Rebelles U21, QC

#### Senior Women's Slo-Pitch (Leduc, AB)

Gold – Sparqs, AB

Silver – Home Run Sports LadyBirds, ON

Bronze – Attack, AB

#### U16 Girl's (O'Leary, PEI)

*Cup Division:*

Gold – White Rock Renegades '97, BC

Silver – Calgary Kaizen '97, AB

Bronze – Les Rebelles '97, QC

*Bowl Division:*

Gold – Mississauga North Tigers, ON

Silver – Guelph Gators, ON

Bronze – Winnipeg Lightning, MB

*Plate Division:*

Gold – Calgary Adrenaline '98, AB

Silver – Fundy Jaguars, NB

Bronze – South East Hawks, SK

#### U18 Men's (St-Léonard-d'Aston, QC)

Gold – Express St-Léonard-d'Aston, QC

Silver – Teeswater Otters, ON

Bronze – Port Perry LSL Jacks, ON

#### U21 Women's (Leduc, AB)

Gold – Les Rebelles, QC

Silver – Southey Jr 222s, SK

Bronze – Lloydminster Betcave Rebels, AB

#### U21 Men's (Owen Sound, ON)

Gold – Wiarton Red Devils, ON

Silver – Napanee Express, ON

Bronze – Kelly's Pub Junior Canadians, NL

#### Senior Men's (Stratford, ON)

Gold –

Silver –

Bronze –

#### Senior Men's Slo-Pitch (Leduc, AB)

Gold – Alberta Oilmen, AB

Silver – Naturals/Louisville Slugger, ON

Bronze – Team Combat/BBE, ON

Congratulations to all medal winners! Upcoming Canadian Championships are listed below. Best of luck to everyone competing!

Senior Men's

Stratford, ON

Aug. 27-Sept. 1

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## Future Canadian Championships

### 2014 Canadian Championships

U14 Girl's Jamboree	Open	TBD
U16 Girl's	Stratford, ON	Aug. 13-17
U16 Boy's	Open	TBD
U18 Women's	Saskatoon, SK	Aug. 4-10
U18 Men's	Open	TBD
U21 Women's	Open	TBD
U21 Men's	Irma, AB	Aug. 11-17
Senior Women's	Open	TBD
Senior Men's	Charlottetown, PEI	TBD
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Open	Men: TBD Women: TBD

If you are interested in bidding on any of the open Championships, please contact Mike Branchaud, Manager of National Teams and Canadian Championships, at [mbranchaud@softball.ca](mailto:mbranchaud@softball.ca) or 613-523-3386 ext 3103. Please note that all bids must be approved by your local Provincial/Territorial office.

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**Start date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **End date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you affiliated with your Provincial/Territorial Association? YES / NO**

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- Policy Development
- Liaison with external funding partners (Sport Canada, COC)
- International Liaison and Hosting

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- Publications

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- Annual General Meeting organization

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- National Teams
- Canadian Championships
- Slo-Pitch
- University/College initiatives
- Technical standards

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### **Manager – Marketing/Communications Services – Gilles LeBlanc**

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- Revenue Generation
- Sponsor/Supplier liaison
- Development of promotional programs
- Media Relations
- Web site
- Hall of Fame and awards
- Ball Approval Program
- Canada Summer Games/Male Equivalent

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- Future initiatives
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- Resource orders
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- Assist in the development of resource materials



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