



## **2014 ISF JUNIOR MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **2014 JUNIOR MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCESS**

#### **SECTION 1 – PURPOSE**

The Junior Men's National Team Program for 2014 will compete in the 2014 ISF Junior Men's World Championships, which takes place in Whitehorse, YK July 11-20, 2014. The purpose of this document is to set out the process that will be used by Softball Canada to select athletes to the 2014 ISF Junior Men's World Championship Team.

**This selection process has the following objective:**

- Select the best possible Team for the 2014 ISF Junior Men's World Championship. While some objective criteria will be used to select the Team, it is also recognized that there is a significant subjective element. Subjective elements include such factors as previous and current performance, experience, positional requirements, leadership and team cohesion.

## **SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to be selected to the Team an athlete must be in good standing with Softball Canada, must be a Canadian Citizen holding a Canadian passport, or alternatively must be a person eligible for Canadian Citizenship who is actively pursuing Citizenship.

To be eligible to be selected to the Team, the athlete must further meet any age requirements and citizenship requirements stipulated by the organizers of the event at which the Team will be competing.

## **SECTION 3 – AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION**

The Head Coach has final authority for all selection decisions, including selecting athletes to the Team, removing athletes from the Team, and selecting replacement athletes to the Team where applicable. In making selection decisions, the Head Coach will consult with the Manager - National Teams (NT), and with the coaching staff, defined for the purposes of this document to include assistant coaches, scouts and evaluators as designated by Softball Canada.

## **SECTION 4 – ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS**

### **Team Selection**

A Selection camp will be held in Brampton, Ontario May 22-25, 2014. Up to 32 players will be invited by the Head Coach, in consultation with his assistant coaches and the Manager – National Teams, to attend the camp. An initial invitation list will be published on or before November, 2013. The Head Coach may then add additional players to the camp, up to the maximum number of 32 athletes, at any time after consultation with the assistant coaches and the Manager – National Teams.

The final selection of 17 players will be published after the Selection camp on or before June 15, 2014.

Factors that will be considered in this selection include physical and technical aspects of the game, as well as team dynamics. These factors, which will be assigned weight by the Head Coach, as he or she deems appropriate for the decision-making process, include:

- Previous and current performance
- Experience
- Positional requirements (primary and backup)
- Present and projected development and/or improvement
- Leadership/Contribution to team chemistry
- Availability for competition and training

It is understood that in making selections to create the best possible Team, it is possible that the best individual athletes may not be selected. The Head Coach also has the discretion to name an athlete to the Team even though that athlete may not have participated in evaluation camps or other selection activities.

The timelines that will be followed in selecting the athletes to the 2014 ISF Junior Men's World Championship team will be as follows. Note that specific events, dates and times may be subject to change.

- Initial list of up to 32 players invited to selection camp released by November 2013
- Coaching staff will scout selected events.
- Additional players, up to the 32 maximum, may be added at any time prior to the selection camp.
- Selection camp held in Ontario in May, 2014.
- The Head Coach and Assistant Coaches will select a team of athletes to represent Canada at the 2014 ISF Junior Men's World Championship no later than June 15, 2014.
- Alternates may be added to the Team to replace an athlete removed from the team pursuant to section 5. The addition of alternates to the team is at the sole discretion of the Head Coach and will be in keeping with the philosophy of fielding the best possible team.

#### **UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES/CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT**

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process or the above timelines to be implemented as outlined in this document, Softball Canada reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all athletes in the Selection process will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

#### **SECTION 5 – REMOVAL FROM A CAMP OR FROM THE TEAM**

An athlete may be removed from a camp or from a Team where the athlete:

- Is unable to meet performance expectations;
- Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reason as determined by Softball Canada's medical staff;
- Is unable to commit to the required Team activities (note that an athlete may obtain an exemption from the Head Coach and Softball Canada)
- Violates team rules; or
- Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of the National Team program of Softball Canada.

## **SECTION 6 – SUBSTITUTION OF ALTERNATES**

Where necessary and appropriate, an athlete removed from a Team may be replaced by an alternate selected by the Head Coach.

## **SECTION 7 – APPEALS**

Softball Canada selections for the 2014 ISF Junior Men's National Team may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Softball Canada Appeals policy. Any dispute relating to the Softball Canada Internal nominations procedure for the 2014 ISF Junior Men's Worlds Team must be brought according to said policy, or may be brought directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) with the consent of all parties and at the discretion of the SDRCC.