



# SOFTBALL CANADA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 16, 2013  
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

# MINUTES

**Annual General Meeting 2013**  
Saturday, November 16 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of the 2012 Annual General Meeting minutes
4. President's Report
5. Auditor's Report and 2013 Financial Statements
6. Constitution and Bylaws
7. Special Operating Rules
8. New Business
  - a. Elections
  - b. Hall of Fame
  - c. 2014 Softball Canada Congress
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

President Quinn called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m., Saturday, November 16, 2013 in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

President Quinn welcomed everyone and announced the Credentials Committee of George Arcand, Wendy Cathcart and Guy Jacobson. The credentials report of votes is as follows:

Provincial/Territorial Associations	32 votes
Board of Directors	7 votes
President (in case of tie and elections only)	1 vote
Total	40 votes

He reminded everyone that a two-thirds majority of the votes cast are required to amend the Constitution and Bylaws and that a simple majority of fifty plus one of the votes cast is required to approve all other motions.

Hugh Mitchener introduced Randy Beatty, Worth/Rawlings Canada and announced that we have entered into a new five year sponsor partnership with Worth/Rawlings. Hugh also introduced Tony Carnelos, Home Run Sports and thanked him for their continued support to Softball Canada.

**MOTIONS – AS MOVED FROM THE FLOOR**

**NOTICE OF MOTION #1**

As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Bill Stonehouse**

**Seconded by: Gary MacDonald**

That the 2013 Softball Canada Congress agenda be adopted with the powers to add.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION #2**

As moved from the floor

**Moved by: James McCarthy**

**Seconded by: Paul Wagner**

That the Minutes of the 2012 Softball Canada Congress held in Calgary, Alberta be accepted.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION #3**

As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Alan Petrie**

**Seconded by: Marc Dagenais**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION #4**

As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Dave Houghton**

**Seconded by: Roy Patenaude**

That the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2013 be accepted as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

## NOTICE OF MOTION #1

Constitution and Bylaws  
As moved from the floor

Moved by: Lisa Down

Seconded by: Larry Gould

**REFERENCE:** Constitution and Bylaws as per document included in the Softball Canada Congress and AGM book

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

To accept the revisions as proposed

**RATIONALE:**

To update the Constitution and Bylaws as the first of three steps toward the final Constitution and Bylaws that will conform with the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act requirements.

**Amendment: Moved by: Robb Andison Seconded by: Lisa Down**

To make additional changes as follows:

Constitution – Article 2.1 to add “members and” before “participants”

Bylaws – Article 1.3 c) ii) to add “n approved” after “participant players sign a”

Bylaws – Article 1.3 c) iii) to add “n approved” after “umpires sign a”

Bylaws – Article 11.2 to delete “anniversary”

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

President Quinn indicated that in preparation of the Special General Meeting, that will be held in early 2014 to approve the proposed necessary changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to meet the requirements of the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, that in the Bylaws – Article 11.2 the proposal is to add “upon providing 14 days prior written notice to the voting” after “by Directors”. If there are any concerns with this or other proposed amendments for the next step in the process, you are asked to contact the National Office.

# SPECIAL OPERATING RULES

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #1

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Alberta

Moved by: Paul Wagner

Seconded by: Gloria Gouthreau

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

Part One - Article 1 Section 1.1.g) Bid Procedure - page 229

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

g) The U14 Jamboree and the U16 Canadian Championships to start the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of August

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

DELETION of this item.

### RATIONALE

This item of the Special Operating Rules is not being followed, the Host dictates the dates.

E.G. 2013 U14 dates – Aug 14 -18<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed)

U16 dates – Aug 7 -11<sup>th</sup> (1st Wed)

2014 U16 dates – Aug 13 -17<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed)

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

MOTION CARRIED

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #2

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part One – Article 2 Section 2.1 b) Accommodation - all – i)-vi) - page 230

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

- I) Teams will stay at the designated accommodations
- II) Softball Canada must approve the designated accommodations and rates. The hotel rate should be fixed upon Softball Canada granting the host hotel up to 1 year in advance.
- III) P/T Associations will confirm their booking requirements at least 3 weeks prior to the event.
- IV) An additional \$1000.00 deposit must be submitted with the team registration fee. The \$1000.00 fee will be returned to the P/T once they have met their commitment to stay at the designated accommodations.
- V) Participants not using the designated accommodations will lose the \$1000.00 deposit which will be forwarded to the Host Committee.
- VI) Teams withdrawing from a Canadian Championship within 14 days of the start of the championship will forfeit their \$1000.00 hotel bond to the Host Committee.

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

Delete 2.1 b) all – i) – vi)

### RATIONALE

The rule is being abused by some host committee, P/T Associations and teams. It is becoming very difficult to manage and some Hosts are taking advantage of the situation knowing they will collect the bond. Also, some teams are also taking advantage of the rule thinking they can wait to the last minute to book their rooms knowing they are protected.

Host Committees should be successful in attracting teams to a host hotel by offering competitive rates, providing information as early as possible via website and information package, and generally working with the P/Ts and teams as soon as possible to ensure the proper hotel is selected.

Most if not all teams will stay at a host hotel if it is made attractive enough for the teams to stay there.

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

None to Softball Canada, teams, or P/Ts. Depending on Host hotel choices and prices, could have an impact on sponsorship/kick backs. Some Hosts will not be affected at all.

### MOTION WITHDRAWN

The Canadian Championship Committee to work with the Provincial/Territorial Associations to develop a working policy.

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #3

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Ontario

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part One - Article 2 Section 2.1b Accommodations - page 230

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

b) Accommodations

i) Teams will stay at the designated accommodations.

ii) Softball Canada must approve the designated accommodations and rates. The hotel rate should be fixed upon Softball Canada granting the host hotel up to one year in advance.

iii) Provincial/territorial associations will confirm their booking requirements at least 3 weeks prior to the event.

iv) An additional \$1,000.00 deposit must be submitted with the team registration fee. The \$1,000.00 deposit will be returned to the Province/Territory once they have met their commitment to stay at the designated accommodations.

v) Participants not using designated accommodations will lose the \$1,000.00 deposit which will be forwarded to the Host Committee

vi) Teams withdrawing from a Canadian Championship within 14 days of the start of the Championship will forfeit their \$1000 hotel bond to the Host Committee.

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

**Revision:** Remove current b) Accommodations i) to vi) and replace with:

b) Accommodations

i) The Host of a Canadian Championship must provide an adequate list of Hotel names, contact information, prices, and distances to the park for all teams.

### RATIONALE

Cost saving measure for teams. Teams should have to right to pick the hotel that best represents their individual budget.

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

MOTION WITHDRAWN



## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #4

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Quebec

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part One - ARTICLE 2 –2.1b) Accommodations - page 230

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

- i. Teams will stay at the designated accommodations.
- ii. Softball Canada must approve the designated accommodations and rates. The hotel rate should be fixed upon Softball Canada granting the host hotel up to one year in advance.
- iii. Provincial/territorial associations will confirm their booking requirements at least 3 weeks prior to the event.
- iv. An additional \$1,000.00 deposit must be submitted with the team registration fee. The \$1,000.00 deposit will be returned to the Province/Territory once they have met their commitment to stay at the designated accommodations.
- v. Participants not using designated accommodations will lose the \$1,000.00 deposit which will be forwarded to the Host Committee
- vi. Teams withdrawing from a Canadian Championship within 14 days of the start of the Championship will forfeit their \$1000 hotel bond to the Host Committee.

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

**Revision:**

The host will have 2 options regarding accommodations.

**OPTION 1**

- i. Based on the amount of teams from the previous year championship, block the equivalent of 12 rooms per team in suitable hotels near the parks at a preferred rate.
- ii. The information must be on the Canadian Championship web site no later than April 1st of the year of the championship with the date when the hotels will release the not booked rooms. The host will have no obligation on accommodating and finding some rooms for teams who may have passed that dead line.
- iii. It will be a first come first served basis. Teams can decide to stay or not in these hotels without paying any penalty.
- iv. The host option must be clearly explained on the Championship web site to set teams expectations.

**OPTION 2**

- i. Based on the amount of teams from the previous year championship, block the equivalent of 12 rooms per team in suitable hotels near the parks at a preferred rate that must be approved by Softball Canada.
- ii. The information must be on the Canadian Championship web site no later than April 1st of the year of the championship. The rooms must remain available to the teams up until 10 days prior to the beginning of the Championship and the choice of hotel will be on a first come first served basis.

- a. A team can decide to stay somewhere else than the designated hotels but must be ready to pay a \$1000 fine to the host committee at the Coaches meeting in order to be eligible to play the next day.
- b. The host will have no obligation on accommodating and finding some rooms for teams who may have passed the 10 days dead line and the \$1000 fine will apply.
- iii. The host must offer a \$5 per room rebate to all teams (including their fans) who need to fly to the Canadian Championship in order to help them pay for their ground transportation.
- iv. The host option must be clearly explained on the Championship web site to set teams expectations.

#### **RATIONALE**

For some hosts and Softball Canada, the hotel management is a nightmare. If it's not well run, it also becomes a nightmare for the teams. By giving the 2 options, we are addressing the differences in various communities. We are still giving a minimum of customer service and orientation with option 1 while option 2 has to have its price for the host by giving a better support to the teams.

For some hosts like us in Montreal, hotels are close to 50% of our revenue. We are fine with offering a better customer service to teams to stay alive with Option 2, help teams who need to fly and take away the bond management from Softball Canada which has no added value and it is time consuming for them. It is also a shared risk if a team drops at the last minute since the host will now get nothing.

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

None for Softball Canada other than saving time and energy, savings for teams who need to fly.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #5

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball BC

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part One – Article 2 Section 2.1b) iv) - page 230

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

An additional \$1,000.00 deposit must be submitted with the team registration fee. The \$1,000.00 deposit will be returned to the Province/Territory once they have met their commitment to stay at the designated accommodations.

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

This section to be deleted entirely

### RATIONALE

Deposit for accommodations was introduced to assist Host Committees financially when transportation costs were included in host obligations. Transportation is no longer a requirement and so financial obligations have diminished. Further there are no criteria or obligation on the part of the host to provide adequate accommodations. Potentially a host hotel could be sold out and have no rooms available or provide inferior accommodations with no consequence to the host if teams choose not to stay there.

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

P/T could realize a saving of \$1,000.00 per team registered at a Canadian championship.

Host committees could lose \$1,000.00 per team who commits to attend that Canadian championship

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #6

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball BC

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part One – Article 2 Section 2.1b) v) - page 230

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

Participants not using designated accommodations will lose the \$1,000.00 deposit which will be forwarded to the Host Committee

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

This section be deleted entirely

### **RATIONALE**

Deposit for accommodations was introduced to assist Host Committees financially when transportation costs were included in host obligations. Transportation is no longer a requirement and so financial obligations have diminished. Further there are no criteria or obligation on the part of the host to provide adequate accommodations. Potentially a host hotel could be sold out and have no rooms available or provide inferior accommodations with no consequence to the host if teams choose not to stay there.

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

P/T could realize a saving of \$1,000.00 per team registered at a Canadian championship.

Host committees could lose \$1,000.00 per team who commits to attend that Canadian

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #7

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball BC

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part One - Article 2 Section 2.1b) vi) - page 230

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

Teams withdrawing from a Canadian Championship within 14 days of the start of the championship will forfeit their \$1,000.00 bond to the host committee

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

This section be deleted entirely

### RATIONALE

Deposit for accommodations was introduced to assist Host Committees financially when transportation costs were included in host obligations. Transportation is no longer a requirement and so financial obligations have diminished. Further there are no criteria or obligation on the part of the host to provide adequate accommodations. Potentially a host hotel could be sold out and have no rooms available or provide inferior accommodations with no consequence to the host if teams choose not to stay there.

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

P/T could realize a saving of \$1,000.00 per team registered at a Canadian championship.

Host committees could lose \$1,000.00 per team who commits to attend that Canadian championship

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #8

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Lisa Down

Seconded by: Lynda Turton

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

Part Two - Article 2 Section 2.6, c), v) Provincial Non Residents (Fast Pitch only) – page 234

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

A team from Atlantic Canada attending a Canadian Championship may pickup 3 players from any Atlantic Province, with the release of the Province that the player is registered with. These players would not be considered as imports.

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

### Revision

A team from Atlantic Canada attending a Canadian Championship may pickup 3 players from any Atlantic Province **providing that province does not have a team entered** , with the release of the Province that the player is registered with. These players would not be considered as imports.

### RATIONALE

Allows players to play at the championships should their province or territory not be in attendance and prevents teams from pillaging players that would be beneficial to a team that is representing their P/T.

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

None

**MOTION CARRIED**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #9

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ryan DeBelser

Seconded by: Larry Gould

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

Part Three –Canadian Slo-Pitch Championships – Article 1 Section 1.2 c) iv) e) Participants - page 239

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

e) any team from the Atlantic provinces attending the Canadian Slo-pitch Championship can pick up to 5 players from any Atlantic province with the release of the province that player is registered with

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

**Revision**

e) any team from the Atlantic provinces attending the Canadian Slo-pitch Championship can pick up to 5 players from any Atlantic province **providing that province does not have a team entered** at the Canadian Slo-pitch Championship with the release of the province that player is registered with

**RATIONALE**

Allows players to play at the championships should their province not be in attendance and prevents teams from pillaging players that would be beneficial to a team that is representing their P/T.

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

None

**MOTION CARRIED**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #10

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba

Moved by: Bill Finch

Seconded by: Haylee O'Neill

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

Part Three – Canadian Slo-Pitch Championships – Article 1 Section 1.2 (c) (iv) Player Additions - Page 239

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

- e) Any team from the Atlantic provinces attending the Canadian Slo-Pitch Championship can pick up to five (5) players from any Atlantic province with the release of the Province that player is registered with.

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

**Addition:**

- f) Any team from Manitoba attending the Canadian Slo-Pitch Championship can pick up to five (5) players from Saskatchewan with the release of that Province.

### RATIONALE

The proposed motion would expand the current Special Operating Rules that govern player rosters for the Canadian Championships, specifically to allow participating teams from Manitoba to pick-up up to five (5) players from the province of Saskatchewan, provided those players are in good standing within their province, and are released by their own teams and approved by their Provincial Director. The proposed addition to the SOR would be virtually identical to the current rule that governs the Atlantic Provinces, that allows teams from the Atlantic provinces not only All-Star status, but also the ability to pick-up, up to five (5) players from neighbouring Atlantic provinces. The proposed addition to the current SOR in place, would create another section (f), and would apply only to the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It has been a number of years since Saskatchewan has sent either a Men's or Women's team to the Canadian Championships – this despite the fact that Saskatchewan has a number of players that are talented enough to play at that level, and who would jump at the chance given the opportunity. In addition, while Manitoba has sent teams regularly to the Canadian Championships for many years, in recent years many of the teams sent have been short-handed, and frankly, have been laden with players who would otherwise not be ready to play at the level of a Canadian Championships. To take nothing away from the efforts and dedication of those players, the reality is that Manitoba is at a significant competitive disadvantage compared to many other provinces, just by virtue of population size and demographics alone. While efforts to develop players and teams in Manitoba are ongoing, some teams have "tapped into" the neighbouring province of Saskatchewan in an effort to join forces with many of the talented and dedicated



players there. These players have played a number of tournaments with teams from Manitoba – shown the dedication, commitment and ability to play at the A level – only to be denied the opportunity to play with the same team at the Canadian Championships when the time comes because no exception allows them to do so.

This addition to the SORs would allow these players, and others who share the same ambitions to play at the level they aspire to with teams from Manitoba, and not be denied a chance to play at the Canadian Championships. It also will assist Manitoba in rounding out its rosters with players that will help restore a more competitive balance when it comes to teams attending the Canadian Championships.

As a last consideration, by allowing players from Saskatchewan to attend the Canadian Championships as pick-up players, the underlying hope is that there will be a “snowball effect”, in that the players that attend will eventually grow in numbers, both male and female, and as these players come back having played the best Canada has to offer, it will serve to foster growth and ambition in others, eventually leading to a rebuilding that would ultimately have Saskatchewan return to the Canadian Championships.

But in the interim, Manitoba has a need for talented and dedicated players in order to be able to continue to send teams to the Canadian Championships that will be competitive; and many such players exist in Saskatchewan, and have already expressed a desire to play for teams for Manitoba because they have no A teams to play for otherwise.

In our respectful view, it can only help to bolster the long-term viability and success of the Canadian Championships to allow players from Saskatchewan to attend the Canadian Championships as pick-up players for Manitoba teams.

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

None.

**AMENDMENT: Moved by: Bill Finch Seconded by: Haylee O’Neill**

Replace “Saskatchewan” with “any non-participating provinces/territories”

**AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

**AMENDMENT: Moved by: Paul Wagner Seconded by: Robb Andison**

Insert after Saskatchewan “, provided Saskatchewan does not have a team entered,”

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #11

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors

Moved by: Robb Andison

Seconded by: Ryan DeBelser

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

Part Three – Article 3 Section 3.1 h) The Game - page 245

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

3.1 h) Any legal pitch not swung at and lands on the strike mat (2 feet (0.61m) x 3 feet (0.91m)) shall be a strike.

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

**Revision and Addition:**

3.1 h) Any legal pitch not swung at and lands on the strike mat shall be a strike. **The strike mat shall be a 2' (0.61m) x 3' (0.91m) rubber mat with a "v" shaped cutout 17" across the top and 12" on the other two sides centred 3 1/2" from the edges of the mat. This mat shall be placed behind the plate so the "v" cutout fits around the back point of the plate.**

**RATIONALE**

To allow the use of the mat's strike zone while allowing the plate to continue to be as previously used. i.e. plate is alive for base running and a pitched ball striking the plate is a ball.

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

None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #12**

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Ontario

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part Three – Canadian Slo-Pitch Championships – Article 3 Section 3.3 d) Protests - page 246

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

....will supply the committee with the protest fee of \$250.00 (cash or certified cheque)...

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

**Revision**

... will supply the committee with the protest fee of \$100.00 (cash or certified cheque)...

**RATIONALE**

The intent of the fee was to stop frivolous protests. Few teams would have \$250 with them. A more reasonable amount, in this case \$100, would be accessible at the diamond yet is substantial enough to eliminate a meaningless or a stalling tactic protest.

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

None

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #13

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships - Age Categories and Distance Table - Page 247

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

Category	Age	Ball
U12 Female	Under 12	27.95cm (11")

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

Category	Age	Ball
U12 Female	Under 12	30.5cm (12")

### **RATIONALE**

Young Athletes are growing bigger and stronger because of better nutrition. These athletes are more able to catch the ball and to throw it. For a safety reason changing the ball size will mean the ball will come off the bat a little slower, the smaller ball does come off the bat very fast with how stronger the players are now. The bigger ball will be easier for the defensive players to see as well. Also it is to mirror what ball is used in the United States.

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

11" softballs in stock?

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #14**

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships - Age Categories and Distance Table - Page 247

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

Category	Age	Ball
U12 Male	Under 12	27.95cm (11")

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

Category	Age	Ball
U12 Male	Under 12	30.5cm (12")

**RATIONALE**

Young Athletes are growing bigger and stronger because of better nutrition. These athletes are more able to catch the ball and to throw it. For a safety reason changing the ball size will mean the ball will come off the bat a little slower, the smaller ball does come off the bat very fast with how stronger the players are now. The bigger ball will be easier for the defensive players to see as well. Also it is to mirror what ball is used in the United States.

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

11" softballs in stock?

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #15

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships - Age Categories and Distance Table - Page 247

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

Category	Age	Pitching Distance
U12 Female	Under 12	10.67m (35')

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

**Change:**

Category	Age	Pitching Distance
U12 Female	Under 12	11.58m (38')

### **RATIONALE**

Young Athletes are growing bigger and stronger because of better nutrition. For safety reasons moving the pitchers back will allow them to have more time to react when the ball is hit right at them. The hitters will have more time to look at the ball which will bring a little more offence in to the games. Also it is to mirror what ball is used in the United States.

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

None.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #16

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships - Age Categories and Distance Table - Page 247

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

Category	Age	Pitching Distance
U14 Female	Under 14	11.58 m (38')

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

Category	Age	Pitching Distance
U14 Female	Under 14	12.2 m (40')

### RATIONALE

Young Athletes are growing bigger and stronger because of better nutrition. For safety reasons moving the pitchers back will allow them to have more time to react when the ball is hit right at them. The hitters will have more time to look at the ball which will bring a little more offence in to the games. Also it is to mirror what ball is used in the United States.

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

None.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #17

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships - Age Categories and Distance Table - Page 247

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

Category	Age	Pitching Distance
U16	Under 16	12.2m

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

**Change:**

Category	Age	Pitching Distance
U16	Under 16	13.1 m (43')

### **RATIONALE**

Young Athletes are growing bigger and stronger because of better nutrition. For safety reasons moving the pitchers back will allow them to have more time to react when the ball is hit right at them. The hitters will have more time to look at the ball which will bring a little more offence in to the games. Also it is to mirror what ball is used in the United States.

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

None.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**



## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #18

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Quebec

Moved by: Marc Dagenais

Seconded by: Michel Néron

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

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships - Age Categories and Distance Table - Page 247

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

Age Categories in 2013:

Senior (1991 and earlier), U21 (1992-1993-1994) and U18 (1995-1996)

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

Modify the following age categories at the male Fast Pitch level:

For 2014: Senior (1990 and earlier), U23 (1991-1992-1993-1994) and U19 (1995-1996-1997)

### RATIONALE

At the **male** Fast Pitch level, bring the Midget and Junior categories back to what they were before:

- Midget: 17-18-19 years old
- Junior: 20-21-22-23 years old

We are losing teams at the U18 (Midget) category because the player pool is not big enough with only 17 and 18 year olds. We are losing players that could be playing Junior at 22-23 years old and who are quitting because they are not ready to play Senior. The other age categories could remain the same.

This year, Nova Scotia was not represented at the Midget Canadian Championship. If the age categories had been different they probably would have been there.

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

No financial implication for anyone.

**AMENDMENT: Moved by: Marc Dagenais Seconded by: Michel Néron**

Change the date from 2014 to 2015

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION AS AMENDED DEFEATED**

## SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #19

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Alberta

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships – Article 1 Section 1.2 c) Canada Summer Games - page 248

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

c) In the year of the Canada Summer Games, Softball Canada will host a U21 Men's and Women's Canadian Championships.

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

REVISION – change the Canada Summer Games to the U18 category.

c) In the year of the Canada Summer Games, Softball Canada will host a U18 Men's and Women's Canadian Championships.

### RATIONALE

Having the U21 category in the 2013 Canada Summer Games was detrimental to the U21 Canadian Championships – Provinces in attendance were: AB, SK, QC (*This was a partial WESTERN Championship with Quebec! – very disappointing to the Host.*)

Both Alberta and Saskatchewan had numerous players drop out as their careers became a higher priority.

The Canada Summer Games was to be a step into the Canadian National teams, but in actual fact any players that are in line for the National teams have already been scouted. Softball Canada needs to revert this to an age group that would be in contention for a position on the National teams and still have a strong desire to excel onto another level of ball.

As well, Sport Canada dollars are based on the age group of U18 and above. The number of Provinces attending the 2013 Canadian Championship certainly does not help those statistics

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

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

## NEW BUSINESS

### ELECTIONS

President Quinn turned the chair over to Lisa Down to conduct the election of the President. Only one nomination was received and that was for Kevin Quinn. Quinn was asked and accepted to stand for election. A single ballot was cast to elect Kevin Quinn as President. Down turned the chair over to President Quinn to conduct the elections of the Board of Directors.

President Quinn thanked everyone for their continued support in electing him as President of Softball Canada. President Quinn thanked all of the delegates for all of the cooperation shown by the partnership of the Provincial/Territorial Associations and Softball Canada. By continuing this cooperation, we can continue to move softball forward.

Four Directors positions were available for election. Four nominations were received. The following were asked and accepted to stand for election:

Robb Andison, Ryan DeBelser, Larry Gould and Lynda Turton

Each individual gave a short speech. A single ballot was cast for each of the Directors. All four delegates were elected to the Board.

### NOTICE OF MOTION #1

New Business

As moved from the floor

Moved by: Bill Stonehouse

Seconded by: Marc Dagenais

To accept Kevin Quinn as President elected at the 2013 Softball Canada Congress in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### NOTICE OF MOTION #2

New Business

As moved from the floor

Moved by: Bill Finch

Seconded by: James McCarthy

To accept the following Directors elected to the Board of Directors at the 2013 Softball Canada Congress in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories:

Larry Gould  
Robb Andison  
Ryan DeBelser  
Lynda Turton

**MOTION CARRIED**

### NOTICE OF MOTION #3

New Business

As moved from the floor

Moved by: John Ariss

Seconded by: Ryan Wourms

To accept the names of the following individuals inducted into the Softball Canada Hall of Fame at the 2013 Softball Canada Congress in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories:

Jimm Barr, Official – Northwest Territories

Paul Gard, Builder – Northwest Territories

Adam Smith, Athlete - Ontario

**MOTION CARRIED**

### NOTICE OF MOTION #4

New Business

As moved from the floor

Moved by: Caroline Crooks

Seconded by: Alan Petrie

That Softball Prince Edward Island will host the 2014 Softball Canada Congress and AGM, in Charlottetown to be held from November 13-16.

**MOTION CARRIED**

There was discussion concerning the issue of the age for both females and males for Canada Summer Games.

To determine the interest on these issues, a straw vote was done for the following:

Changing the female age to U18 – in favour 15, opposed 14

Changing the male age to U18 – in favour 3, opposed 23

Canada Summer Games is in the process of making some decisions regarding age limits for the Summer Games. Once the Board has heard from Canada Summer Games, the age issue will be discussed with the Provincial/Territorial Associations.

President Quinn made a presentation to James McCarthy, President of NWT Softball as a thank you to the Host Committee and the Board of Directors for hosting this year's Annual Congress.

James McCarthy thanked everyone for coming and hoped everyone enjoyed their Yellowknife experience.

All of the Provincial/Territorial Associations thanked NWT Softball, the Host Committee and Softball Canada for all their work in hosting this year's annual congress.

## NOTICE OF MOTION #5

New Business

As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Dave Houghton**

**Seconded by: James McCarthy**

That the 2013 Softball Canada Congress held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**