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## Softball Canada and Home Run Sports to Host 2014 MEN'S SLO-PITCH BORDER BATTLE IN KITCHENER



Softball Canada and Home Run Sports are pleased to announce that the sixth edition of the Men's Slo-Pitch Border Battle between Canada and the United States will take place at Peter Hallman Ballyard on July 26, 2014 in Kitchener, ON. The United States hosted the first five editions of the event in Oklahoma City.

"Softball Canada is thrilled to be hosting the sixth edition of the Border Battle on Canadian soil" said Softball Canada President Kevin Quinn. "Kitchener has a long history of hosting successful softball events and I am sure the 2014 Border Battle will be a huge success. We are extremely pleased to be expanding the opportunity for more of our elite Slo-Pitch athletes to be taking part in this event. It is extremely exciting to have the opportunity to showcase a second Canadian team. I want to welcome all the athletes and fans who will be part of the excitement in Kitchener."

The event will also include a series of exhibition games that will be played from July 24-26, featuring two Canadian teams, Team USA and the USA Futures Slo-Pitch Team. A Canada vs. USA homerun derby will also take place.

Tony Carnelos from Home Run Sports will act as the event's chairman. Home Run Sports has been a major sponsor of Softball Canada's Umpire Apparel Program for many years, and has also been heavily involved with the Slo-Pitch Canadian Championships.

"We are extremely proud to bring such a prestigious event to Canada for the first time" stated Tony Carnelos from Home Run Sports. "We are going to do our best to make this the biggest Slo-Pitch softball event this country has ever seen. Our plan is to have exhibition games, a vendor area, home run competitions and hitting clinics throughout the event – everything a fan would want."

The United States has won the Border Battle four times, with Canada winning once in 2010. At the inaugural Border Battle in 2009, the United States defeated Canada by a score of 30-23. The following year, Canada bounced back with a thrilling 30-29 victory before USA dominated the third game by a score of 25-3 in 2011. In 2012, Canada jumped out to an 18-4 lead,

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but the Americans responded with a 20 run inning and went on to take the 32-21 victory. At the latest edition held this past summer, Team USA jumped out to an early lead and earned a 25-10 victory.

Softball Canada is also pleased to announce the head coaches for the Canadian teams that will be competing at the event. Grant Garrett (Georgetown, ON) will return as Head Coach of Team Canada for the third time and the second Canadian team will be led by Stephane Chapdelaine (Longueuil, QC), who was the assistant coach of the last two Border Battle teams.

Softball Canada will name an athlete pool for the two Canadian teams as well as the assistant coaches in February.

A Twitter account for the event has been created at @borderbattlesp. Potential sponsors and volunteers are encouraged to contact Tony Carnelos directly at tony@homerunsports.com or (416) 709-8323.

# NATIONAL TEAMS



## Softball Canada Names Two Men's National Team Assistant Coaches

Softball Canada is pleased to announce the addition of two new assistant coaches to the Men's National Team program. Bryan Sosnowski (Leduc, AB) will join the Senior Men's National Team coaching staff, while Fred Redhead (Leduc, AB) will serve as an assistant coach on the Junior Men's National Team. The Senior Men's National Team will defend their title at the Pan American Championship in Parana, Argentina from October 25 to November 2, 2014. The Junior Men's National Team will compete at the ISF Junior Men's World Championship in Whitehorse, YK from July 11-20, 2014.

Bryan Sosnowski enjoyed a fantastic 25-year playing career at the Intermediate and Senior Men's levels, earning three Gold and three Silver medals at the Canadian Championships. Bryan won a Gold medal as a member of Team Canada at the 1983 Pan American Games, and was inducted to the Softball Canada Hall of Fame as a member of that team in 1997 and later as an Athlete in 2012. Bryan coached at many levels over the past 25 years and has conducted many clinics with hitters and infielders. He will join Don Bates, Les Howey and John Stuart on the coaching staff of the Senior Men's National Team.

Fred Redhead started playing competitive softball in 1979 and brings 15 years of softball coaching experience at various age levels in Leduc, Viking, Irma and Lloydminster in Alberta. He also gained valuable international coaching experience this past summer by serving as head coach of the New Zealand ISA team at the U21 Men's International Championship held in Saskatoon, SK. Fred brings a lot of experience with pitchers and outfielders to the coaching staff. He joins Jim Jones, Doug Chase and George Ryder on the coaching staff of the Junior Men's National Team.

"We are extremely happy to add two quality individuals to the Men's National Team Program" stated Mike Brancaud, Manager of National Teams and Canadian Championships for Softball Canada. "The experience that both Bryan and Fred have will go a long way in helping our athletes plan and prepare for the upcoming season. Both individuals will have key roles in advance scouting and video analysis moving forward."

The Senior Men's National Team will hold a training camp in Brampton, ON from June 13-15, 2014 before defending their title at the Men's Pan American Championship in Parana, Argentina. Meanwhile, the Junior Men's National Team will hold a selection camp in Brampton, ON May 23-25, 2014 before gathering for a training camp in Vancouver, BC July 2-9, 2014 leading up to the ISF Junior Men's World Championship in Whitehorse, YK.

## 2014 Junior and Senior Women's National Team Regional Identification Camps

Softball Canada is pleased to announce a series of Regional Identification Camps for the Junior and Senior Women's National Team programs in 2014 in preparation for the 2014 ISF Senior Women's World Championship and the 2015 ISF Junior Women's World Championship.



### Junior Women's National Team (Athletes Born in 1996-98)



The first of three regional camps will be held June 14-15 in Brampton, Ontario. The purpose of this camp is to identify athletes who are interested in representing Canada on Softball Canada's Junior Women's National team in 2015. This camp will begin on the Saturday morning and conclude on the Sunday evening. The camp will be comprised of positional testing, small group training and intersquad games.

The second Regional Camp will take place in Cloverdale, British Columbia beginning in the late afternoon on June 26 and concluding the evening of June 27 at the Cloverdale Softball Complex.

The third Regional Camp will take place at Glenn Reeve Fields in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on July 26 and July 27.

Regional Camp Registration Fee: \$75.00  
Registration Deadline: May 9, 2014



### Senior Women's National Team (Athletes Born 1995 or Before)



The first of two regional camps will be held June 11-14 in Brampton, Ontario. The purpose of this camp is to identify athletes who will represent Canada at the ISF Senior Women's World Championship in Haarlem, Netherlands from August 15-24, 2014. This camp will begin on the Wednesday afternoon and conclude on the Saturday evening. The camp will be comprised of fitness testing, positional testing, small group training and intersquad games.

The second Regional Camp will take place in Cloverdale, British Columbia beginning on June 25 and concluding June 28 at the Cloverdale Softball Complex.

**The 2014 Senior Women's National team schedule is as follows:**

Date	Event	Location
June 11-14	Eastern Regional Identification Camp	Brampton, ON
June 25-28	Western Regional Identification Camp	Cloverdale, BC
July 7-13	US World Cup of Softball IX	Irvine, CA
July 14-22	Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship	Surrey, BC
August 3-9	International Test Matches	Ontario
August 15-24	ISF XIV Women's World Championship	Haarlem, NED

**\* All athletes who make the final roster for the Senior Women's National Team are eligible to receive Athlete Assistance funding through Sport Canada**

Regional Camp Registration: \$100.00  
Registration Deadline: May 9, 2014

For athletes travelling from out of province to attend a regional camp who are looking for reasonable accommodations we recommend the following:

Sheridan College ([www.stayrcc.com](http://www.stayrcc.com)), the Breakaway Motel ([www.breakawaymotel.com](http://www.breakawaymotel.com)) and the Ramada ([www.ramada.com](http://www.ramada.com)).

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

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### 2014 Senior Men's National Team Schedule

Date	Event	Location
June 13-15	Training Camp	Brampton, ON
Oct. 25 - Nov. 3	X Men's Pan American Championship	Parana, ARG

### 2014 Junior Men's National Team Schedule

Date	Event	Location
May 22-25	Selection Camp	Brampton, ON
July 2-9	Training Camp	Vancouver, BC
July 11-20	ISF X Junior Men's World Championship	Whitehorse, YT

### 2014 Junior Women's National Team Schedule

Date	Event	Location
June 13-15	Eastern Identification Camp	Brampton, ON
June 26-27	Western Identification Camp	Cloverdale, BC
July 26-27	Central Identification Camp	Saskatoon, SK

## FEATURED WORTH EQUIPMENT

#### C120YCC



The Worth K-Master is a Fastpitch ball, it is 12" with a .47 COR and 375lbs compression. Worth K-Master have a Competition cork centre, patented K-Master seams, and a Syco cover that gives just the right amount of tack. It is the Official Softball of the U16, U18, U21 and Senior Men's Canadian Championships.

#### FPSIC9

The SICK Fastpitch bat is made exclusively from 100% composite materials. Its multi-layer core provides exceptional rebound and maximum durability, and is approved by ASA, ISF and all other associations.



# AROUND the HORN 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DOCUMENTS

To view the updated Special Operating Rules and the Minutes of the 2013 Softball Canada Annual General Meeting, please use the following links:

<http://www.softball.ca/download.php?id=551>

<http://www.softball.ca/download.php?id=387>

## SOFTBALL CANADA HALL OF FAME

### 2014 Hall of Fame Nominations



Nominations for athletes, coaches, officials, builders and teams for induction into Softball Canada's Hall of Fame are being accepted until April 1, 2014. A maximum of five (5) new members will be chosen to be inducted on Saturday, November 15th during Softball Canada's Annual General Meeting in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. This year's inductees will be from the Atlantic region; New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. The criteria for acceptance and nomination forms are available at <http://www.softball.ca/english/about/hall-of-fame.html>. All applications must be approved by their respective Provincial/Territorial association.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Rich Kannon (Barrie, ON) for winning Softball Canada's Hilton HHonors Social Media Contest! The contest was held from January 13th to 31st, with participants earning entries by following Softball Canada on Twitter, tweeting about the contest, liking Softball Canada on Facebook and sharing/liking the contest's post. Rich won three nights' accommodations to a Hilton HHonors Portfolio Hotel of his choice.

### Softball Canada Hilton HHonors Program

**Giving it 110% can save you up to 15%.**

Softball Canada is excited to announce that Hilton HHonors™ is helping National Sport Federation athletes, coaches, friends and family save up to 15% on their next stay at any of the 4,000 hotels and resorts within the Hilton HHonors portfolio. Enjoy the flexibility of staying at any of our top ten hotel brands like Hilton Hotels & Resorts, Waldorf Astoria® Hotels & Resorts, Embassy Suites™ and Hampton®.

So no matter where your journey takes you, HHonors has destinations in 90 countries ready to cheer you on. Come dream with us.

Book now at [www.HHonors.com/SoftballCAN](http://www.HHonors.com/SoftballCAN).

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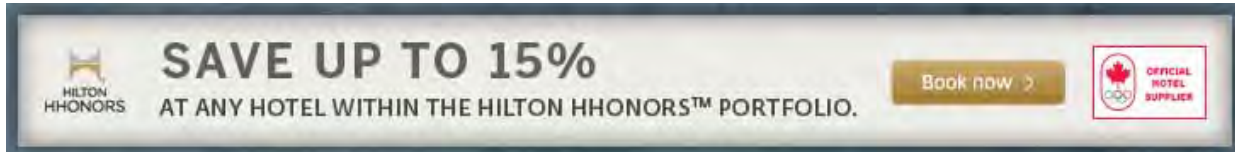
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other discounts. For group bookings of five or more rooms, requests must be submit through Softball Canada's portal. Each hotel has policies addressing deposits, cancellations and blackout dates that may apply. Other restrictions may apply, please see individual hotel website for additional information.

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Join Hilton HHonors™, and earn points toward free nights and so much more every time you stay at any of our ten distinct brands. Membership is free.

### Enroll now



## UMPIRING

### Changes to Ed Bitz Scholarship AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

This year Two (2), \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Any umpire member of a Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Association who is registered with Softball Canada and who is entering the first, second year or subsequent year of a post-secondary educational institution is eligible for this scholarship. The applicant must be a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident.

### TIME OF APPLICATION

A call for nominations will be sent out by Softball Canada in the January to mid-February time period. All nominations must be received by Softball Canada no later than April 30. Only applications on the Ed Bitz Scholarship application form accompanied by the required letters of support and received by the deadline will be considered.

For further information please see our website at: <http://www.softball.ca/english/about/awards/ed-bitz-scholarship.html>.

### On-Line Level IV Umpires Certification Clinic to be held in Spring 2014

Softball Canada is pleased to announce that an on-line Level IV National Umpires Certification Clinic will once again be held in the Spring of 2014. The clinic dates are tentatively set for five Sunday's in March and April. Each of the five two-hour sessions, led by experienced Softball Canada instructors, will focus on the psychology of officiating, advanced game management techniques and mechanics and much more.



To be eligible to participate, candidates must be a fully certified Level III umpire for at least two years and receive a positive endorsement from their provincial or territorial organization. Successful completion of the Level IV clinic results in Level IV Theory certification. A subsequent successful evaluation at a U18 (M or F) or U21 (F) Fast Pitch or Senior Women's Slo-Pitch Canadian Championship will lead to full Level IV certification.

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### Clinic Details:

- Registration fee is \$175 and includes a Level IV manual, access to the Adobe Connect virtual classroom platform and all other resources
- Participants will require access to a computer (Windows or Mac) with high-speed Internet connectivity, a mic/headset and a webcam to participate.
- Each of the five sessions of the online Level IV clinic will be held beginning at 12 noon Eastern (9am Pacific)
- Tentative clinic dates: March 9, 16, 23 and April 6 and 13.
- The language of instruction for this clinic offering will be English.

To register please contact Donna Ozarko at [dozarko@softball.ca](mailto:dozarko@softball.ca). Registration will be limited to 12 participants with preference given to candidates from more remote areas of the country.

Please note that submission of a completed registration form and fees does not guarantee acceptance into the clinic. Candidates will be advised upon their reception into the on-line clinic.

The registration deadline for the Spring 2014 online Level IV umpires clinic is February 24th, 2014. For more information or to register please contact Donna Ozarko at [dozarko@softball.ca](mailto:dozarko@softball.ca).



## TRIPLE PLAY

### Coaches!

Looking for a way to measure your team's improvement over the course of a season? Softball Canada has developed a set of standard testing protocols available to all softball coaches in Canada!

Sign up at [www.tripleplaysoftball.ca](http://www.tripleplaysoftball.ca) today to download your kit and sign up your team on Triple Play to start tracking their improvement!

All coaches who input their team's results will be entered into a draw for a Softball Canada prize pack!

For more information contact [tripleplay@softball.ca](mailto:tripleplay@softball.ca)

### Softball Canada Supplier Pool Partners





## COACHING

### 2014 International Softball Coaches Symposium

Softball Canada and Softball Ontario are pleased to announce that the 2014 International Softball Coaches Symposium will be held from Friday, February 21 to Sunday, February 23, 2014 in Mississauga, Ontario. Our goal is to provide you, the Coach, with the most up to date training and instructional techniques presented by some of the world's leading international coaches to raise the level of softball knowledge among softball coaches across Canada. The International Softball Coaches Symposium also provides you with an opportunity to interact with coaches from across the country.

Details for the symposium are being finalized. However, we are excited to announce three of the keynote speakers for the symposium will be:



Cindy Bristow (Owner of Softball Excellence, ([www.softballexcellence.com](http://www.softballexcellence.com)) a company devoted to online Softball Instruction for coaches, players and parents.



Mark Smith (Senior Women's National Team Head Coach)



Margie Wright (Former Head Coach at Fresno State University)

#### **SCHEDULE:**

- Friday, February 21 - 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Saturday, February 22 - 9:00 am - 5:00
- Sunday, February 23 – 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

#### **COST:**

##### **REP COACH STREAM (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)**

- \$125.00 Group Registration Fee (5 coaches or more must register as a group at the same time with one payment.) – until February 7, 2014 at 4:00 pm EST.
- \$135.00 Early Bird Registration Fee - until February 7, 2014 at 4:00 pm EST.
- \$150.00 Full Registration Fee – until February 20, 2014 at 4:00 pm EST

##### **COMMUNITY COACH STREAM (Saturday Only)**

- \$70.00 Full Registration Fee – until February 20, 2014 at 4:00 pm EST

**Note:** An administration fee is charged when the on-line registration option is selected.

#### **REFUND POLICY:**

In the event that you must cancel your registration before February 7, 2014, a \$30.00 charge will be withheld. No refunds will be issued after February 7, 2014

#### **TO REGISTER:**

Complete and return the attached registration form with payment to Softball Canada via email or fax or complete your registration on-line <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2014-international-softball-coaches-symposium-tickets-10134373183?nomo=1>

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Please contact Lise Jubinville at Softball Canada: (B) 613-523-3386, x-3108 or [ljubinville@softball.ca](mailto:ljubinville@softball.ca) or visit the event web site at [www.softball.ca/iscs](http://www.softball.ca/iscs).

**Note:** This symposium will count towards professional development credits for certified new NCCP coaches to maintain their certification in the new NCCP and will be tracked on the NCCP Database.



# FUTURE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2014

U14 Girl's Jamboree	White Rock, BC	Aug. 6-10
U16 Girl's	Brampton, ON	Aug. 13-17
U16 Boy's	Fredericton, NB	Aug. 6-10
U18 Women's	Saskatoon, SK	Aug. 4-10
U18 Men's	Gander, NL	Aug. 5-10
U21 Women's	Montreal, QC	Aug. 13-17
U21 Men's	Irma, AB	Aug. 11-17
Senior Women's	Open	TBD
Senior Men's	Charlottetown, PEI	Aug. 26-31
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Fort McMurray, AB	Men: Aug. 10-16 Women: Aug. 12-16

## 2015

U14 Girl's Jamboree	Open	TBD
U16 Girl's	Calgary, AB	Aug. 5-9
U16 Boy's	Open	TBD
U18 Women's	Montreal, QC	Aug. 3-10
U18 Men's	Fredericton, NB	Aug. 10-16
U21 Women's	Open	TBD
U21 Men's	Napanee, ON	Aug. 10-16
Senior Women's	Open	TBD
Senior Men's	Open	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.

## **2014 Masters**

# **CANADIAN FAST PITCH CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Charlottetown, PEI – Aug 28-31, 2014**

Softball Canada is planning on adding a special Masters Division to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Sr Men's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship.

### **Teams**

- Two Ontario
- Eastern ON / QC
- BC / AB / YT
- SK / MB / NWT
- Maritimes
- Could expand to eight teams

### **Age**

- 40 plus or turning 40 in 2014 – 1974 or earlier birth date
- No exceptions

### **Eligibility**

- Players have to be registered with their home province
- Provincial/Territorial Associations to sign off on roster
- No imports

### **Format**

- Teams will play a minimum of 3-4 round robin games plus playoffs
- Championship game to be played Sunday prior to Sr Men's Gold Medal game
- Softball Canada's Special Operating Rules will govern play
- Games will commence Thursday Night / Friday morning

### **Prizes**

- Gold, silver and bronze medals
- Championship plaque / trophy

For more information contact Mike Branchaud at [mbranchaud@softball.ca](mailto:mbranchaud@softball.ca) or 613-523-3386 x3103



# Hosting a Slo-Pitch Tournament?



**50 Slo-Pitch Canada t-shirts**  
**2 Dozen Worth Softballs**  
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**Added Bonus from Combat Sports: 5 backpacks and 5 t-shirts**  
**\$1,200 Value, yours for \$250**

Note: Package does NOT include insurance



**For more information and to apply, please complete the following form:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team/Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Facility Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**Please send completed form to Mike Branchaud ([mbranchaud@softball.ca](mailto:mbranchaud@softball.ca))**  
**Suite 212, 223 Colonnade Road Ottawa, Ontario K2E 7K3**  
**B) 613-523-3386 ext. 3103 F) 613-523-5761**  
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- Financial Management
- Policy Development
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- International Liaison and Hosting

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- Coaching

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- Rule Book
- Volunteer recognition
- Publications

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- Accounts receivables/payables
- Tax receipts
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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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- 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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- Learn to Play
- Player Development
- CANpitch
- Adapted softball (Wheelchair, Blind, Special Olympics)
- Future initiatives
- Competition Review follow up, National implementation and associated rule changes

**Manager - Women's National Teams – Alison Bradley**

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- Women's National Teams

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- Receptionist and administrative duties
- Resource orders
- Membership database and event registration
- Logistical support for meetings
- Assist in the development of resource materials



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