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Women's National Team PAN AMERICAN GAMES ROSTER

Softball Canada is pleased to announce the seventeen (17) players who have been selected to represent their country at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico from October 17-23, 2011.

The Canadian Team is coming off a bronze-medal performance at the US World Cup of Softball in Oklahoma City, and finished fourth at the Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship in Surrey, BC last month. Last year, Canada won a bronze medal at the ISF XII Women's World Championships, cementing their spot among the elite women's softball teams in the world.

"2011 produced the best crop of national team hopefuls in some time" stated Senior Women's National Team Head Coach Mark Smith. "We are extremely pleased with the work ethic shown by the group and their performances in each game over the course of the summer. We look forward to the Pan Am Games and the opportunity to compete against the countries who will be participating at that event."

The athletes have been selected by the coaching staff to represent Canada at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico from October 17-23 are:

Athletes

Jenna Caira (Toronto, ON)
Jocelyn Cater (Delta, BC)
Erin Cumpstone (Saskatoon, SK)
Heather Ebert (Rosthern, SK)
Kelsey Haberl (Burnaby, BC)
Victoria Hayward (Toronto, ON)
Ashley Lanz (Winnipeg, MB)
Danielle Lopez (Barrie, ON)
Joey Lye (Toronto, ON)
Melanie Matthews (Surrey, BC)
Sarah Phillips (Mississauga, ON)
Kaleigh Rafter (Guelph, ON)
Jillian Russell (London, ON)
Jennifer Salling (Port Coquitlam, BC)
Hannah Schwarz (Scarborough, ON)
Megan Timpf (Port Dover, ON)
Jennifer Yee (North Delta, BC)



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Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Mark Smith (Falmouth, NS)
Assistant Coach: Melissa Basilio (Pickering, ON)
Assistant Coach: Dave Paetkau (Abbotsford, BC)
Assistant Coach: Glenn Boles (St. Catharines, ON)
Physiotherapist: Laurie Freebairn (Maple Ridge, BC)
Team Leader: Kristy Odamura (Richmond, BC)

Softball Canada will also be sending Umpire

Tim Lederman (BC)

ISF IX Junior Women's World Championship (Cape Town, South Africa)

Team Canada Schedule

Date	Game	Time
December 8	Canada vs. USA	12:30pm EST
December 9	Canada vs. Botswana	5:00am EST
December 10	Canada vs. Puerto Rico	10:30am EST
December 11	Canada vs. New Zealand	5:30am EST
December 12	Canada vs. South Africa	12:30pm EST
December 13	Canada vs. China	5:00am EST
December 14	Canada vs. Czech Republic	5:30am EST
December 15	Playoff Round	TBD
December 16	Playoff Round	TBD
December 17	Medal Round	TBD

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.

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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 (www.softball.ca/files/ethelboycenomination.doc), along with a letter of endorsement from the provincial/territorial office.

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

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 (www.softball.ca/files/claudedeschamps.doc), along with a letter of endorsement from the provincial/territorial office.

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

***2011 Region**

Atlantic: New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador, and Prince Edward Island



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CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pointstreak Scoring well received at Canadian Championships!

This year marked the first year of Softball Canada's partnership with Pointstreak Sports Technologies, with all Canadian Championships running Pointstreak scoring in some capacity. Hosts with internet access readily available at the park had the ability to do Pointstreak scoring live and in real-time, with in-depth individual statistics available on the tournament website. Those without internet capacity also used the Pointstreak system offline, uploading the results and statistics at a later time once they were able to get to an internet connection.

Mike Koreen from The Whig Standard, a newspaper based in Kingston that also services Napanee, published a great article on the success the U23 Men's Canadian Championship had with the Pointstreak scoring program, as well as the great support provided by the organizing committee, sponsors and the city. Here are some excerpts from that article:

Randy Pascal has been there, done that when it comes to serving on sporting committees.

Heck, the former Kingston resident was in the penalty box keeping the official scoresheet in Vancouver when Sidney Crosby scored the golden goal at the 2010 Olympics.

So when Pascal says the Napanee 2011 organizing committee for the Canadian junior men's fastball championship is top notch, you can be sure the group is doing more than a few things right.

"The attention to detail here is almost unlike anything I've seen anywhere else -- with the exception of the Olympics," said the Sudbury native, who is running the outstanding Softball Canada live stats program for the Napanee tournament. (...)

Now hosting its fifth national fastball championship and coming off a successful national women's hockey championship and provincial curling championship in the past few years, Napanee has built up a solid volunteer base.

Yet the town and the organizing committee don't rest on their laurels. The stats system -- you can follow every pitch live from anywhere in the world over the Internet -- has changed quite a bit over the years.

"It's night and day," said Pascal, a former stats guy for the Kingston Voyageurs and Frontenacs and Amherstview Jets. "Now the scorekeeping is online and all the stats filter from there. In 1992, you'd get a scoresheet at the end of each game and fill in the blanks." (...)

"They've done a fabulous job," said Team Newfoundland coach Ross Crocker, whose squad is at nationals for the sixth year in a row. "Everything has been excellent. This is certainly one of the better (tournaments he has attended). This team has been looked after."

Softball Canada has received wonderful comments about the Pointstreak scoring system, and will continue to improve on it going forward!

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Pointstreak Stats

- ▶ Is a real-time scoring and official league record keeping software system designed for all levels of league and tournament operations including amateur, recreational, junior, collegiate and professional leagues.

Live scores and all batting/pitching/fielding/situational statistics are captured instantly at the game by using Pointstreak's user-friendly scoring software solutions and then are delivered directly to your website in true real-time.

All game and league information can be accessed instantly by interested stakeholders such as players, fans, media and league administrators from any internet-connected computer world-wide.

Allow your fans to follow along with your games live and get your top players recognized by college scouts.

Utilize our marketing and communications tool to send off automated emails that include end game box scores and standings. Additionally you can create extensive bios with game by game and seasonal statistics for each member of your team.



Official stats and scoring system of



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2011 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results and All-Star Teams

Softball Canada would like to extend congratulations to all participants at the 2011 Canadian Championships, which took place between August 3 and September 4 in locations across Canada in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. The following are the results of the Championships as well as the individual award winners and All-Star teams. For more information about the results, please contact Mike Branchaud at (613) 523 3396 ext. 3103 or mbranchaud@softball.ca.

U14 Girl's Jamboree (Vaughan, ON)

Cup Division

Gold: Mississauga Southwest Hurricanes (ON3)

Silver: Guelph Gators (ON1)

Bronze: White Rock Renegades (BC2)

Bowl Division

Gold: Guelph Gators (ON)

Silver: Oakville Angels (ON)

Bronze: Vaughan Vikings (ON)

Plate Division

Gold: Nova Scotia A (NS)

Silver: Stratford Flames (ON)

Bronze: Nova Scotia B (NS)

U16 Girl's Championship (Winnipeg, MB)

Gold: White Rock Renegades 95 (BC2)

Silver: Ajax Raiders (ON1)

Bronze: Smitty's Terminators 95 (HOST)

Award Winners

Top Batter: Chelsea Jenner (BC3)

Top Pitcher: Tori Belton (BC2)

MVP (Qual. Round): Madison Hope (HOST)

MVP (Champ. Round): Sara Groenewegen (BC2)

All-Star Team

P Madison Clark (AB3)
C Anna Battison (BC3)
1B Ky Desaulniers (BC2)
2B Kelsey Hamade (BC3)
3B Andrea Sidor (BC2)
SS Mia Gautron (HOST)
OF Audrey Vachon (QC)
OF Marley Parker (BC1)
OF Amy Compagnole (ON1)
UT Jade Yerex (ON3)



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U19 Women's Championship (Winnipeg, MB)

Gold: Brantford Bobcats (ON1)
Silver: Surrey Storm 93 (DC)
Bronze: Guelph Gators (ON4)

Award Winners

Top Batter: Lauren McLaughlin (ON1)
Top Pitcher: Lindsay Butler (ON4)
MVP (Qual. Round): Jaycee Affeldt (DC)
MVP (Champ. Round): Erika Polidori (ON1)

All-Star Team

P Natalie Becker (ON1)
C Renee Dwyer (MB2)
1B Madison Marshall (ON3)
2B Nikki Fulton (ON4)
3B Miranda Castiglione (ON3)
SS Shannon Davidson (ON2)
OF Sabrina Matteau (QC1)
OF Marissa Lajeunesse (HOST)
OF Samantha Anderson (MB1)
UT Natalie Wideman (ON1)

U19 Men's Championship (Fredericton, NB)

Gold: Warton Red Devils (ON1)
Silver: Stratford Memorials (ON2)
Bronze: Calahoo Chiefs (AB2)

Award Winners

Top Batter: Brodie McLean (AB2)
Top Pitcher: Justice Keshane (SK2)
MVP (Qual. Round): Andy Barber (ON1)
Co-MVP (Champ. Round): Austin Brown (ON1) / Ty Sebastian (ON1)

All-Star Team

P Trevor Aime (AB2)
C Ryan Kirk (NL)
1B Wyatt Berube (AB2)
2B Philippe Laflamme (QC)
3B Dylan Smith (AB2)
SS Bradley Peck (BC2)
OF Mike Turner (BC1)
OF Adam Stuck (ON4)
OF Jordan Swenson (SK1)
UT Brady Quaitte (BC1)

U23 Women's Championship (Windsor, ON)

Gold: Saskatoon Outlaws (DC)
Silver: Guelph Gators (ON1)
Bronze: Calahoo Erins 89 (AB1)

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Award Winners

Top Batter: Sydney Marquardt (DC)
Top Pitcher: Katherine Guenther (DC)
MVP (Qual. Round): Sarah Shotton (MB)
MVP (Champ. Round): Brittany Hicks (ON1)

All-Star Team

P Camille Czarnecki (AB1)
C Vicky Rumph (ON1)
1B Devan Ellis (ON1)
2B Lindsay Woods (ON1)
3B Bailey Reid (ON1)
SS Alisha Sherwood (NB)
OF Sydney Marquardt (DC)
OF Karmen Coffey (DC)
OF Shawna Nisanen (ON2)
UT Erica Dewey (ON2)

U23 Men's Championship (Napanee, ON)

Gold: Nova Scotia Murphy's Fish and Chips Eagles (NS)
Silver: Napanee North Key Express (DC)
Bronze: Napanee Shoeless Joe's Express (HOST)

Award Winners

Top Batter: Kaly Robinson (SK)
Top Pitcher: Joran Graham (DC)
MVP (Qual. Round): Devon McCullough (SK)
MVP (Champ. Round): Justin Schofield (NS)

All-Star Team

P Scott Lieph (SK)
C Darren Newson (ON1)
1B Lee Jacques (ON1)
2B Joel Langford (DC)
3B Dan Mitchell (ON1)
SS Brent Thompson (ON1)
OF Myles Coldwell (NS)
OF David Pratt (DC)
OF Mathieu Roy (DC)
UT Liam Myers (NL)

Senior Women's Fast Pitch Championship (Montreal, QC)

Gold: White Rock Renegades (DC)
Silver: Whitby Eagles (ON4)
Bronze: Calahoo Xtreme (AB2)

Award Winners

Top Batter: Jaclyn Kinley (AB1)
Top Pitcher: Krystal Hathaway (MB)
MVP (Qual. Round): Joey Lye (ON1)
MVP (Champ. Round): Courtney Gill (DC)

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All-Star Team

P Krystal Hathaway (MB)
C Jaclyn Kinley (AB1)
1B Nikki Marcoux (MB)
2B Joey Lye (ON1)
3B Ali Lynette-Krech (ON4)
SS Heather Ebert (MB)
OF Manon Dagenais (QC)
OF Cori Simpson (ON4)
OF Marie-Pierre Huot (QC)
UT Kelsie Jensen (AB2)

Senior Men's Fast Pitch Championship (Owen Sound, ON)

Gold: Kitchener Hallman Twins (DC)
Silver: St. John's West Side Charlies Bud Light (NL)
Bronze: Quebec Seniors (QC)

Award Winners

Top Batter: Ian Fehrman (NL)
Top Pitcher: Sean Cleary (NL)
MVP (Qual. Round): Steve Mullaley (NL)
MVP (Champ. Round): Allan Phibbs (DC)

All-Star Team

P Sean Whitten (NL)
C Ryan Boland (NL)
1B Steve Savard (QC)
2B Trevor Johnstone (BC)
3B Darryl McKinnon (ON)
SS Kevin Schellenberg (BC)
OF Mark Johnson (PEI)
OF Jason Hill (NL)
OF Dale Levy (DC)
UT Ryan Thompson (HOST)

Senior Women's Slo-Pitch Championship (Dorchester, ON)

Gold: Sportzone Lady Gryphons (ON2)
Silver: Calgary Impact (AB)
Bronze: Ambrose Easton (ON3)

Award Winners

Top Batter: Mary Eyre (ON1)
Top Defensive Player: Cindy Emery (ON3)
MVP (Qual. Round): Tina Gulberson (BC)
MVP (Champ. Round): Shannon Wright (ON2)

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Senior Men's Slo-Pitch Championship (Dorchester, ON)

Gold: Tings Moving/Home Run Sports Orioles (DC)

Silver: Team Combat/Pharmapar/Transat (QC1)

Bronze: Olympiques Metal/Publicite DR (QC2)

Award Winners

Top Batter: Ryan Caley (DC)

Top Defensive Player: Nathan Lyon (AB)

MVP (Qual. Round): Luc Chauvette (QC1)

MVP (Champ. Round): Jeff Falardeau (DC)

FUTURE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

U14 Girl's Jamboree	Open	TBD
U16 Girl's	Open	TBD
U18 Women's	Montreal, QC	TBD
U18 Men's	Fredericton, NB	TBD
U21 Women's	Open	TBD
U21 Men's	Open	TBD
Senior Women's	Jarvis, ON	Aug. 8-12
Senior Men's	Bid pending	TBD
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Dorchester, ON	Men: TBD Women: TBD

As a reminder to all Provincial/Territorial Associations, Softball Canada will start accepting bids for the 2013 Canadian Championships on October 1st, 2011.

For more information, contact Mike Branchaud at mbranchaud@softball.ca or 613-523-3386 x 3103.

OFFICIATING

Women in Umpiring

Senior Women's - Umpire

Cristine Fader is a Level IV umpire in Ontario

It took a bit to realize that for the first time in the history of the Senior Women's Canadian Championships our umpiring crew would be comprised of more than 50% female officials. With each game that passed it became truly evident that it was not only the quantity of the female officials at this Canadians that was exciting but the quality of official that filled out this strong and knowledgeable crew. This tournament was truly a testament to the sport and to the officiating program. I was fortunate enough to be on an all female crew at least 4 times of the 10 games I participated in and every time we approached the diamond there seemed to be a collective gaze from the crowd and players followed by ecstatic comments about an all female crew. It was as though the sport had expanded its chest with pride, knowing that the game is alive and well as it received a long awaited boost that many have felt vital to the future of the women's game.

As we all know in every crew there needs to be a general cohesion and overall feeling of support to be successful. Though it was very special to be a part of a primarily female crew, what added to this significant moment for women's officiating was the collaboration and teamwork evident with the male contingent of the team. Female numbers are important to the game but so is the support of those female officials from our brothers in blue.

The last comment is primarily because we know that breaking through the boy's club mentality is the toughest challenge. When we have such a crew as we did, there was no feeling of battle or having to prove you were stronger and smarter, you could just relax and umpire!

COACHING



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, 2011. 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.)

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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
- 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 2011 Home Run Sports Coach of the Year Award will be flown to Halifax, Nova Scotia for two days and one night and will be honoured during the 2011 Softball Canada Congress from November 11 - 12.

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) or visit Softball Canada's web site (www.softball.ca under the About Softball Canada menu then click on Awards).

Sport Leadership sportif

Inspiration * Discovery * Connections * Reflection

Join the Coaching Association of Canada in Toronto from November 10-12, 2011 for an electric gathering of the most innovative minds in sport at the 2011 Sport Leadership sportif conference.

These progressive speakers will challenge how you think, and inspire you for the year ahead!

- Headliner Don Shula - the winningest coach in NFL history, and co-author of the highly acclaimed book: "Everyone's A Coach";
- Frank Dick, OBE, presents "Leading under Pressure – bringing your 'A game' in a high-pressure Olympic/Paralympic environment";
- Lieutenant-Colonel Angelo Caravaggio, PhD will give you the tools to lead with purpose, power and success.
- PLUS! An evening of celebration and inspiration recognizing the accomplishments of Canada's top coaches – the Sport Leadership Awards ceremony.

Date: November 10th to 12th, 2011

Location: Fairmont Royal York Hotel – Toronto, ON

For more details go to: www.sportleadershipsportif.ca

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Registration fees for the conference will be announced when online registration opens on August 15th, 2011. An early bird discount will be in effect and this year's conference is expected to sell out so don't delay! Register early to save on registration fees and to guarantee your spot at the hottest sport leadership event in the country.

Delegates are responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodations and arranging for shared accommodations if desired (unless other arrangements have been made). A special conference rate has been secured at the official event hotel – The Fairmont Royal York and at a nearby hotel for overflow bookings (the Novotel Toronto Centre). Call today, reservations are now being accepted. The reservation deadline for accommodations is Friday, October 7, 2011, 17:00 – Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Reservation requests received by the hotel after this date will continue to be accepted based on room and rate availability. To book, call Guestroom Reservations at 1-800-441-1414 and quote the conference group code (PETRI111) or send an email to royalyorkhotel@fairmont.com and quote "block ID PETRI111" in the subject title. You may also book directly on-line up until 17:00 EDT on October 7th at: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/petrocansportleadership>. After this date, the online reservations web page will no longer be available. The RYH rate is \$150 Cdn/night for single or double occupancy (plus applicable taxes) in a Fairmont (standard) room. This rate will be honoured three (3) days prior and three (3) days post conference dates, based on availability. Additional room types are available. Inquire at the time of booking. A credit card is required to book your guestroom and a deposit will be applied.

For more information about the 2011 Sport Leadership Sportif Conference contact the Coaching Association of Canada at 613-235-5000 or coach@coach.ca.

Take the 2011 True Sport Community Give-Back Challenge!!!

Have you unleashed the power of True Sport in your community this year? If so, you could:

- be featured on CBC leading up to and/or during the 2011 Sports Day in Canada* broadcast; AND
- earn a cash award of \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$7,500 to help your group or sport organization to continue to live the True Sport Principles.

Go For It • Play Fair • Keep It Fun • Respect Others • Stay Healthy • Give Back

The True Sport Community Give-Back Challenge provides True Sport Members with an opportunity to give back to their communities by volunteering their time or hosting an event and donating the proceeds to a local charity or cause. Select participants and finalists will be profiled on CBC Sports and the winner will be announced during the Sports Day in Canada broadcast on CBC Sports on September 17th, 2011.

Any event or activity hosted after September 19, 2010 or that will take place before September 18, 2011 is eligible to participate in the True Sport Community Give-Back Challenge.

It's easy to participate! For more information on how you and your group can participate, visit www.truesport.ca/giveback.

We all win when we come together to make our communities stronger – take the True Sport Community Give-Back Challenge today!!

* Sports Day in Canada is a national celebration of sport, from grassroots to high performance, in communities across the country. Presented by CBC Sports, ParticipACTION and True Sport, Sports Day in Canada is an opportunity for all Canadians to celebrate the power of sport to build communities.

LEARN TO PLAY

in Prince Edward Island

Submitted by: Softball PEI

The Learn to Play program continues to grow across the province of PEI. The only negative is that it is getting harder to have coaches and parents assist our instructors in conducting the clinic. We stress to coaches and parents that their support and input is very valuable as they know the players names and ability. This guidance enables our LTP volunteers to be able to provide specific instruction to assist the player. Softball PEI is looking at developing a parent volunteer brochure for LTP so parents know that their contribution to the program is invaluable and appreciated.

Softball PEI has been asked to put on clinics in the aboriginal communities but as of this writing we have been unable to confirm any dates.

Softball PEI has been working hard to get the LTP program into the Elementary School Physical Education curriculum. This is proving to be very difficult, however; we are making some progress, and hope to see LTP in schools by 2012-2013

We have received numerous requests from baseball association to conduct a clinic as they feel that our Learn to Play program is very informative to their players as the skills are very similar. We have conducted several of these clinics. Player, coach and parent turn-out has been phenomenal. We see this as an opportunity to increase our softball numbers by exposing them to our game.

Learn to Play continues to grow across Canada and PEI is trying very hard to be a big part of it.

Softball Canada is looking for volunteer teams to participate in a pilot of a

SKILLS TESTING PROGRAM!

Aligned with Softball Canada's Long Term Player Development Model, Softball Canada is currently developing a skills testing program for male and female athletes aged U12 – U16. The program includes both fitness and softball skills tests.

This pilot program will encourage athletes to expand their personal softball specific and fitness skills.

If your team would like to participate and test your teams skills please contact:

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- Canadian Championships
- Slo-Pitch
- Canada Games/Male equivalent
- University/College initiatives
- Competition review follow-up, national implementation and associated rule changes
- Technical standards

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- After Learn to Play (curriculum guides, skills tests, school programs)
- CanPitch
- Adapted softball - Wheelchair/Blind/Special Olympics
- Future initiatives



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