



**British Columbia
Amateur Softball
Association**
(Softball BC)

**Annual General Meeting
Minutes**

2014

BCASA Annual General Meeting Attendance

Board of Directors

President	Jake Dewitt
1 st Vice- President	Brian Joe
VP, Finance	Zeone Andrijaszyn
Director of Coaching	Lori Skinner
Senior Director	Jeannie Connors
Minor Director	Ann Holmes
Umpire-in-Chief	Dave Brewer

Absent:

Member-at-Large

Rob Upton

Staff

Chief Operating Officer	Rick Benson
Member Services Coordinator	Lesley Rowe
Accounting and Administrative Assistant	Linda Pavilionis
Program Coordinator	Jeana Boyd
Member Services Assistant	Kim Korman
Consultant	Murray Gage-Cole

Parliamentary Committee

David Harris
Daphne McMann
Wayne Cannon

Voting Delegates

District One

Senior Fastpitch Coordinator	Teri Boizard
Minor Coordinator	Katrina Bull
District UIC	Ron Gosselin
Senior FP Men's Rep	Sharon Gunter
Senior FP Women's Rep	Steve Brossard
Minor Boys or Mixed Rep	Al Beasley
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep	Stan McKinlay

District Two

Minor Coordinator	Al Charlesworth
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District Three

Minor Coordinator
District UIC – Appointed

Eric Kurpiela
Scott McLaren

District Four

Minor Coordinator
District UIC
Senior FP Women’s Rep
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep

Scott Channel
Jeff Wilson
Erik Niemi
Harvey Coxson

District Five

Senior FP Coordinator
Minor Coordinator
District UIC – Appointed
Senior FP Women’s Rep
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep

Andy Adamson
Sharel Akizuki
Susan Strafford
Lisa Yesowick
Gary Kingman

District Six

Senior FP Coordinator
Minor Coordinator
District UIC
Senior FP Women’s Rep
Minor Boys or Mixed Rep
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep

Suzy Parker
Roxy Abernethy
Patti Caldwell
Al Groff
Kevin Langley
Wendi Bordelay

District Seven

Senior FP Coordinator
Minor Coordinator
District UIC
Senior FP Men’s Rep
Senior FP Women’s Rep
Minor Boys or Mixed Rep
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep

Jeff Snowdon
Lavaughn Larson
Kyle Dennedy
Rick Peck
Dave Jackson
Lara Winbow
Chad Olafson

District Eight

Senior FP Coordinator
Minor Coordinator
District UIC
Senior FP Men’s Rep
Senior FP Women’s Rep
Minor Boys or Mixed Rep
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep

Lynda Sigfusson
Merv Sandrel
Marni Bodnarchuk
Harv Wiens
Debbie Leclerc
Gerry Dyson
Deb Vinters

District Nine

Senior FP Coordinator
Minor Coordinator
District UIC
Minor Boys or Mixed Rep
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep
Observer:

Lea Kunz
Joe Cutt
Frank Driedger
Lindsea Cutt
Paulette Quibell
Darryn McCullough (Non-Voting/No Voice)

District Ten

Senior FP Coordinator
Minor Coordinator
District UIC – Appointed
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep

Derek Hipwell
Margaret MacDonald
Aaron Poulin
Jacquie Huser

District Eleven

Senior FP Coordinator
Minor Coordinator
District UIC
Minor Boys or Mixed Rep
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep

Mort Nielsen
Durvene Gal
Don Andrews
Melody Romeo (absent)
Vina Neuman

District Twelve

Senior FP Coordinator
Minor Coordinator
District UIC
Senior FP Women's Rep
Minor Boys or Mixed Rep

Barb McCracken
Stefanie Caplette
Carlyle Kreiger
Marion Kreiger
David Wilson

District Thirteen

District UIC

Geoff Watt

District Fourteen

Senior FP Coordinator
Minor Coordinator
District UIC
Senior FP Women's Rep
Minor Boys or Mixed Rep
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep

Diane MacPherson
Chris Young
Bill Yerdon
Jim MacPherson
Rob Hartford
Alison Goulding

District Fifteen

Senior FP Coordinator
Minor Coordinator
District UIC – Appointed
Senior FP Men's Rep
Senior FP Women's Rep
Minor Girls or Mixed Rep

Dan Coates
Scott Wheatley
David Maandag
Doug Pettigrew – Absent
Chris Roper
Sandra Geboers

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

'TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION;

BY-LAWS: Requires at least seventy-five (75%) percent majority of votes cast. Abstentions not given negative vote.

VOTING STRENGTH: 72

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1

Submitted by: District 6

MOVED BY: Brian Joe

SECONDED BY: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE: Part 3.6, page 36

WHEREAS; Housekeeping: Reference made to Executive Director

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The term 'Executive Director' be changed to Chief Operating Officer in part 3.6 and everywhere in the book where 'Executive Director' is mentioned.

RATIONALE: No longer an 'executive director' position, replaced with 'Chief Operating Officer'

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2

Submitted by: District 6

MOVED BY: Brian Joe

SECONDED BY: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE: Part 7 – Duties of Officers 1. Page 42

WHEREAS; Housekeeping: 1. The President is the Chief Operating Officer of the society and shall:

CHANGE TO READ:

1. The President is the Chairperson of the Board and shall....

RATIONALE: Should be changed to reflect the current role of the President

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 3

Submitted by: District 6

MOVED BY: Brian Joe

SECONDED BY: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE: Part 7 (4) Page 43

WHEREAS; Housekeeping: The Director of Coaching....A prerequisite to be nominated....certified NCCP softball coach.

ADD: 'Competition Introduction' before certified to read: Competition Introduction certified NCCP Softball Coach

RATIONALE: Minimum certified coaching level for position

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 4

Submitted by: District 6

MOVED BY: Brian Joe

SECONDED BY: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE: Part 7 – Duties of Officers 7.5 d) page 43

WHEREAS;

d) Be responsible for the deposit of all receipts of cash and or cheques in the bank or depository of the Society, and for the drawing of cheques for payment of the liabilities and expenditures of the Society; such cheques shall be signed by any two of the President, Vice-President of Finance, General Manager, or any other Director designated by a motion of the Board of Directors.

CHANGE TO READ:

d) Shall be signed by any two people designated by the Vice-President of Finance or the President.

RATIONALE:

Revised d) makes it more practical and less cumbersome to do business of the Board

AMENDMENT #1: (Z. Andrijaszyn/J. Snowdon)

'd) Shall be signed by the Vice-President of Finance or the President, or designates, which will include the Board of Directors or Staff'

AMENDMENT #1: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED (#1): DEFEATED

AMENDMENT #2: (Z. Andrijaszyn/P. Caldwell)

'd) Shall be signed by the Vice-President of Finance and the President, or their designates.'

AMENDMENT #2: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED (#2): DEFEATED

AMENDMENT #3: (M. Kreiger/D. Gal)
'd) Shall be signed by any two people designated by the Vice-President of Finance or the President, which will only include the Board of Directors or staff.'

AMENDMENT #3: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED (#3) CARRIED

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 5

Submitted by: District 6

MOVED BY: Brian Joe

SECONDED BY: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE: Part 7 – (8) page 43

WHEREAS;

8. The Umpire-in-Chief shall promote and direct training and provision of umpires for all levels of softball and promote, direct and supervise the game of softball. A prerequisite to be nominated for the Provincial Umpire-in-Chief's position is that the individual hold a current BC Umpires ticket.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add: 'minimum Level 4'

RATIONALE: Experience and knowledge of the game.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

'TO AMEND THE SPECIAL OPERATING RULES'

OPERATING RULES: (Requires at least fifty (50%) percent majority of votes cast. Abstentions not given negative vote).

VOTING STRENGTH: 72

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 6

Submitted by: District 6

MOVED BY: Brian Joe

SECONDED BY: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE: Pages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

These pages be online

RATIONALE: Not part of abridged format of the proposed handbook.

AMENDMENT: (B. Joe/S. Parker)
'Keep pages 17, 18, 23 in the handbook'

AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 7

Submitted by: District 1

Moved by: Steve Brossard Seconded by: Katrina Bull

REFERENCE:
Distance tables (page 14 and page 60)

WHEREAS;
Distance tables – page 14 and page 60
Affects women's U19 and Senior C/D pitching distance currently at 40'

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Revision: That all women's fastpitch pitching distances including U18 and older be unified at 43' and that the tables be changed to reflect that.

RATIONALE:
There are currently 17 year old 'B' players pitching from 43' and older, more experienced pitchers pitching from 40'. This creates problems for players and teams transitioning from one division to another an 'C' teams wishing to enter open tournaments. A 'C' team medaling at provincials must make the transition for the next season in the 'B' division, and there may be Senior B teams that choose to play in the C/D league for scheduling and social reasons that would have to make the transition immediately for their post season. There is also a legitimate safety concern for the pitchers even at 43' with the current core density and the composition of the bats which is amplified for pitchers at the short distance. I believe this change would have an overall positive effect on the sport for all concerned.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 8

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:
Page 14 and Page 15

WHEREAS;
Housekeeping

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Delete: page 14 and page 15, replace with pages 128 and 129 of the Softball Canada Handbook
Add: Canadian Fastpitch Age Categories and Distance table page 111 of the Softball Canada Handbook

RATIONALE:
Diagrams easier to read and better layout

AMENDMENT (M. Kreiger/A. Beasley)
Add Softball Canada tables, but add U19C Category

AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 9

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:
Index page 26-32

WHEREAS;
Housekeeping

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Move the Index to the back of the handbook with topics in alphabetical order.

RATIONALE:
Hard to use, most indexes are at the back.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 10

Submitted by: District 6

MOVED BY: Brian Joe SECONDED BY: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE: Article 2.1 page 48

WHEREAS;

All District Playdowns and Provincial Championships leading to a further Canadian, Western Canadian or other Inter-Provincial play, the Special Operating Rules and playing rules of Softball BC shall apply and shall supersede the Special Operating Rules and Playing Rules of the Canadian Amateur Softball Association. The softball to be used in all Provincial Championships will be designated by Softball BC.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete: 'the Special Operating Rules and playing rules of Softball BC shall apply and supersede'

Add: 'shall apply' to end of sentence ending Canadian Amateur Softball Association.

RATIONALE: Makes sense to play with the rules you will have to play with if you qualify for that caliber of play.

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 11

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ann Holmes

Seconded by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

REFERENCE:

Article 2, 2.4, page 49

WHEREAS;

One Year Trial: U16A and U16B Girls Qualifier for Westerns, Canadian or Softball Canada Championships.....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

This section be deleted in its entirety

RATIONALE:

A committee is being struck to make recommendations for the U16B Girls program to advise the necessity of the Qualifier and the U16A program has made recommendations for their program.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 12

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Article 2.4 (b) page 49

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: The Letter of Intent....performance bond equal to the fine....

CHANGE TO READ:

'Performance bond not less than....'

RATIONALE:

Maybe additional administration fee(s) and/or fine(s)

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 13

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Article 2.5 (d) Page 50

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: d) Any travel....will be in the form of a credit

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete: 'credit' and add 'cheque'

RATIONALE:

There is no 'credit'

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 14

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Article 6.5 Page 54

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: Protem (interim)....in writing by double registered mail.

BE IT RESOVLED THAT:

'double registered mail' be changed to 'priority courier'.

RATIONALE:

No longer double registered mail option.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 15

Submitted by: 5

Moved by: David Brewer

Seconded by: Susan Strafford

REFERENCE:

Article 7 – Appeals, Article 7.5, Page 55

WHEREAS;

All appeals to be considered at the Softball BC Appeal Committee level, including disciplinary, ~~protem~~ and non-disciplinary actions, must be initiated by written notice, postmarked or delivered to Softball BC within 30 days of notification of the applicable action. In such case, a \$100.00 cash deposit or money order payable to Softball BC must accompany the written notice. (Note: Game protest procedures are dealt with in the CASA Rulebook and for Provincial Championships, under Article 16.10).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Revision: All appeals to be considered at the Softball BC Appeal Committee level, including disciplinary, ~~protem~~ and non-disciplinary actions, must be initiated by verbal notice that must reach the Softball BC office within 72 hours of the suspension date, written notice of appeal, postmarked or delivered to Softball BC within 14 days of notification of the applicable action. In such case, a \$250.00 cash deposit or money order, payable to Softball BC, must accompany the written notice (Note: Game protest procedures are dealt with in the CASA Rulebook and for Provincial Championships, under Article 16.10) (Note: Start of the appeal period is the date when suspension is levied either through email or Xpresspost).

RATIONALE:

When a suspension is issued, the Director who issued the suspension needs to know if they can release the information to the applicable league, association, or district coordinators. This change will also speed up the process for the person who has been suspended. The change in the fee is to reflect that it has not been changed for a number of years.

AMENDMENT: (D. Brewer/M. Bodnarchuk)

Revision: All appeals to be considered at the Softball BC Appeal Committee level, including disciplinary, ~~protem~~ and non-disciplinary actions, must be initiated by verbal notice that must reach the Softball BC office within 72 hours of the suspension date, written notice of appeal, postmarked or delivered to Softball BC within 14 days of notification of the applicable action. In such case, a \$250.00 cash deposit or money order, payable to Softball BC, must accompany the written notice (Note: Game protest procedures are dealt with in the CASA Rulebook and for Provincial Championships, under Article 16.10) (Note: Start of the appeal period is the date when suspension is levied either through email or Xpresspost).

AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 16

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Wendi Bordelay

Seconded by: Roxy Abernethy

REFERENCE:

Page 66 Article 12 d) Fee Structure Minor

WHEREAS;

Lifetime Membership Minor U10 and LTP is \$10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete LTP and charge the Lifetime Membership Fee to U10 and up only (Exempt LTP – U8 and U6 programs)

RATIONALE:

This additional fee is a hardship when most associations keep their U8 and U6 programs as inexpensive as possible and offer many perks to get families involved in their softball programs. It is called Learn to Play for a reason. We are offering parents the opportunity to check out our sport. Asking for a Lifetime Membership Fee from a 5, 6, 7, 8 year old is unreasonable and difficult to explain so most associations absorb the fee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

While it could be said that there will be less money coming in to Softball BC as a result of this change a check of registration numbers in this category will show if the additional fee has impacted the program. Many associations are opting out of the Softball BC LTP program in favour of local parks and rec programs.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 17

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Page 60, Article 12.2

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: U19 boys.....born in 1994....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete: U19 Boys: Players born in 1994.....

RATIONALE:

Aged out

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 18

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

Page 60 Article 12.2

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: 1) Category Structure Chart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Add letter 'U' in front of title

RATIONALE:

Proper marking

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 19

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

12.2 a)-s) Page 58-60

WHEREAS;

Minor – Definitions

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete 12.2 a)-s)

RATIONALE

In Softball Canada Rulebook

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 20

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ann Holmes

Seconded by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3, iv, page 61

WHEREAS;

Minor Final Registration Deadline: Softball BC Team Registration Forms in the minor categories must be received by the District Minor Coordinator or a Softball BC representative on or before midnight of June 1st of the current year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Minor Final Registration be as follows:

- a) Online Deadline for 'A' team registration shall be April 1st of current year with all payments due by April 15th.
- b) Online Deadline for all other minor team registration shall be May 15th of current year, with all payments due by June 1st.
- c) Rosters shall be finalized by June 1st for all minor teams.

RATIONALE:

Lead time for paperwork completion for Associations, District Minor Coordinators and the Softball BC office are very tight with regard to getting numbers for pro-rata for Provincials.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION No. 21

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Chris Young

Seconded by: Rob Hartford

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3, a) i) Page 61

WHEREAS;

Recognized Minor Association: Shall include an association that had teams registered with Softball B.C. in the immediate previous year. To receive consideration for becoming a Recognized Minor Association, a new association shall submit an application to the respective Minor Coordinator outlining the new association structure, the number of teams the new association anticipates registering and the long range plans of the new association. The Minor Coordinator shall assemble the ruling executives of all Recognized Associations in the District who shall deliberate the application. A simple majority of those Recognized Association representatives in attendance at such a meeting is required to approve the application of the new association. The District Minor Coordinator shall not cast a vote unless required to decide the outcome. Any new association clearly demonstrating an intended registration of over 100 players shall make application to the District Minor Coordinator, who alone will be responsible for the approval of that new association.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Change to read: Recognized Minor Association: Shall include an association that had teams registered with Softball B.C. in the immediate previous year. To receive consideration for becoming a Recognized Minor Association, a new association shall submit an application to the respective Minor Coordinator outlining the new association structure, the number of teams the new association anticipates registering and the long range plans of the new association. The Minor Coordinator shall assemble the ruling executives of all Recognized Associations in the District who shall deliberate the application. A simple majority of those Recognized Association representatives in attendance at such a meeting is required to approve the application of the new

association. The District Minor Coordinator shall not cast a vote unless required to decide the outcome.

RATIONALE:

These decisions should be made by all associations within the district, not the coordinator.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 22

Submitted by: District 11

Moved by: Durvene Gal

Seconded by: Vina Neuman

MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL AFTER MOTION NO. 23 (D. Gal/V. Neuman)

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23

Submitted by: District 11

Moved by: Durvene Gal

Seconded by: Vina Neuman

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3, a) x) Page 62

WHEREAS;

x) At the U12 category & under.....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Change to read: x) At the U16 category and under....

RATIONALE:

In the rural areas there are not enough boys sometimes to form a team but with girls being allowed to join the team, it would allow for the opportunity for those players all to play and form teams that could attend provincials.

AMENDMENT: (D. Gal/V. Neuman)

Change to read: x) At all boys 'C' categories....

AMENDEMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

Motion to lift Motion No. 22 from table (D. Gal/V. Neuman)

CARRIED

Motion No. 24

Submitted by: District 11

Moved by: Durvene Gal

Seconded by: Vina Neuman

REFERENCE: Article 12.3, a) x) Page 62

WHEREAS;

x) at the U12 Category and under a minor female player may register on a female classified team or a male classified team. A male team not to have more than 3 female players and no fewer than 7 male players.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Change to read: x) At the U12 category and under a minor female player may register on a female classified team or a male classified team. A male team not to have more than 4 female players an no fewer than 6 male players.

RATIONALE:

In the rural areas not enough boys and sometimes girls to form teams so allowing the more girls on a team will give more options for filling teams and they could then qualify to go to a provincial for the district.

AMENDMENT: (D. Gal/V. Neuman)

Change to read: All boys 'C' categories and under.....

AMENDMENT: CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 25

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3, ii), Page 61

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: Minor player registration...by signing the form....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete reference to 'signing the form' in 12.3 ii)

RATIONALE:

Due to transition to online registration there is no 'signing'

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26

Submitted by: District 1

Moved by: Katrina Bull

Seconded by: Al Beasley

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3, Page 61, iv) Minor Final Registration Deadline

WHEREAS;

Softball BC team registration forms in Minor categories must be received by the Softball BC District Minor Coordinator or a Softball BC representative on or before June 1st of the current year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

REVISE to read:

Softball BC team registrations must be received and approved by the Softball BC District Minor Coordinator as follows; A Categories - April 1st B Categories - May 1st
C Categories - June 1st Boys Categories June 1st

* A and B categories-additions ONLY may be approved up to June 1st.

RATIONALE:

The current June 1st time-line is worded to be submitted by -in reality that is when the Coordinators must have all their checks done and approve the rosters- a process that is more time consuming with the on-line system.

By staggering the dates it will make the work load easier for the Minor Coordinators and also keep coaches from holding players and then cutting them just before the deadline. This would also make the registration process much less daunting for registrars with all levels of teams.

The A teams know who their teams are well before this deadline, the B teams also know well before the current June 1st deadline so why not have them register and get approved early and also the lighten the load on Softball BC in June when there is so much going on already.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ann Holmes

Seconded by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3, b) iii) Page 62

WHEREAS;

At the U12 category and under, female players may register on a male team.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Female players may register on a male team to a maximum of three (3).

RATIONALE:

Promoting the game of softball in our province is our mandate – this will help foster the boys program in all regions of the province.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Michael Kidd

Seconded by: Steve Smith

WITHDRAWN – no delegate present to move/second motion

NOTICE OF MOTION No. 29

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Chris Young

Seconded by: Rob Harford

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3, b) viii) Page 63

WHEREAS;

viii) with the exception only of U18 2nd & 3rd year aged players who have met all Minor obligations for the season and are therefore eligible as a pick-up for Senior Provincial Championship play only, a Minor player registered on a Minor team will not be eligible to participate in Senior category events that lead to or include Senior Provincial Championships;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Change to read: viii) U18 B / A 2nd year and U19C 2nd and 3rd aged players who have met all Minor obligations for the season and are therefore eligible as a pick-up for Senior Provincial Championship play only, a Minor player registered on a Minor team will not be eligible to participate in Senior category events that lead to or include Senior Provincial Championships;

RATIONALE:

Just to clarify pick-ups

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 30

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3 b) xi) page 63

WHEREAS;

A minor player who completes registration with more than one team in a current playing year, and whose name is listed on multiple Softball BC Minor Registration Forms confirmed by that players signature, is considered ineligible for either team, and is ineligible to participate on any team in District, Provincial or extra-Provincial events.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add – Exception granted if situation is covered in 12.3 b) iv)

RATIONALE:

To allow 12.3 b) iv) not to be contradicted by 12.3 b) xi)

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 31

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ann Holmes

Seconded by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3 c) v) Page 65

WHEREAS;

Teams registered must have an appropriate NCCP level coach....must have a minimum of two (2) coaches registered with the team.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add: Only one (1) needs to be certified.

RATIONALE:

Original intent was to have a minimum of two (2) names on the team registration form in the coach section.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 32

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Rob Upton

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3 (d) page 66

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: d) fee structure minor (chart)

Listed lifetime membership (one time only)

League / Association Executive

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Delete from chart right hand side bottom (plus lifetime membership)
- 2) Add to league/association executive (non-voting members of SBBC)

RATIONALE:

- 1) Redundant, already mentioned
- 2) Properly define status

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 33

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ann Holmes

Seconded by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

REFERENCE:

Article 12.4 b) iv) b) page 68

WHEREAS;

Teams from Districts that do not have teams in the same classification to pick up from, be allowed to pick up from any District in the Province. The choice of pick-up players will first be given to the winning team, then to the host and finally to.....during the Championship.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: Teams from Districts that do not have teams in the same classification to pick up from, be allowed to pick up from any District in the Province. The choice of pick-up players will first be given to the winning team, then to the host team, SHOULD THAT DISTRICT BE HOSTING THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE CURRENT YEAR, and finally to.....during the Championship.

RATIONALE:

Classification of the ranking for pick-up – host is only second if that team’s District is hosting the event.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 34

Submitted by: District 8

Moved by: Merv Sandrel

Seconded by: Deb Vinters

REFERENCE:

Article 12.4 a) v) page 68

WHEREAS;

With the following exception, any team placing first, second or third in a Provincial Championship move up one classification if playing in the same category and having six (6) or more returning players to the team in the following year....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: or in the event a 1st year U18B Girls team places third (3rd) they may remain in that classification with 6 or more returning players.

RATIONALE:

A 1st year team that places 3rd is required to move up to ‘A’. Typically these players/parents/coaches are not in tune with the ‘A’ workload, commitment, finances, etc. The girls would be adjusting to an ‘A’ program in their Grade 12 year adding a lot of pressure to an already difficult year in their life. A key factor also is the fact that there is little difference

between 3rd and 4th place. A first year team returns intact while the 3rd place team is forced to dismantle the team down to 5 originals.

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 35

Submitted by: District 11

Moved by: Durvene Gal

Seconded by: Vina Neuman

REFERENCE:

Article 12.4 B) i) page 68

WHEREAS;

Pick up players must be the same gender as the team picking them up.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Revision: Pick up players for girls teams must be the same gender but for boys teams can be either gender.

RATIONALE:

Girls play on boys teams but unless registered they cannot be picked up by other boy's teams if needed. Boy's teams should have the right to pick up girls to a maximum amount to allow that team to participate in provincials.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 36

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Article 12.4 (b) page 68

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: Pick-ups (Refer to Annex G)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add Annex G under pick-ups

RATIONALE:

- 1) Similar to seniors

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 37

Submitted by: District 8

Moved by: Shawn Brayshaw

Seconded by: Merv Sandrel

REFERENCE:

Article 12.4 b) iv) page 69

WHEREAS;

Teams from Districts that do not have teams in the same classification to pick up from be allowed to pick up from any District in the Province.

BE IT RESOVLED THAT:

ADD...or in the event there are teams to pick up from but all players refuse because of travel costs and uncertain playing time and with confirmation from the minor coordinator that the coach did exhaust all avenues to pick up from within their District, be allowed to pick up from any District in the province.

RATIONALE:

When Provincials are more that 150k away from a team's home district or involve a ferry ride it is a very costly and time consuming trip for a "pick up" player to make for potentially 4 games with no guarantee of playing time. Currently teams from districts with only 1 "B" team are allowed to pick up from any "B" team in the Province even if they have a "C" team or lower classification "B" team they could choose from while a team that has another "B" team(s) in their district must take a "C" player or a lower classification "B" player if no one can go from the other "B" team(s). Making it at the discretion of both minor coordinators would allow for the MC of the team wanting to pick up to confirm that all avenues were exhausted and the MC from the district of the pick up to ensure that the player being picked up was not needed by any teams in the district.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 38

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Article 12.5 b) page 70

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: 1) 'An NCCP certified coach....' (paragraph 1) 2) The Director of coaching may provide an exemption....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD:

- 1) An NCCP softball certified coach – add softball
- 2) May provide 'a one-time only exemption' – add 'one time only'

RATIONALE:

- 1) Does not say softball but should be a 'softball' trained coach
- 2) Exemption should be one time only – need coaches certified

AMENDMENT: (B. Joe/S. Parker)

Delete #2

AMENDMENT: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 39

Submitted by: District 8

Moved by: Deb Vinters

Seconded by: Megan Worley

REFERENCE:

12.6 a) i), ii), iii), iv) Page 70

WHEREAS;

All players must register with an association with in their District of Residence with the following exceptions. 12.6 a) i), ii), iii), iv).....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete 12.6 a) i) and iv) for the 2016 season.

RATIONALE:

Too many players leaving their home associations to play "A". Their home associations have developed and trained the players for much of their early playing years. There is a value to instilling a sense of loyalty to the community with our young players. Apart from teaching them ball skills we should also be helping them develop character.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 40

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Chris Young

Seconded by: Rob Hartford

REFERENCE:

Article 12.6 (b) page 70

WHEREAS;

Players who have previously been given a Cross Boundary Permit to play out of District, requesting a return to their District of residence, shall notify the Minor Director who shall rescind the Cross Boundary Permit. Once rescinded, that player may participate with any teams in the District of residence. This move will not be considered a Cross Boundary transfer, and the player will then become subject to the same Cross Boundary rules available to any other player in the District of residence.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Change to read:

Players who have been given a Cross Boundary Permit to play out of District, after the initial year of the application may request a return to their District of residence, shall notify the Minor Director who shall rescind the Cross Boundary Permit., Once rescinded, that player may participate with any teams in the District of residence. This move will not be considered a Cross Boundary transfer, and the player will then become subject to the same Cross Boundary rules available to any other player in the District of residence.

RATIONALE:

this is to clarify the cross boundary procedure's already being taken in 12.3 (b) vii

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 41

Submitted by: District 15

Moved by: Scott Wheatley

Seconded by: David Rally

REFERENCE:

Page 71 – Cross Boundary Permits

WHEREAS;

12.6 e) CROSS BOUNDARY PERMITS

Any team or association accepting registration of players from outside the District pursuant to a Cross Boundary Permit shall not at any time have more than three (3) Cross Boundary players registered on that team.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Cross boundary players on a teams should be limited as follows for ALL divisions (exception – if a player is coming from a district with no team in that division, they do NOT count as a cross boundary player)

1. U12 – 0
2. U14 – 2
3. U16 – 3
4. U18 – 5

RATIONALE:

As kids age and more drop off many districts are having difficulties fielding teams within the current limit of 3 cross boundary players. By increasing the limit at the upper end we solve that, but by lowering the limit at the lower end where the population of players is more plentiful, then we also limit drop off if a player becomes dislocated by a cross boundary player winning their spot on the roster.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 42

Submitted by: District 15

Moved by: Scott Wheatley

Seconded by: Sandra Geboers

REFERENCE:

Page 70 – Cross Boundary Permits

WHEREAS;

12.6 Cross Boundary Permits

b) Players who have previously been given a Cross Boundary Permit to play out of District, requesting a return to their District of residence, shall notify the Minor Director who shall rescind the Cross Boundary Permit. Once rescinded, that player may participate with any teams

in the District of residence. This move will not be considered a Cross Boundary transfer, and the player will then become subject to the same Cross Boundary rules available to any other player in the District of residence.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Strike this article

RATIONALE:
If a player returns to district, and registers in district then no notification to Softball BC should be necessary

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 43

Submitted by: District 15

Moved by: Scott Wheatley Seconded by: Sandra Geboers

REFERENCE:
Page 70 – Cross Boundary Permits

WHEREAS;
12.6 CROSS BOUNDARY PERMITS
a) All players must register with an association within their district of residence with the following exceptions:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Additional exemption be added.
V) players in the 'C' classification residing outside of a district boundary, but attending school within a district boundary, shall not be considered to be a cross boundary player and an exemption shall be issued. For provincial play the player must provide the Softball BC representative proof of registration for that school year in the district they are representing.

RATIONALE:
In tight urban areas many children have friends and attend school together. Arbitrary borders of residence for recreational players may force friends to be separated. At the recreational level making sure friends stay together increases the likelihood they will stay with the sport.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 44

Submitted by: District 15

Moved by: Scott Wheatley Seconded by: Sandra Geboers

REFERENCE:
Page 71 – Cross Boundary Permits

WHEREAS;
12.6 CROSS BOUNDARY PERMITS

d) Applications will be received by the Cross Boundary Committee between the dates of January 1st and May 1st of the current year under the following circumstances:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete article 12.6 d)

RATIONALE:

The cross boundary paper work process cannot police a system that is open to abuse, is time consuming and does not achieve the goal of promoting the representation of a community on that community's team. Maintaining the limits is desirable but the paperwork is unnecessary and is counterproductive.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 45

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Roxy Abernethy

Seconded by: Wendi Bordelay

REFERENCE:

Article 12.6 b) Cross Boundary Permits

WHEREAS;

The handbook is now online for parents and players to read

AND WHEREAS;

Some of the wording, while understood by many, needs to be clarified

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.6 b) be changed to read

'A player who has in a previous SEASON been given a Cross Boundary Permit to play out of District....'

RATIONALE:

Using the word 'previous' only can be misunderstood

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 46

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Roxy Abernethy

Seconded by: Wendi Bordelay

REFERENCE:

Article 12.6 – Cross Boundary Permits

WHEREAS;

Cross boundary applications take office and committee time

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: Article 12.6 – All cross boundary applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$50 processing fee. EXCEPTION: No Team in District Applications

RATIONALE:

This is not meant to decrease the number of cross boundary applications received but will help to cover the office staff and paperwork costs.

AMENDMENT: (C. Young/R. Abernethy)

DELETE: Exception: No Team in District applications

AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 47

Submitted by: District 1

Moved by: Katrina Bull

Seconded by: Stan McKinlay

REFERENCE:

Article 12.6 (Cross Boundary Permits), Section d) Page 71

WHEREAS;

Applications will be received by the Cross Boundary Committee between the dates of January 1st and May 1st of the current year under the following circumstances...

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

REVISE to read: Applications will be received and reviewed under the following timelines:

Open to receive Applications October 1st – 15th only. To be reviewed and ruled by November 1st.

Open to receive Applications February 1st – 15th only. To be reviewed and ruled by March 1st.

No Team in District permits will only be accepted March 1st – March 15th and reviewed and ruled by April 1st

RATIONALE:

Currently Cross Boundary permits trickle in throughout the year and are most often approved. However, near the start of the season when you look back often times had these not been approved and the players stayed in their home district there would have easily been a team – and often a very good one. Same situation with the no team in district; again, had the cross boundaries not all been granted often times there would have been a team in district. Districts need to be rewarded for developing players and be provided the opportunity to field teams of these players to build their own programs. By providing these application deadlines would allow the committee to look at what is the best for a District or Association not only the individual.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 48

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Bill Yerdon

REFERENCE:

Article 12.6 d) page 71

WHEREAS;

Applications will be received by the Cross Boundary Committee between the dates of January 1st and May 1st of the current year....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Revised to Read: between the dates of November 1st and May 1st

RATIONALE:

Change date to coincide with tryout dates from September 1st to October 31st. No reason why 'B' players should have to wait until January 1st to join their team.

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 49

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Roxy Abernethy

Seconded by: Wendi Bordelay

REFERENCE:

12.6 Cross Boundary Permits

WHEREAS;

12.6 d) ii) where a player provides sufficient justification supporting that there is clearly no team in the players district of residence at the desired category and classification.....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: including supporting documents to show that they have been in touch with their District Minor Coordinator and all teams available to them in their District of residence, or where the player has received a release from each and every association within their District of residence.....

RATIONALE:

Players are not making the effort to be informed about what opportunities are available to them within their District of residence.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 50

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Murray Spier

Seconded by: Chad Olafson

REFERENCE:

Article 12.6 Cross Boundary Permits e)

WHEREAS;

Any team or association accepting registration of players from outside the district pursuant to a cross boundary permit shall not at any time have more than three cross boundary players registered on that team.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: Exception – U18B and U18C teams will be allowed five cross boundary permits.

RATIONALE:

Due to the ever declining player registration in all levels of play, but particularly in the U18 age group, we have seen severe lowering of player quantities in the U18 group. We need the ability to give the remaining U18 player group with an increased cross boundary allowance, to fill a roster allowing these remaining players to complete their minor playing years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

More players playing results in more fees to Softball BC. Without the increased cross boundary allowance for the U18 group will almost certainly reduce revenue to Softball BC.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 51

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Murray Spier

Seconded by: Chad Olafson

REFERENCE:

12.6 Cross Boundary Permits e)

WHEREAS;

Any team or association accepting registration of players from outside the district pursuant to a cross boundary permit shall not at any time have more than three cross boundary players registered on that team.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: Exception – U18B and U18C teams will be allowed six cross boundary permits.

RATIONALE:

Due to the ever declining player registration in all levels of play, but particularly in the U18 age group, we have seen severe lowering of player quantities in the U18 group. We need the ability to give the remaining U18 player group with an increased cross boundary allowance, to fill a roster allowing these remaining players to complete their minor playing years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

More players playing results in more fees to Softball BC. Without the increased cross boundary allowance for the U18 group will almost certainly reduce revenue to Softball BC.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 52

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Roxy Abernethy

Seconded by: Wendi Bordelay

REFERENCE:

Article 12.6 j) Cross Boundary Permits

WHEREAS;

From September 1 to October 31, players are allowed to attend tryouts/skill camps outside their district of residence without a Cross Boundary permit in place.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Revised to Read: From September 1 to October 31 only players who do not have a team to play on in their home district, are allowed to attend tryouts/skills camps outside their district of residence without a Cross Boundary Permit in place. Any player.....

RATIONALE:

There is no need to seek opportunities to play elsewhere when there is a team in your home district. Currently players are trying out for and being offered spots on out of District teams when there is a place for them to play in their home district.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 53

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Chris Young

Seconded by: Rob Hartford

REFERENCE:

Article 12.6 (j) Page 72

WHEREAS;

From September 1 to October 31, players are allowed to attend tryouts/skills camps outside their district of residence without a Cross Boundary Permit in place. Any player selected to an out of district team must apply for a Cross Boundary Permit after January 1st and before May 1st, and be approved, before resuming play with an out of district team.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Change to read: From September 1 to December 31, players are allowed to attend tryouts/skills camps outside their district of residence without a Cross Boundary Permit in place. Any player selected to an out of district team must apply for a Cross Boundary Permit after January 1st and before May 1st, and be approved, before resuming play with an out of district team.

RATIONALE:

We believe that penalizing a player who fully intends to apply for a cross boundary permit in January by not allowing them to work out with the team they have successfully tried out is not fair to the player. They essentially miss out on 2 months of extra development and team bonding time. Changing the dates will ensure that the players get the opportunity to become part of the team they have chosen to play for. The players and coaches would still need to be aware that their place on the team is still provisional based on successfully completing the regular cross boundary process starting in January.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 54

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Michael Kidd

Seconded by: Steve Smith

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 55

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Rob Hartford

Seconded by: Chris Young

REFERENCE:

New: Article 12.8 Add e) Page 73

WHEREAS;

None

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Addition 12.8 e)

For all B teams in districts and provincials unlimited and multiple defensive substitutions may be made at any time during the game and need not be announced to the umpire;

RATIONALE:

To lessen the impact 'pickup' players have on the outcome of championships. To alleviate the negative feelings at the end of the year for the players who sat out during the championships. To have all players feel that they have contributed to the successes at the championships.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 56

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Murray Spier

Seconded by: Chad Olafson

REFERENCE:

Article 12.8 Provincial Championships, 12.9

WHEREAS;

12.9 Provincial Championship Format

i) All U18A and U16A games will have no time limit

ii) U12A and U14A and all B category games are to have a limit of 1.5 hours, with no new innings to start after 1.5 hours has expired. Time will start on the first pitch and a new inning is deemed to start on the umpires out call of the third out on the home team. In these categories no time limit will be in effect for the final game.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: iii) in the last inning of all timed games, any conferences, equipment issues, or any other issue resulting in a delay of the game will be timed and this extra time will then be added to the game time.

RATIONALE:

These timed items will prevent any team from intentionally delaying a game purposely preventing the opposing team from getting one further at bat within the game time. This will

allow the game itself to be complete fairly and without influence from unethical tactics. This could possibly only add a minute or two to a game only until coaches realize these delays are no longer allowed.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 57

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ann Holmes

Seconded by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

REFERENCE:

Article 12.9, page 73

WHEREAS;

Provincial Championship Format (Exception: U12C & U12B)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add to Exception: U14C

RATIONALE:

Missed in book from 2013 AGM

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Extra set of medals for 1, 2 & 3 placing in playoffs for positions 9-16. Format was used in 2014 Provincial Championships.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 58

Submitted by: District 1

Moved by: Ron Gosselin

Seconded by: Carlyle Kreiger

REFERENCE:

Article 12.9 a) vii) Page 74

WHEREAS;

For all categories and all classifications, if the home team is leading after completion of 6 1/2 innings, whether the time limit, if one applies, has been reached or not, the game will end and the score will revert back to the last complete inning.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

This section should be Deleted, or Revised to read '.....the game will end with the score as is at the end of 6 1/2 innings.'

AMENDMENT: (R. Gosselin/C. Kreiger)

This section should be Revised to read.....

AMENDMENT: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 59

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Chris Young

Seconded by: Rob Hartford

REFERENCE:

Article 12.9 Sec d) Page 76

WHEREAS;

d) In the U12C and U14C categories (both boys and girls), pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 4 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: d) In the U12C and U14C categories (both boys and girls), pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 4 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning). The pitching limit rule is suspended in extra-inning games.

RATIONALE:

There is no rule in the book covering this if the games go into extra-innings.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 60

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Chris Young

Seconded by: Rob Hartford

REFERENCE: Article 12.9, Section g), Page 78

WHEREAS;

None

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add: 2 a) All games including finals will have a limit of no new inning after 1 1/2 hours

RATIONALE:

To make all games even and not have the final games being played at a late time.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 61

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ann Holmes

Seconded by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

REFERENCE:

Article 12.9 g) Page 78

WHEREAS;

Modified Playing Rules: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: 8. One (1) umpire per game will be paid by Softball BC from entry fees.

RATIONALE:

Cost of umpires for this event was missed in the 2014 handbook.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 62

Submitted by: District 1

Moved by: Ron Gosselin

Seconded by: Al Beasley

REFERENCE:

Article 12.9 g) Page 78-79

WHEREAS;

U12 Regional Championship – section in its entirety

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Article be revised by giving it its own section Number and Heading. Suggestion would be:
Article 12.10 U12 Girls Regional Championship Format

Also make the following addition in the 'Note' about Umpires: 'One umpire per game shall be used. The Host/Umpire-in-Chief has the option of using 2 umpires per game should a Host/Sponsor provide funds for the cost of the second umpire per game, or if there are not costs associated with the use of the second umpire per game.'

RATIONALE:

This section deals with a 'Regional Championship Format' and is currently listed as a sub-section in the 'Provincial Championship Format' section. When dealing with Softball BC Board Members with respect to issues with the U12 Regional Championship Format, it was pointed out by the Board Member that the rules and guidelines with respect to the 'Provincial Championship Format' do not apply in this instance as the Regional Championship is different from the Provincial Championship. Nowhere is this stated in the heading if the rules and guidelines of the 'Provincial Championship Format' do not apply to it.

AMENDMENT: (R. Gosselin/A. Beasley)

Delete: Also make the following addition in the 'Note' about Umpires: 'One umpire per game shall be used. The Host/Umpire-in-Chief has the option of using 2 umpires per game should a Host/Sponsor provide funds for the cost of the second umpire per game, or if there are not costs associated with the use of the second umpire per game.'

AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 63

Submitted by: District 11

Moved by: Durvene Gal Seconded by: Vina Neuman

REFERENCE:

Article 12.9, Page 78, Modified Playing Rules – 1

WHEREAS;

Modified Playing Rules – 1

1. Pitching: Limit of three (3) innings per game.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

CHANGE TO READ: 1) Pitching: Limit of four (4) innings per game

RATIONALE:

To match current run rule for all 'C' players – Article 12.9 d) which all U12 play all season.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 64

Submitted by: District 11

Moved by: Durvene Gal Seconded by: Vina Neuman

REFERENCE:

Article 12.9 g) Page 78

WHEREAS;

Modified Playing Rules – 2

2. 5 run limit per inning (same as current) first 5 innings, then open innings.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

CHANGE TO READ: 2. 5 run limit per inning (same as current) first 3 innings. All new innings after 3 complete innings will have the five run rule suspended.

RATIONALE:

To match current run rule for all 'C' players – Article 12.9 c) which all U12 play all season.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 65

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ann Holmes Seconded by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

REFERENCE:

Article 13.2 j) page 80

WHEREAS;

Participant Fee: Each athlete will be charged a fee of \$150.00, which....by June 1st.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Revision:

Participant Fee: Each athlete will be charged a fee, to be determined by the Finance Committee in consultation with the Director in charge of the BC Summer Games, which....by June 1st.

RATIONALE:

Fees change so to put a fixed fee in the book would not be prudent.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 66

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Rob Upton

REFERENCE:

Article 13.2 j) Page 80

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: Participant Fee: Each athlete will be charged a fee of \$150.00

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete: 'of \$150.00'

RATIONALE:

Amount of fee is changing; need latitude to set the fee.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 67

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ann Holmes

Seconded by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

REFERENCE:

Article 13.6, c), Page 81

WHEREAS;

All ties are to be broken in extra innings. The Tie Breaking Rule shall be applied in all games including the final championship game. The Tie expired.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add: The Tie Breaking Rule shall start at the top of the 8th inning or when time has expired.

RATIONALE:

Housekeeping – missed when the 2014 handbook was printed.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 68

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Susan Strafford

REFERENCE:

Article 14.2, Page 83

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: 14.2 Footwear

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete

RATIONALE:

Redundant - in Softball Canada Rulebook

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 69

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERNCE:

Article 14.3, Page 83

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add: Annex H to the body of 14.3

RATIONALE:

To be consistent with the minor recommendation regarding location of the chart for pickups.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 70

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Dan Coates

REFERENCE:

Article 14.4, b), Page 83

WHEREAS;

May add up to 3 players to a total of 17 (Exception: Senior C & D Men and U21C Men may add up to 6 players total of 17 from anywhere in the Province. As per pick up chart 14.3 c)), from the team's own District and the league they play in. Once a player has been officially added to a team as a pick-up in a Provincial, the pickup player cannot be replaced except when that player provides written request to the Senior Director for release from the team. Exception: Masters and Mixed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

CHANGE TO READ: As per pickup chart 14.3 c) Annex H.
Annex H should be moved from back of book to under 14.4 b)

AMENDMENT: (S. Strafford/L. Kunz)

Delete: Annex H should be moved from back of book to under 14.4 b)

AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 71

Submitted by: District 1

Moved by: Steve Brossard

Seconded by: Terri Boizard

REFERENCE:

Article 14.7, a), Page 86

WHEREAS;

Each Senior Coordinator will notify the Softball BC office of his or her districts intent to participate in Senior Fastpitch Provincial Championships by June 15 of the current playing year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Addition: Each Senior Coordinator will notify the Softball BC office of his or hers districts intent to participate in Senior Fastpitch Provincial Championships by June 15 of the current playing year. The Coordinators will also provide numbers of teams and team names in each senior women's division that have submitted their intent to participate in Provincials on or before the deadline. Any teams submitted by the coordinators after the deadline will be subject to review by Softball BC and the host committee as to their eligibility. Eligibility will be based solely on the ability of the host to accommodate the extra teams at the chosen venue and a final review by Softball BC regarding the reason for the delay.

RATIONALE:

The current structure allows for the information to be delayed to the point where it has little value to either the teams, for their travel and accommodation plans; or the host, concerning the number of fields needed; fields crews, number of volunteers and concession stocking and staffing. The continuation of this correction is addressed in the motion submitted for the revision of 14.8 (a).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None to Softball BC, extra accommodation and travel expenses for the teams, lost work for the volunteers, and wasted wages and stock for the concessions to name a few.

AMENDMENT: (S. Brossard/T. Boizard)

Each Senior Coordinator will notify the Softball BC office of his or hers districts intent to participate in Senior Fastpitch Provincial Championships by June 16 of the current playing year. The Coordinators will also provide numbers of teams and team names in each senior woman's division that have submitted their intent to participate in Provincials on or before the deadline.

AMENDMENT: PASSED
MOTION AS AMENDED: DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 72

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Patti Caldwell

REFERENCE:

Article 14.7, Page 86

WHEREAS;

Eligibility and Registration of Teams
Senior A, B, C, D Women June 15

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The dates for all categories be set at June 15.

RATIONALE:

Bring dates in line with the rest of Article 14.7

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 73

Submitted by: District 1

Moved by: Steve Brossard

Seconded by: Terri Boizard

REFERENCE:

Article 14.8, (a), Page 87

WHEREAS;

All Senior Fastpitch Provincial Championship Draws will be done 10 days prior to the Provincial Tournament.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

REVISION: All Senior Women's Fastpitch Provincial Championship Draws will be done 14 days or earlier prior to the Provincial Tournament. For all Senior Women's Fastpitch, Softball BC will provide the host committee with the number of teams and their names in each division no later than June 22nd of the playing year.

RATIONALE:

The current system is untenable for the host committee and the teams. Most hotels have a two week cancellation deadline for group bookings and this makes travel arrangements difficult. The host committees are currently left dangling with no information regarding the field space

required and volunteer numbers needed until it's too late to make accommodations. Volunteers often take time off work unnecessarily, and if extra fields and field crews are needed there is insufficient time to organize these items.

AMENDMENT 1 : (S. Brossard/T. Boizard)

All Senior Women's Fastpitch Provincial Championship Draws will be done 14 days or earlier prior to the Provincial Tournament. ~~For all Senior Women's Fastpitch, Softball BC will provide the host committee with the number of teams and their names in each division no later than June 22nd of the playing year.~~

AMENDMENT #1: CARRIED

AMENDMENT 2: (S. Brossard/T. Boizard)

All Senior Women's Fastpitch Provincial Championship Draws will be done 14 days ~~or earlier~~ prior to the Provincial Tournament.

AMENDMENT #2: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 74

Submitted by: District 1

Moved by: Ron Gosselin

Seconded by: Carlyle Kreiger

REFERENCE:

Article 14.8, i) v), Page 88

WHEREAS;

If the home team is leading after completion of 6 ½ innings whether the time limit has run out or not, the game will end and the score will revert back to the last completed inning.

BE IT RESOLVED:

Revision: '....the game will end with the score as is at the end of 6 ½ innings.'

RATIONALE

This resolution will make it fair, respectable, and equitable for both the Home and Away teams, and bring it in line with how ball is played (scored) at all other times and at all levels, and in all leagues. As it currently reads should the Home team be ahead (win) after 6 ½ innings it adds 'insult to injury' for the Away (loosing) team, and gives an inflated game result to the Home (winning) team.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 75

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Craig Millham

Seconded by: Brenda Reilander

MOTION WITHDRAWN – no mover/seconder present

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 76

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Article 14.9, e), Page 90

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: e) Fee Structure Senior Fastpitch (chart)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete: (Plus Lifetime Membership) – right hand side of chart bottom

RATIONALE:

Redundant

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 75

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Article 14.9, e) i), Page 90

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping – Team registration fee....as well as one copy per team of the Softball BC newsletter.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete

RATIONALE:

No printed Softball BC newsletter

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 76

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Al Beasley

REFERENCE:

Article 14.10, a) i), Page 92

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping: U21 Fastpitch age, under 23 years of age....

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Revision: Under 21

RATIONALE:
Should be 21 not 23

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 77
Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe Seconded by: Eric Kurpiela

REFERENCE:
(Article 14.11, Page 92), (Article 14.3, Page 93), (Article 14.14, Page 97)

WHEREAS;
Housekeeping

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Delete from printed Handbook. Remain in online version.

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 78

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe Seconded by: Eric Kurpiela

REFERENCE:
Article 15, Page 98; Article 17, Page 112; Article 18, Page 113; Article 19, Page 114; Article 20, Page 115; Article 21, Page 116; Article 22, Page 120; Article 23, Page 122; Annex A, Page 130, Annex B, Page 133; Annex F, Page 140; Annex J, Page 144

WHEREAS;
Housekeeping

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Delete from the printed handbook but remain in the online version

AMENDMENT #1: (B. Joe/J. Snowdon)
Article 15, Page 98; Article 17, Page 112; Article 18, Page 113; Article 19, Page 114; Article 20, Page 115; Article 21, Page 116; Article 22, Page 120; Article 23, Page 122; ~~Annex A, Page 130; Annex B, Page 133; Annex F, Page 140; Annex J, Page 144~~

AMENDMENT #1: CARRIED

AMENDMENT #2: (P. Caldwell/R. Gosselin)
Article 15, Page 98; Article 17, Page 112; Article 18, Page 113; Article 19, Page 114; Article 20, Page 115; Article 21, Page 116; ~~Article 22, Page 120;~~ Article 23, Page 122

AMENDMENT #2: CARRIED

AMENDMENT #3: (M. Kreiger/C. Kreiger)
Keep Slo-pitch in the printed book (Article 15)

Would read: Delete from printed handbook, remain in online version. Article 17, Article 18,
Article 19, Article 20, Article 21, Article 23

AMENDMENT #3: CARRIED
MOTIONS AS AMENDED: DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 79

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Scott Wheatley

REFERENCE:

Article 15.6, e) ii), Page 102

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping –All players....will pay the annual fee due for each roster form they sign.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete

RATIONALE

Motion passed 2 years ago.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 80

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Chad Olafson

Seconded: Lavaughn Larson

REFERENCE:

Article 16 – Provincial Championships, 16.2

WHEREAS;

All Provincial Championship Entry Fees: Effective for the 2014 playing season.

a) All Provincial Championship Entry fees are non-refundable.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add an additional clause: b) The host association will receive 25% of all Provincial
Championship Entry Fees paid.

RATIONALE:

It is very difficult to make some sort of a profit for the host association when trying to provide as
high a quality experience as possible to the teams attending a Provincial. With Softball BC's
expectation of a meal, program, etc, the host association requires funding to supply these.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This entry fee revenue sharing will result in less revenue to Softball BC.

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 81

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Chad Olafson

Seconded by: Lavaughn Larson

REFERENCE:

Article 16.2

WHEREAS;

- a) All Provincial Championship Entry Fees are non-refundable

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add an additional clause c) All 'A' teams must attend their Provincial Championship. Failure to attend will result in the home association being fined \$500.00 payable to Softball BC and the team fined \$500.00 payable to the host association.

RATIONALE:

It is very difficult to make some sort of profit for the host association when trying to provide as high a quality experience as possible to the teams attending a Provincial. When fewer teams attend a Provincial it is more difficult to try to at least break even.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

These fines will result in more revenue than the entry fee to Softball BC if teams do not attend.

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 82

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Suzy Parker

Seconded by: Brian Joe

REFERENCE:

Article 16.2, c), Page 103

WHEREAS;

Article 16.2 c) does not allow for any funds from teams to go to the host committee to cover expenses and very few associations come forward to host these provincials; and whereas it is unlikely that eliminating the prize money would cause any teams not to attend provincials;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 16.2 c) be revised to read: At all Senior Women Fastpitch Provincial Championships, \$50.00 per team from entry fees is allocated to the host association to offset costs relating to the championship. No expense money is disbursed to teams.

RATIONALE:

The rationale for this motion is to motivate more associations to apply to host provincials at the senior level because they know that their costs will be offset by this money. In 2014 no associations came forward to host this Provincial.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 83

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Ann Holmes

Seconded by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

REFERENCE:

Article 16.2, g), Page 104

WHEREAS;

All teams must submit an entry fee to be eligible to compete in a Provincial Championship. All entry fees for Minor Categories are to be submitted to the Softball BC office 10 days prior to the Championship.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ADD: failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 late fee.

RATIONALE:

Team(s) travelling to provincials may not have paid their entry fee – it must be collected by the Softball BC Board Rep at the coaches meeting prior to the commencement of the event in order for the team to participate. The responsibility of paying and collecting these fees lies with the Association and the Softball BC office staff.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 84

Submitted by: District 15

Moved by: Bill Yerdon

Seconded by: Jim MacPherson

REFERENCE:

Article 16.2, f), Page 104 – Umpires: (Provincial Championships)

WHEREAS;

Minor Entry Fees: \$46.00 per game will be allocated to the Minor Championship District or Tournament UIC to cover all Round Robin and up to two 6 team Knockout Championship Draw rounds in the case of a Minor Combined Provincial Championship.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Revision: Change to Read

Minor Entry Fees: \$50.00 per game will be allocated to the Minor Championship District or Tournament UIC to cover all Round Robin and up to two 6 team Knockout Championship Draw rounds in the case of a Minor Combined Provincial Championship.

RATIONALE:

There has not been an increase in umpire fees for the last few years. \$25.00 per umpire per game at the Minor level is reasonable and fairly consistent with minor league umpire fees throughout the Province. We need to encourage new officials to participate in umpiring Provincial Championships.

AMENDMENT: (D. Brewer/S. Strafford)

To add an additional \$20.00 fee to each Minor Provincial Entry fee to cover the cost of this increase.

AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 85

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

REFERENCE:

Article 16.7, b), Page 109

WHEREAS;

In minor categories only, an approved helmet shall be one that is fully enclosed, with two (2) ear flaps, a foam liner and peak. Fasten chin straps are required.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete 'Fastened chin straps are required'.

RATIONALE:

Not all helmets come with chin straps; compression helmets do not have chin straps.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 86

Submitted by: District 15

Moved by: Bill Yerdon

Seconded by: Ron Gosselin

REFERENCE:

Article 16.9, f), Page 110 –Umpire Fees

WHEREAS;

- i) Senior 'A' Fast Pitch \$28.00 per game per umpire.
- ii) Senior Fast Pitch – other \$28.00 per game per umpire; 3 umpire used for final game.
- iii) Senior Slow-Pitch \$28.00 per game per umpire; minimum 2 umpires used for all Elimination games.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Revision:

- i) Senior 'A' Fastpitch \$35.00 per game per umpire.
- ii) Senior Fastpitch – other \$35.00 per game per umpire; 3 umpires used for final game.
- iii) Senior Slow-pitch \$30.00 per game per umpire; minimum 2 umpires used for all Elimination games.

RATIONALE:

There should be a reasonable game fee increase between officiating at the Minor Level and Senior Level in order to encourage the development of umpires. The \$35.00 rate is reasonable and in range fairly with the majority of leagues throughout the Province at the Senior level. No increase has been done for the last several years and at times, it has been a daunting task to acquire quality officials to umpire at Senior Provincial Championships. Fuel prices have increased and combined with inflation, umpire costs have gone up substantially.

AMENDMENT: (B. Yerdon/C. Kreiger)

Revision:

- i) Senior 'A' Fastpitch \$35.00 per game per umpire.
- ii) Senior Fastpitch – other \$35.00 per game per umpire; 3 umpires used for final game.
- iii) Senior Slow-pitch \$30.00 per game per umpire; minimum 2 umpires used for all Elimination games.

Increase in costs will be borne by the participants.

**AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: WITHDRAWN**

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 87

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Chris Young

Seconded by: Bill Yerdon

REFERENCE:

Article 16.10, c), Page 110

WHEREAS;

In all Provincial Championships, except as to the eligibility of players, all protests must be made and decided at the time of the play in question, and the Softball BC Board Rep must announce the decision.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Change to read: In all District and Provincial Championships, before the protest Committee hears the protest the protesting manager/head coach must put forward a protest fee of \$25.00 for Districts and \$50 for Provincials, cash. Should the protest be upheld the fee will be returned. Should the protest be denied, the fee will be retained by Softball BC.

Except as to the eligibility of players, all protests must be made and decided at the time of the play in question, and the Softball BC Board Rep must announce the decision.

RATIONALE:

The protests that are made in most cases are made because the manager/coach does not know the rules. It takes time to resolve the protest and just delays the game.

AMENDMENT: (D. Gal/C. Kreiger)

In ~~all District and~~ Provincial Championships, before the protest Committee hears the protest the protesting manager/head coach must put forward a protest fee of ~~\$25.00 for Districts and~~ \$50 for Provincials, cash. Should the protest be upheld the fee will be returned. Should the protest be denied, the fee will be retained by Softball BC.

Except as to the eligibility of players, all protests must be made and decided at the time of the play in question, and the Softball BC Board Rep must announce the decision.

AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 88

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Chris Young

Seconded by: Bill Yerdon

REFERENCE:

Article 19.09, Page 114

WHEREAS;

None

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add: In all district and provincial championships, before the protest committee hears the protest the protesting manager/head coach must put forward a protest deposit of \$25 for Districts and \$50.00 for Provincials in cash. Should the protest be upheld the fee will be returned. Should the protest be denied the fee will be retained by Softball BC.

RATIONALE:

The protests that are made are made in most cases because the manager/head coach do not know the rules and are frivolous. These take up time and delay the game.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 89

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Al Beasley

REFERENCE:

Article 21.7, page 118

WHEREAS;

Housekeeping – Any monies received by Softball BC BC Government.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Delete

RATIONALE:

Not relevant

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 90

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Eric Kurpiela

REFERENCE:
Article 22, Page 121

WHEREAS;
Housekeeping – Paragraph 3 & 4; Associations that are paying the fees.....from the Softball BC office. After successfully.....will be issued.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
These two paragraphs be deleted.

RATIONALE:
Not relevant

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 91

Submitted by: District 5

Moved by: David Brewer

Seconded by: Susan Strafford

REFERENCE:
Article 22, c), Page 121

WHEREAS;
c) REGISTRATION: Softball BC umpire registrations must be in the hands of the District UIC on or before the post marked date of May 15th of the current year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
Revision – Softball BC umpire registration must be completed on-line by April 30th of the current year.

RATIONALE:
Whereas we are now doing all registrations on-line, the District UIC is no longer directly involved with registering umpires. And, whereas the insurance certificate takes effect on or about May 1st of the current year the date needs to be adjusted to meet this date.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 92

Submitted by: District 8

Moved by: Merv Sandrel

Seconded by: Harv Wiens

REFERENCE:

Article 12.3, Section a) 1-10

WHEREAS;

Due to the shrinking numbers in the game and with the proliferation of 'B' teams recruiting good 'C' pitchers and catchers from the 'C' program leaving teams with little or no pitching resulting in no hitting opportunities which leads to no fielding, throwing, and development in all areas of the game, which inevitably leads to many U12/U14 players walking away from the game.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Commencing with the 2016 season, all Minor players NOT playing in a recognized 'A' program will play together during the regular season. At the end of the season all associations will have a one week tryout period for their teams to compete in summer ball. The players would try out for the team REP-representing the association they registered with. The REP season would be played in the warm months of July and August with Provincials in September.

RATIONALE:

The 'C' division would have much better player development with all teams having a decent core which inevitably brings up the skill level of the others. All players would learn how to hit, field and throw because the ball will be in play more. The coaching would be better. At the end of June, the 'committed' players will still have an opportunity to compete a higher level. This is naturally grandfathered so all existing 'B' programs would age out. This new model also allows for our invitational tournaments to be spread out and not all jammed up into April/May. The new model will help associations in colder climates that cannot get onto their fields as early as others are able.

AMENDMENT: (M. Sandrel/H. Wiens)

Commencing with the 2016 season, all U12 players NOT playing in a recognized 'A' program will play together during the regular season. At the end of the season all associations will have a one week tryout period for their teams to compete in summer ball. The players would try out for the team REP-representing the association they registered with. The REP season would be played in the warm months of July and August with Provincials in September.

AMENDMENT: CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED: DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 93

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Chris Young

Seconded by: Rob Hartford

REFERENCE:

None

WHEREAS;

None

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

There is ZERO tolerance of any disturbances during and after games at the ball park. If so the team will be forfeited. The protest committee will determine whether it will be for one game (the previous or the upcoming game) or the rest of the tournament.

RATIONALE:

There is nothing in the Softball BC handbook that covers unruly spectators except to penalize the head coach with ejection. And if keeps on going then the rest of the coaches get ejected then the team forfeits. These unruly parents/coaches create a very big problem for the people in charge of the districts/provincials. This rule was used in the districts and provincials in District 14 in 2014 and was accepted by all coaches and parents/players. The coaches were informed at the coaches meeting and they all agreed that it should be in the Softball BC handbook.

WITHDRAWN

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEMBERS (S. Strafford/E. Kurpiela)

WHEREAS:

- A: The Constitution of the Society Part 9 - Borrowing Powers state:
“The Society shall exercise any borrowing powers conferred upon it by the Society Act with the approval of seventy-five (75) percent of the Board of Directors holding office at that time. However, debentures shall not be issued without the sanction of a special resolution.”
- B: The Society may from time to time borrow money and grant security by way of debentures if its members authorize it to do so by special resolution;
- C: The members of the Society wish to confer on the directors of the Society a general power to borrow money on behalf of the Society and to issue debentures and other loan and security and documents; and
- D: Pursuant to a Loan Agreement (the “Loan Agreement”), between from the Royal Bank of Canada (the “Bank”) to the Society, the Society proposes to obtain credit facilities from the Bank.

“BE IT RESOLVED as special resolutions that:

A general power is hereby conferred on the Directors of the Society for the 12 months immediately following the date of this resolution, and the Directors are authorized to cause the Society to borrow money pursuant to any loan, credit or facility agreement and to issue debentures and any additional security, documents or agreements creating a mortgage, charge or security interest on any real or personal property of the Society with respect thereto.

The Directors of the Society be authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the borrowing contemplated in the Loan Agreement, including authorizing the granting, execution, and delivery of all documents required by the Bank, in such form and containing such terms, covenants, provisos and conditions as are satisfactory to the Directors including, without

limitation, debentures, general security agreements and mortgages and any other loan security documents in favor of the Bank.”

CARRIED

MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR
Voting Strength: 73

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 94

‘to bring motion to the floor’

CARRIED

Moved by: Brian Joe Seconded by: Eric Kurpiela

REFERENCE:

Softball BC District Page 11 & 12

WHEREAS;

District 5: Vancouver

District 6: Burnaby, New Westminster & Richmond

District 14: Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Whonnock

District 8: Aldergrove, Abbotsford, Clearbrook, Chilliwack, Bradner, Yarrow, Hope, Mission, Agassiz, Sardis, Vedder Crossing, Deroche, Langley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Change to Read

District 5: Vancouver & Richmond

District 6: Burnaby, New Westminister, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody

District 14: Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Whonnock, Mission

District 8: Aldergrove, Abbotsford, Clearbrook, Chilliwack, Bradner, Yarrow, Hope, Agassiz, Sardis, Vedder Crossing, Deroche & Langley

RATIONALE:

Recommendation from the District Boundary Review Committee

AMENDMENT: (S. Strafford/D. Maandag)

Move Deroche to District 14 from District 8

CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 95

‘to bring motion to the floor’

CARRIED

Moved by: Dave Brewer Seconded by: Susan Stafford

REFERENCE:

Article 7.3, Page 55

WHEREAS;

7.3 Appeal of a Protem suspension shall be reviewed by the President of Softball BC, who shall direct or conduct an investigation and shall issue a timely and reasonable ruling.

BE IT RESOVLED THAT:

Add: 'to determine if the correct protocol has been followed in the issuance of the protem suspension '.

CARRIED

SOFTBALL CANADA

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 96

Submitted by: Softball BC

Moved by: Susan Strafford

Seconded by: Al Beasley

REFERENCE:

Proposed Rule Change for: Fast Pitch Rules – 2015

Section: 4 Letter: d Number: - Letter: -

CHANGE: For women, gloves worn by the pitcher may be any combination of other colours, other than the colour/tone of the ball used. For example, a combination of tan, white, red, etc is legal.

RATIONALE: Balls used by women in Fastpitch are not white or grey, they are optic yellow. The intent of this motion is so that the pitchers gloved is not confused with the ball. The white/grey reference is out of date and should not be in place for women.

CARRIED

ELECTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF SOFTBALL BC

POSITION: President
In Nomination: Jake Dewitt
ELECTED: Jake Dewitt – by acclamation

POSITION: Minor Director
In Nomination: Ann Holmes
ELECTED: Ann Holmes – by acclamation

POSITION: Director of Coaching
In Nomination: Joni Frei
Kevin Langley
ELECTED: Joni Frei – by silent ballot

POSITION: Senior Director
In Nomination: Jim Ullock

ELECTED: Rob Upton
Jim Ullock – by silent ballot

POSITION: Member-at-Large
In Nomination: David Wilson
Kim Shelley
Lori Skinner

ELECTED: Lori Skinner – by silent ballot

MOTION NO. 97 (S. Strafford/A. Beasley)
“To destroy all voting ballots”

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2014 INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

MINOR

1. Colour code handbook for Minor/Senior/Umpire Sections
2. Strike committee to look at new format for Minor beginning in 2016. Committee Chair – Merv Sandrel.
3. Leadership Meeting focusing on ‘Learn to Play’ and CanPitch – 2 future facilitators from each district.

SENIOR

1. Softball BC office to send an email acknowledging receipt of paperwork or emails sent to office.
2. The board to look into electronic options for online voting for district elections.

UMPIRE

1. That in even numbered years a rule book not be included in the Refresher Package.
2. Starting in 2015, the umpire refresher package be placed online as a PDF.
3. The Softball BC UIC investigate the creation of an Umpire Emeritus for those umpires who retired from on field officiating, but still want to be active in the program.
4. To investigate the financial implications on Provincial entry fees if umpire fee is increased to \$35.00 for seniors.
5. That notices of protem suspensions and suspensions longer than 30 days be circulated to Coordinators and DUIC’s when the office receives notification of the suspension.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Dewitt requested that all bids for Provincial Championships be turned in at the conclusion of the meeting.

SOFTBALL BC 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AWARD RECIPIENTS

Awards handed out during the Annual General Meeting were:

Minor District Coordinator of the Year
Senior District Coordinator of the Year

Chris Young, District 14
Teri Boizard, District 1

District Umpire-in-Chief
Umpire Minor Service Award
Umpire Senior Service Award

Marni Bodnarchuk, District 5 & District 8
Courtney De Adder, District 14
Patti Caldwell, District 6