



RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE OF 2020 PLAYING SEASON

Page 16:

- Revision: That A, B, and C Senior Women pitch from 43

New Article – Amendments to SOR

- Approved changed to the Special operating ruler. May not be reversed or changed at a subsequent advisory or board of directors meeting prior to the approved change being implement for at least a period of

Article 5.3 Appeal of Pro Tem

- Addition: Add, "or the vice president, if the president has issued the pro tem," to the following statement in article 5.3 "suspension shall be reviewed by the President of Softball BC, to determine if the correct protocol has been followed in issuance of a Pro tem suspension, who shall direct or conduct an investigation and shall issue a timely and reasonable ruling."

New Definitions 7.1 s)

- New MALE PLAYERS – a minor male player may play in the girl's program at LTP up to and including U12C.

New Article: 7.2b iii)

Release/Abandon: No player shall be released from a team or abandon a team within an Association once the player has registered with the Association, payed their registration fees to the Association and has been placed on a team for that current season by the Association. The player must play for this Association for the current season and is not permitted to switch associations and teams during the season. A release from an Association's team shall only be considered if:

- (a) A written release request is received by the Association from the player explaining the reasons for the release request.
- (b) The players team will not be jeopardized or put into a position of collapse due to the loss of the player.
- (c) The District Minor Coordinator and Minor Director mutually agree that under exceptional circumstances a release and/or transfer is in the best interest of the player and the programs of Softball BC.



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Article 7.2c CROSS BOUNDARY HAS BEEN DELETED

Article 7.2 e) ii) REGISTRATION DEADLINE page 52

- Revised to read: 7.2 e) ii)) All “C” and “B” classification team rosters and Executive rosters are to be uploaded and approved by the designated Minor Coordinator by June 1st of the current year. Additions/deletions under extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 15th of the current year. After June 15th, only the Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.

Article 7.3 e) REGISTRATION DEADLINE page 52

- Revised to read: 7.3 e) i) “A” team rosters must be completed and approved by the designated Minor Coordinator by May 1st of the current year. Additions/deletions under extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 1st of the current year. After June 1st, only the Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster.

Article 7.7 f) i) REVERT BACK RULE IS DELETED

Article 7.7 G.iii) PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT page 59

- Revised to read: iii) a five run maximum rule shall apply in half innings up to and including the 3rd inning. Subsequent innings shall be open. Exception U14C, U16C and U19C. A five run maximum rule shall apply in half innings up to and including the 5th inning.

Article 7.8 C. ii) U12 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP page 61

- Revised to read: ii) a five run maximum rule shall apply in half innings up to and including the 5th inning. Subsequent innings shall be open.

Article 8.2 A) v) a) REGISTRATION DEADLINE page 68

- Online registration deadline changed to May 1st for “A” classification teams.



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Article 8.2 A) v) a) REGISTRATION DEADLINE page 68

- Online registration deadline changed to June 1st for “B” and “C” classification teams.

New Article: Article 8.2 A) iii)

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Article 8.2 B) xi) CROSS BOUNDARY HAS BEEN DELETED

Article 8.7 A) v) i) REVERT BACK RULE HAS BEEN DELETED

Article 9.3 b) Team and Player Registration

- Revision: b) Each team shall be entitled to carry a maximum of twenty (20) players and four (4) coaches/managers.



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Article 9.5 Eligibility and Registration of Teams for Provincial Championships

- Addition: Article 9.5 d) Team rosters are to be submitted for approval through the Softball BC registration process no later than June 15th of the current playing year. If registering through a recognized member in good standing club or association, the team is to be completed by June 10th of the current playing year.

Article 9.5 a)

- Senior Fastpitch teams must submit their provincial entry fee to the Softball BC office no later than June 30th.

Article 9.6 a)

- Teams Must register for their provincial championships by June 15th

Article 9.6 Provincial Championship Draw and Format a) l) and n) REVERT BACK RULE HAS BEEN DELETED

Article 9.6 l) k) b page 88

- I. ELIMINATION ROUND
 - b) When there is a stoppage in play due to an injury, the blood rule, or concussion protocol, the games clock shall be stopped

NEW SOR: 9.7 Players a) Designated runner

- c. Designated Runner (omit Masters only) - The team may designate one player as a runner. The player shall be called the Designated Runner (DR).
- The DR must be listed in the starting lineup, and
- The DR must be listed in the last spot in the starting line-up (10th with no DP or 11th with a DP)



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- The DR may run for only one player per inning and may do so each time that player becomes a runner in the inning.
- The DR may run for a different player each inning.
- The DR may not bat or play defence.
- An eligible player not in the game may substitute for the DR.
- The DR may not re-enter the game.
- A team is not obligated to use the DR the entire game. Addition

Article 9.11 Slo Pitch

- 1.1 SENIOR SLO-PITCH CATEGORIES
 - 1.2 Canadian Championships Western Canadian Championships
 - 1.3 Senior Men's Open Senior 'B' Men & Women
 - 1.4 Senior Women's Open Co-ed 'B'
 - 1.5 Senior Co-ed Open Master Men's 40+
 - 1.6 Master Men's Open Master Women's 30+
 - 1.7 Senior 55+ & Senior 60+
 - 1.8 CANADIAN SENIOR MEN AND SENIOR WOMEN'S OPEN
 - 1.9 Teams wishing to participate in the Softball Canada Men's or Women's Open Canadian Championship must express their intent to participate in writing, with a formal letter of intent form, all applicable fees, deposits and Softball B.C. team registration form with appropriate registration fees by April 1st of the tournament year. Teams that do not comply with these dates will be considered for participation on a space available basis only.
 - 1.10 In the event that the tournament is hosted in B.C. by Softball City, each team will be required to assist with the financing of the event.
 - 1.11 The criteria for ranking teams wishing to participate, in order, will be as follows:
 - a) Order of finish at the most recent Softball Canada Championship
 - b) Host team as determined by Softball Canada Article 1.2 a) team representation Slo Pitch c) If there are two teams to be ranked, a two out of three playoff will be arranged in the championship year
 - d) If there are more than two teams to be ranked, a ranking tournament between the teams who have submitted their letter of intent, along with all payments and deposits will be arranged in the championship year



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e) Any teams that participate in a ranking tournament that do not qualify to attend the Canadian Championship will have their Canadian Championship entrance fee returned

1.12 EQUIPMENT

a) Footwear – No metal cleats allowed in all categories of Slo-Pitch.

b) Helmets

i) Helmets are mandatory for: - Batters - On Deck batters - Batter-runners - Runners - Catchers

Effect: Players shall be called out immediately under the following circumstances:

1) Failing to wear a helmet when ordered to do so by the umpire

1.13 ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS – CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP AND WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

a) In order for a team to be eligible to compete in a Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship, the team registration form must be processed through the Softball BC electronic registration system by the registration deadline without exception. Note: Slo-Pitch registration deadline – May 1st.

b) Each Senior Coordinator must notify the Softball B.C. office of team(s) from their District which intend to participate in a Canadian Championship by March 1st of the current year and for Western Canadian Championships by June 1st of the current year;

c) To be eligible to compete in a Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship, all teams must submit a Letter of Intent and an entrance fee to Softball B.C. All entry fees are non-refundable unless the championship has been cancelled;

d) Any team continuing on to a Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship must notify the Softball B.C. office. Where vacancies occur, the Senior Director shall offer available spots to other teams.

e) Every team competing in a Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship must submit a roster form under the full membership plan.

1.14 REGISTRATION

a) Players, managers and coaches in membership are to be registered on forms provided by the Softball B.C. representatives; such forms may be obtained from your league President or Senior Coordinator. i) Each team shall be entitled to carry a maximum of seventeen (17) properly registered players. Exception: Masters and Mixed categories (20).

ii) Females may register on a male team, but males are not allowed to register on female teams except as manager or coach.

b) District Coordinators must forward approved Softball B.C. player roster forms to the Softball B.C. office immediately upon completing them.

c) Teams registering with Softball B.C. for insurance purposes only (including 'R' Registration Slo-Pitch) must submit a Softball B.C. roster for these players to receive insurance benefits. d) Late registration (after June 1st) in the 'R' category will be



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accepted to allow teams to play in sanctioned tournaments and receive insurance benefits.

e) A team that plays in two leagues or has two home parks will establish their District of registration by considering the following criteria: i) Where do they play a majority of their home games? ii) Where do a majority of the players reside? iii) Is there a historical precedent to associate the team with a particular District?

f) FEE STRUCTURE – SENIOR SLO-PITCH Team Fee \$20.00 Liability Insurance Annual Dues \$30.00 (Includes players, coaches and managers) Lifetime Membership (One time only) \$10.00 League/Association Executive \$30.00 (Plus Lifetime Membership) NOTE: i) Team registration fees include an accident and liability insurance program.

g) The registration date for Slo-Pitch is May 1st. The Softball B.C. Team and Player Roster Forms must be submitted to the Softball B.C. District Coordinator by May 1st of the current year. Teams not meeting this deadline will not be eligible for Canadian Championship or Western Canadian Championship qualifier play.

h) For Senior Slo-Pitch teams, from 7 days prior to the final roster deadline, no Coach (or Manager) may release a player. However, during that seven-day period, players may be transferred to another team.

i) All Senior Slo-Pitch teams must declare their exact category by the roster deadline date – May 1st of the current year.

j) MINOR AGED PLAYERS:

k) Any minor aged (under 19 years) player or team, shall not sign or play with a Senior team until a written consent form from a parent(s) or guardian(s), is received by the District Minor Coordinator, who with the District Senior Coordinator shall forward their decision in writing to the Softball B.C. office by April 15 of that playing year and a copy sent to the parent or guardian.

1.15 MASTERS SLO-PITCH

a) The representative Masters team from B.C. participating in a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship will comply with the Canadian roster size rule (maximum 20 players).

b) Masters Slo-Pitch age: Men: (+35): Celebrate their 35th birthday by or in the current playing year. Men: (+40): Celebrate their 40th birthday by or in the current playing year. Women: Celebrate their 30th birthday by or in the current playing year.

c) Masters Slo-Pitch player may coach in any other category.

d) Mixed Masters age: Men: 35th birthday by or in the current playing year. Women: 30th birthday by or in the current playing year.

Article 10.2 e) page 97 HAS BEEN DELETED

Article 10.4 Team and Player Registration b)



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- Revision: Change the Exception to read: Exception: Intermediate A will move up one (1) classification after placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd twice with at least eight returning rostered players, including pickups and players who have been on a provincial medal team.

Article 10.7G page 101 HAS BEEN DELETED

Article 16.2 m

- Softball BC umpire registration must be completed online by April 30th of the current year.

Article 17.2.c.vi.a

- WHEREAS:
 - (vi) COACH
 - (a) Has been a Canadian citizen and a resident of B.C. during the period for which outstanding performance is claimed; and
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