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District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans? 2- Victoria Saanich Womens Softball Association and the MacDonald Park Men's League

What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved? The main challenge was finding fields to accommodate as many teams as were interested to play staying within the Health Authority protocols.

As a result the Victoria Saanich Womens Softball Association welcomed two women's teams from the Victoria Womens Fastball League (who were unable to create a return to play that would accommodate their 13 teams as well as two U16A teams who did not have any teams to play as a result of Associations not moving forward).

What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District? There were many but most notably, relationships were built between leagues and teams as well as players who would not have historically played together. The Victoria Saanich Womens Softball Association worked tirelessly not only to get teams onto the field but created a schedule for 2 x U16A, 2x U19A, 2x Women's B, 2x Inter A and 1 x Women's A. There haven't been this many teams playing at Hyacinth Park in years and the relationships built will last a lifetime.

How will your District prepare for 2021? We will continue to educate and work hard to entice players to come and play within all safety protocols.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021? While we lost 11 teams on paper, we gained players who hadn't signed on a Softball BC team in a long time and that includes men as well as women.

What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?

The Victoria Saanich Womens Softball Association has renewed their social media presence and will continue to educate players and teams that they have a welcoming place for competitive teams and players to come to.

How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?

I believe we will have a 75% participation, hopefully there will be more because as I write this phase 3 is about to be announced.
In District 1, we are happy to have a collective year end event but with phase 3, some teams may prefer to join another cohort to have peer competition so how that pans out will prove interesting.

Tell us one good memory from 2020

The collaboration from all sides in District 1 was amazing and my favourite memory was a question from a U16A batter to me as a catcher about my 60 year old pitcher after the 2nd strike was called on her, 'What is she throwing me, a knuckle change?' After some laughter between myself, the ump and her, my pitcher threw the same pitch to strike her out. The batter walked away smiling and perplexed, back to her dugout.

Relationships are always being built and the chance to mentor and build relationships between a 15 year and 60 year old is a prime example of how collaboration between the minors and men and women can not only fun but imperative.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

I personally thank them in person or by email, recognition is imperative for our volunteers and this season was especially time consuming on some of our volunteers.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

Hyacinth Park hopes to celebrate 50 years with a men's and women's masters event open to all masters in two divisions for August 2021.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

To continue building relationships with minor teams and coaches to show the way to the men's and women's game.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?	3
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	Many challenges, none that couldnt be resovled
What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?	We did have kids playing
How will your District prepare for 2021?	Were going to try and improve on what we have learned from the 2020 season

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?	Yes, 2 association decide not to par take in return to play. Those associations will be back next year
How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?	2 teams, 1 U14B and 1 U19B, player availability were tge challenges

Future Plans

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Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans? Oceanside minor fastball created a new Women's league with 4 teams.

What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved? I believe all things were resolved to the best of my knowledge.

How will your District prepare for 2021? With not knowing what next season will bring probably continue with the protocols in place until allowed to go back to normal.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021? Not in my district.

What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing? Oceanside is trying to draw players and teams back by creating a new women's league. There have been graduated players and teams from U19 with no place to go.

How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate? Not sure. They would have to travel and unsure if they want to take that chance.

Tell us one good memory from 2020 We got to play the game we love inspite of the hurdles and everyone stayed safe.

Future Plans

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

Would like to see Oceanside's new women's league continue to grow and participate in Provincials.

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District Highlights

Tell us how 2020 impacted you as an Umpire:	It is the first year in 16 years I had weekends and nights off. It has been so different hard to put in words.
What plans are you making for 2021 with umpiring in your District	Hopefully things change and we can get back to "normal" however I am not all that optimistic. Right now it is going to be a wait and see.
What are some of the positives things that came out of COVID-19 in your area this year?	Nothing

District Registration

What percentage, would you say, of umpires from 2019 registered for 2020 in your District?	Don't know this was my first year.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	My district has been very quiet.
How have umpires in your area reacted to the Return to Play Guidelines put out by Softball BC?	I have not hear of anything so far.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District in 2021 and/or 2022?	I am pessimistic that there will be ball again in 2021 so what is going to happen two years from now?
What is your goal for 2021 as a District UIC?	If ball starts back up hopefully I can learn more of what my role is.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

I actually got out to do some men's games. The Coulson Classic went ahead and celebrated it's 51 year held at the best ball park ever, Walden Park in Glenora!!

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District Highlights

Tell us how 2020 impacted you as an Umpire:	2020 impacted me that it didnt allow me to umpire.
What plans are you making for 2021 with umpiring in your District	hoping i can get the umpires i had this year come back an participate next year for 2021
What are some of the positives things that came out of COVID-19 in your area this year?	nothing

District Registration

What percentage, would you say, of umpires from 2019 registered for 2020 in your District?	me, myself and !!!! So 100% came back it was amazing!!!
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	unfortunatly we try everything from newspaper, posters, an radio but we dont have enough teams to make it worth it
How have umpires in your area reacted to the Return to Play Guidelines put out by Softball BC?	I was very sad cause i didnt get to try them out lol

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District in 2021 and/or 2022?	nothing at the moment
What is your goal for 2021 as a District UIC?	To get new umpires

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season any memory with the blue family is perfect there isnt just one

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District Highlights

Tell us how 2020 impacted you as an Umpire: After a delayed start, North Shore Girls Fastpitch schuled an abbreviated season for all ages through the month of August. U12 and U14 continued to play through September. C Division and B Division played together in August due to the inability to travel to neighbouring districts. A cohort of 12-15 umpires enjoyed the opportunity to work games during that time.

Howe Sound Minor Ball chose not to play games this year due to the pandemic.

What plans are you making for 2021 with umpiring in your District Continued training of yound umpires. Our district has 20-25 active umpires, many aged 16 and younger. Several are L2 which will be encouraged to take the 2021 L3 course.

What are some of the positives things that came out of COVID-19 in your area this year? The abbreviated season with fewer games and keen umps gave the opportunity to train umps in the 3-umpire system.

District Registration

What percentage, would you say, of umpires from 2019 registered for 2020 in your District? Initial registration was close to 90%, although several de-registered. About 50% actually worked games.

How have umpires in your area reacted to the Return to Play Guidelines put out by Softball BC? Positively. All have "bought in" to the new requirements.

Future Plans

What is your goal for 2021 as a District UIC? Encouragement of umpire development in Squamish (HSMB).

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Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?	For adult ball, only Richmond participated.
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	There were some challenges, like getting everyone registered in record time or making sure everyone followed the physical distancing requirements, but nothing that couldn't be resolved.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?	We created a Richmond adult league that had seven teams in it, including two U19 teams. We were able to have a consistent schedule with games only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Every game was a home game, which was wonderful! There was good competition, no matter the level of the teams.
How will your District prepare for 2021?	I think the fact that we played at all during 2020 will help prepare us for 2021. We've practiced keeping track of who is in attendance, sanitizing equipment, screening everyone and keeping physical distance. It is possible and the game itself is largely unchanged. It's a bit more work and I recommend having several coaches/managers helping with every team, but it is doable and still fun.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?	In our adult district there was only one team that didn't return from last season. We had one minor team age up, so our registration was level. It may have even been up in terms of individuals, because of the no-pickup rule, which meant teams tried for larger rosters. I believe the team that didn't return WILL return in 2021.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Just the fact we got games in was enough for this year.

How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?

I believe we will have three out of five teams participate. I'm not sure if one of the two U19 teams will join us as well. I guess that depends on what happens with their tournament. The timing is challenging because people are not used to playing in September.

Tell us one good memory from 2020

The weather was fantastic for ball with the later season.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

In Richmond, we usually have a Christmas party to thank executive members and key volunteers. I don't know if we will do that this year, due to covid.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

None that I know of.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

To have the adult teams play a full season, with provincials.

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District Highlights

Tell us how 2020 impacted you as an Umpire:	Moved to Victoria in February, have not had much of a chance to umpire with COVID and an injury.
What plans are you making for 2021 with umpiring in your District	Hoping to step away from district 5 as I am no longer living in the district.
What are some of the positives things that came out of COVID-19 in your area this year?	Not sure, moved out of the district.

District Registration

What percentage, would you say, of umpires from 2019 registered for 2020 in your District?	Not sure.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Not sure.
How have umpires in your area reacted to the Return to Play Guidelines put out by Softball BC?	Not happy about being required to wear a mask.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District in 2021 and/or 2022?	Not sure.
What is your goal for 2021 as a District UIC?	Hopefully a new district UIC will be full of new ideas.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season I don't have one.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?	4 Associations, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Burnaby and Tri Cities participated in the Summer Ball. New Westminster has now joined for Fall Ball.
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	The biggest Challenge was the delay in the season itself, once it was approved things went well. Everyone was very responsive to the RTP protocols and Clubs hit the ground running when were approved. Shalyn did a great job doing the Summer Scheduling for all!
What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?	The Summer Season went quite well for District 6. We played in District for the Summer and got a lot of games in. A, B, and C all participated and we had a great turnout.
How will your District prepare for 2021?	As of now we are preparing as we always do, knowing that next season will most likely be altered as well.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?	As a District we lost around 35% of our members. We also got quite a few new players in the Summer season. Parents were looking for activities for kids to do. So we were able to reach players that normally played other Spring Sports. We will have a new group of players hopefully joining next Spring due to the fun they had this Summer playing Softball.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	We all ran successful Timbits/U8 programs this Summer. If able associations will be continuing with that and have Softball Try it events in February to attract more players to the sport.

How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?

24 District 6 teams participating in the Celebration of Softball (Covincials)
There was only 2 teams from the Summer program not participating mostly due to low numbers and player availability.

Tell us one good memory from 2020

The Day we learned that Softball would be back for the Summer and seeing how happy the kids were to return.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

Each association hands out the volunteer recognition awards to deserving volunteers. We as a group pick Volunteer of the Year for our District.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

Associations wanting to host tournaments and Provincials in District 6. SBC and the City of Port Coquitlam possibly partnering for an Welcome back event next year. Tri Cities and Coquitlam combining associations to help build a solid A program in the District.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

My personal goal is to host my first Provincials as a Coordinator and keep on supporting all the associations in my District in all areas of the game. We all work very well together and hoping to do more events together.

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Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?	none but 2 did move to D5 to play
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	teams chose not to play.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?	2 teams chose to play in D5
How will your District prepare for 2021?	Will follow up on teams that are aging out if minor to see if they would like to continue to play in the adult division.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?	not sure will have to wait until 2021 to see who will be returning
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	have not heard
How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?	none
Tell us one good memory from 2020	2 teams decided to play with D5

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

not sure as most teams are registered in minor associations

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

none as of now

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

Will follow up on teams that are aging out if minor to see if they would like to continue to play in the adult division.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?	All 5 associations in district 7 participated in Return to Play.
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	The biggest challenge for District 7 was the City of Surrey Parks and Rec department who would not allow inter-association modified games until July 10th. Prior to that, modified games were only held with teams from their own association.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?	<p>Nearly all A and B teams and players were happy to get out and practice using COVID-19 protocols and just enjoyed being with their teammates and coaches.</p> <p>The association presidents worked well together to ensure that similar protocols were in place in all district 7 parks.</p> <p>Another positive was the willingness of volunteers to step up and help with sanitation, taking attendance, transportation, etc.</p>
How will your District prepare for 2021?	Most associations in District 7 will keep the most of the same teams in place for the 2021 season if players are available and the appropriate age. Some movement may occur, so the presidents have discussed tryouts and all clubs in Surrey have agreed to have tryouts on the same week/weekend.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?	<p>Registrations in the A and B categories were similar to last year but the C divisions were significantly lower.</p> <p>The associations historically do advertising, signs in the community and registration booths at arenas or malls.</p>
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What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing? Not known at this time.

How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate? This is not known at this time.

Tell us one good memory from 2020 How well the Surrey association presidents worked together to ensure as many teams and players were able to get on the field.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area? We normally have a volunteer appreciation evening to hand out volunteer awards with food and beverages. All executive members and coaches are invited to attend.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year? It is difficult to plan any new initiatives or events when there is the huge unknown of what restrictions will be in place due to COVID 19 in 2021.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative? My goal is to bring back and increase the number of C teams in the district and to continue to grow the sport.

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Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?	None
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	The season began too late for a lot of our teams. Response was strongly that they could only play up until the beginning of August as a lot of players return to college by the middle of August.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?	We did not have any Mens and Women's fastpitch teams playing in our district this year.
How will your District prepare for 2021?	It will all depend on the state of things come early 2021 as to how we will plan for the 2020 season. It is the plan and hope that we will be able to return to a full playing schedule with tournaments and provincials.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?	We didn't have any adult teams registered due to the delay and restrictions for the later season due to Covid 19.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	We as coordinators had intended to attend some U16 and U19 tournament and provincials to hand out flyers and yak to players who would be aging out of minor ball encouraging them to continue in with Men's and Women's fast pitch. I look forward to trying this next year.

How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?

No teams are participating

Tell us one good memory from 2020

Unfortunately without a season in my district the only good softball related memory I can come up with would be attending for the first time the leadership meetings in February. Before becoming a coordinator I didn't know these even existed and I think they are a great way of imparting information equally to all districts as well as encouraging us to work together with our fellow coordinators to promote Softball and collectively address any concerns, and come up with solutions together.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

I am unaware of any volunteer recognition for Men's and Women's softball in district 7

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

The plan and hope is to return to a full playing season next year.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

To better learn what my role is and how I can support the teams and associations in my district. Being that this was the first year since becoming coordinator and not have any adult ball in my district I feel like next year will feel like my first, learning the ropes as I go.

District 7 Umpire-in-Chief's Report of Activities for 2019/20

The past year was an interesting one for umpires in District 7. In September and October, Fall Ball was held in our district, and many of our umpires worked those games. We began 2020 with our annual weekly gym sessions for umpires, both new and returning. Fleetwood and Cloverdale each hosted sessions one night a week from January to March, until COVID-19 shut everything down. We had several instructors/facilitators from our district helping out with these sessions.

On the February 29 – March 1 weekend, District 7 held its yearly certification super-clinic. We held two one-day Level 1/Refresher clinics, a two-day Level 2/Refresher clinic, and a one-day Senior Refresher clinic. We had a total of 91 umpires attending (49 Level 1's, 27 Level 2's, and 15 Refreshers). We managed to recruit a lot of new umpires this year in District 7 (many of whom never got a chance to work any games this year. I just hope that most of them come back next season to give umpiring a shot!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we did not have a normal softball season in District 7 – no District play-downs, no Provincial championships, and no Canada Cup. Our umpires finally started to work their first games of the season in late July, which for most of them, is when they traditionally stop working games for the season. Due to this being a time of the year many umpires do not traditionally set aside to work ball (with many taking holidays or partaking in other activities), it was challenging trying to find umpires to work many of the games that the teams were chomping at the bit to play. Almost all of the 'A' and 'B' teams in District 7 (and a few of the 'C' teams) hung in there waiting for the ever-promised return to play, so when it finally happened, there were plenty of games to be staffed. .

It was certainly a year to remember! My hope for next season is two-fold: firstly, that all the umpires who took clinics and registered as umpires this year return next year (when hopefully the season will be closer to a normal one), and that Softball BC consider rolling over to the 2021 season the registration (and fees) for umpires from this season (which will help bring some of the registered umpires from this season back next year). Softball BC received monies for the full fees for umpires in 2020 (and many of those umpires never worked a single game, and those who did work games worked fewer than they would in a normal season). In District 7, the majority of the umpires had their fees and clinics paid for by minor associations, and many of these associations are hurting financially due to refunding player registrations (partially and in full) and the cancellation of local tournaments (where they recoup some of the money they spend). Facility costs for our gym sessions and clinics, as well as the actual fees for the umpires, are a significant chunk of the budgets for the associations in District 7, and the associations have always stepped up to the plate to cover these costs without complaint. I know that many of the umpires in District 7 (particularly the newer younger ones) probably wouldn't umpire if they had to pay the \$100+ registration and clinic fees out of their own pockets up front, and our gym sessions help us to recruit new umpires, so it is money well spent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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District 7 UIC

District 8 report

This year has been a bizarre year to say the least with the pandemic. As we were beginning to prepare for the season we all got shut down. Disappointing to say the least. We had no teams participate and play this season. Looking for a rebound year next year that we have more teams to participate.

Also this year Abbotsford granted to host the 1st ever Masters Classic. Planning was on the way when the tough decision was made to cancel the event due to Covid-19. Hoping to host this event in the near future.

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District Highlights

Tell us how 2020 impacted you as an Umpire:	I did not get to go to Canadians, but there were many home opportunities for studying as well as group studying online.
What plans are you making for 2021 with umpiring in your District	We are planning one provincial tournament and will run our winter sessions in January in both Abbotsford and Langley if we are allowed to do so.
What are some of the positives things that came out of COVID-19 in your area this year?	Our district has had a lot of friendly play once sanctioned to do so. The teams have great attitudes and my umpires have noted that it is very nice not to have parents in the stands (our associations have decided to restrict entrance to only "necessary" parents ie parents with jobs such as scorekeeping, coaching, or sanitizing).

District Registration

What percentage, would you say, of umpires from 2019 registered for 2020 in your District?	50% (It would have been closer to 90% I would guess if COVID didn't happen, as Chilliwack is not even having a season and therefore has no registered umpires)
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Langley has continued to do a fabulous job of recruiting umpires, and Abbotsford is continuing on the great work they have established in the past year of recruiting more umpires from teams.
How have umpires in your area reacted to the Return to Play Guidelines put out by Softball BC?	I have not heard anything negative about the process. From what I've heard, umpires that have chosen not to umpire in 2020 have done so because they are elderly and/or have vulnerable family members or are away or busy with other activities. One umpire was concerned that our "in district" sanctioning may include players who live in Surrey but play for Langley or live in Mission but play for Abbotsford, and it absolutely does but I explained that we are going with the association that they're registered for as we as umpires cannot ask each player for proof of residency.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District in 2021 and/or 2022?

Continue to work with the associations in recruitment and retention and training. We were supposed to get two instructors evaluated and so that goal will be forwarded to 2021.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District UIC?

Get out to the different ball parks for tournaments to be present and help develop umpires.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

It has been really heartwarming to see the associations work so hard to make softball happen. They have been willing to put so much work in for only a few weeks of games. They have adapted to the new rules and have been self-enforcing them well. They are also seemingly more appreciative of me and our umpires.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?	5 out of a Possible 8
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	The challenges of convincing parents to let their kids play. The challenge of finding enough volunteers needed to help run a practice or game during the Return to Play guidelines.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?	The players that did come back to play have seem to all come back with more love of the game after having it been taken away from them for a bit.
How will your District prepare for 2021?	District 9 will prepare for 2021 in the same way we always prepare with a little more effort in getting everyone back on the field and hoping things are somewhat back to normal.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?	There was a huge decline in registration but we all new this would happen. We are trying to make it a big deal now to attract players for next year.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Right now it is just word of mouth but going forward we will be reaching out to all members of prior years and trying to use the flyers that a few associations used in the past, and trying to brain storm as a group on what can get all these players back and more.
How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?	That is a tough question as we have some challenges in our District if there will even be a covincial, but I imagine a good number of our teams will attend as long as there is a bigger number of teams to play against.

Tell us one good memory from 2020

The best memory of this year was to see the faces of our players when they got the chance to play their first game, the smiles were bigger than I have ever seen.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

That is an area we don't do much of and should start to do more.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

We are hoping to host a couple provincials.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

To get the numbers back to where they were pre Covid and hopefully word will spread where we can exceed those numbers. Hoping to run a couple great provincials and keep the smiling faces.

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District Highlights

Tell us how 2020 impacted you as an Umpire:	Workload was a whole lot less this year as clinics were cancelled and there were no tournaments
What plans are you making for 2021 with umpiring in your District	Hopefully January of 2021 will bring us more relaxed Covid rules and we can resume normal recruitment and training activities.
What are some of the positives things that came out of COVID-19 in your area this year?	For those teams and umpires that participated this year there was a genuine and relaxed environment based on a "lets have fun out there" attitude.

District Registration

What percentage, would you say, of umpires from 2019 registered for 2020 in your District?	30%
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	It was a tough year for most associations as the start was so late and the season ran into summer holidays for the kids.
How have umpires in your area reacted to the Return to Play Guidelines put out by Softball BC?	Very positive and supportive of the rules in place.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District in 2021 and/or 2022?	none that I know of.
What is your goal for 2021 as a District UIC?	To pick up where we left off last February and actively recruit and mentor some new umpires.

**And finally, tell us about your favorite
memory or event from this past season**

Having fun out there at the park and seeing everyone else happy to be out there as well under these trying circumstances.

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Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?

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What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?

- Being a large district, one of my leagues plays in parks in 4 different cities.
- My independent team has to travel to other areas to be able to play any games

What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?

Everyone decided not to play until next season.

How will your District prepare for 2021?

I will work with all independent and leagues to help them prepare to submit their return to play plans.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?

There were no registrations at all in my district.

What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?

None that I know of.

How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?

With no registrations, I do not expect any adult teams to participate in Covincials from my district.

Tell us one good memory from 2020

The leadership meeting I attended in January was the last official participation with my colleagues on a one on one basis.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

I use the Softball BC recognition program. and hand out Softball BC recognition awards.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

At this point, I don't have any initiatives or events, other than getting my teams and leagues back playing.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

I am hoping I can convince the teams and leagues to return to Softball BC after the 'covid' stop in play. I have heard that there are now some unofficial leagues operating in our district, and I attend all team, league AGM's to encourage them to return to play for the 2021 season.

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District Highlights

Tell us how 2020 impacted you as an Umpire:

The two umpire clinics I scheduled for mid April had to be cancelled because of the the Health restrictions caused by the Corona Virus. A possible third clinic later also never occurred. The Minor Ball Associations in Prince George and Quesnel cancelled all their regular season games therefore no Umpires were needed.

The adult Associations in Prince George and 100 Mile, which only rarely register with Softball BC initially had no games. Later, Prince George Men had a short season using umpires registered last year.

I, for the first time in 20 years did not see a ball cross the plate!

What plans are you making for 2021 with umpiring in your District

Currently, I am waiting until the new year to see if any softball will happen next year.

What are some of the positives things that came out of COVID-19 in your area this year?

With retirement from work and having no umpire assignments, I successfully completed the Educator and Evaluator Course offered online by Softball Canada.

District Registration

What percentage, would you say, of umpires from 2019 registered for 2020 in your District?

5 to 10%

What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?

There were some coaches that held organized practices in hope there would be resumption of regular play.

How have umpires in your area reacted to the Return to Play Guidelines put out by Softball BC?

For the adult Umpires, the season off was a nice break. For the junior umpires, they missed the play and money.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District in 2021 and/or 2022?

Nothing yet as no Annual General Meetings have occurred.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District UIC?

Hopefully be back on the diamonds with the umpires and players.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

Attending my first Softball BC AGM, meeting other UIC's and SBC member and seeing how SBC works.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?	2
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	the decisions that coaches and players had to make weather to play or stop for this season
What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?	since we have not had a playing season . there was a lot of work that the associations had to do to be able for the teams to be able to practice
How will your District prepare for 2021?	the same as every other season except that certain protocols will have to be own place. that if there is a season next year.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?	the indication was that we may have gone up slightly. if this virus had not hit. they will do what they have done in previous seasons to attract players. with the limited funds they have to work with
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	at the moment they are just trying to stay afloat
How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?	they are looking at the possibility of 5 teams. the challenges are what the parents will allow their children do.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

have a get together at the end of season will have to see about this year.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

at the moment nothing. it will be decided when they know what is happening

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

to keep communications with the associations with what will / might happen .and just be there to help out if one can

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Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?	Unfortunately this season there were no Women's or Men's teams that participated in the Return to Play plans, only minor teams.
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	<p>With the Women the majority felt that because of the uncertainty of the Virus that they were not willing to take the chance of the virus spreading. Even though most team players live in the same area their work situation takes them out of their team bubble. The commitment that it was going to take for them to even get to practice was more than they wanted to commit to this season. It was extremely hard to get commitment from players on all teams due to their own illness or having someone living in their household that they did not want to be affected by them being around others that were not in their family grouping.</p> <p>Fields did not open until end of July with more restrictions to meet by the City on top of our SBBC criteria. A lot of players were out of work because of Covid and did not want to commit to the extra expense. Some just didn't want to play if they were not able to play the game as they know it.</p>
What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?	Unfortunately none as we had no teams participating this season. I have kept in touch with the managers of the North Fraser Women's league as well as the Golden Ears Women's league and going forward they are all staying positive for 2021.
How will your District prepare for 2021?	<p>We will continue to communicate with all our Women's teams and work with RMMSA and MMSA to make sure that the U19's know that they have an interlock league that they can move up to, so they can continue playing as a team or as individual players.</p> <p>Getting the information out to all about how to register and prepare all the necessary forms in order to register.</p>

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?

We had 100% decline in the Women's registration this season. However are keeping them all informed of what they can do to participate in 2021

What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?

With numbers increasing in the areas where our players work and frequent no activities are being done right now.

How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?

None

Tell us one good memory from 2020

Everyone worked extremely hard to try to make this the best season possible with all the incredible challenges that were put in front of them. It showed that when we work together for the same goal we can make it happen.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

If possible our tournaments will be back. Possibility of U19 teams playing in our tournaments so they can see what it will be like for them to keep playing.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

Get the game back on track and to get more teams onboard to play

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District	14

District Highlights

Tell us how 2020 impacted you as an Umpire:	As in all associations, the stoping of play in March this year effected the umpires with lots of man games lots
What plans are you making for 2021 with umpiring in your District	In 2021 Laurier Nobert will be the new District 14 but I will work with him to make sure the 2021 pre-season will get done in an timely manner.
What are some of the positives things that came out of COVID-19 in your area this year?	There were very few positives that came out of COVID-19. The interest in umping was still very high and hope those new umpires will return in 2021.

District Registration

What percentage, would you say, of umpires from 2019 registered for 2020 in your District?	90%
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	There is only 2 association. Mission and Ridge Meadows. Plans again will be support all the new umpires and hope to retain the umpires that would have worked in our association
How have umpires in your area reacted to the Return to Play Guidelines put out by Softball BC?	I have 10 umpires willing to umpires but during the summer it was very difficult getting umpires for games in phase 3. I have used as of August 17 only 6 umpires so far.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District in 2021 and/or 2022?	Keep on working as in previous years in getting new umpires in the fold and working on the mentor program.
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What is your goal for 2021 as a District UIC?

Retain umpires and make sure all receive attention in regard to improving their skills by taking courses.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

Not much.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?

1

What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?

No house program which was dissapointing. Refunds were necessary but unfortunate for players not playing.

Not enough teams registered to give all of our umpires enough games to develop.

As D15 has had issues due to various mergers we couldn't raise revenue to offset not receiving government grants. In 2021 the remaining association will qualify for grants.

What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?

The fact that SBBC was able to put together such a strong team to get us to the point that we are playing games at all is an amazing accomplishment.

Kudo's to the people on the return to play committees and to the SBBC team.

How will your District prepare for 2021?

Gym times are being booked and clinics organized. With luck Covid will start to become part of the past and not the present.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?

No house programs in 2020

What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing? Lots' of social media, The association has been dealing with Covid. Plans for 2021 will form up once we get a sense of what 2021 has to bring.

How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate? 2 senior teams
A Teams
06 Inferno
03 Heat
02 Heat
01 Heat

B Teams
Inferno 06
Inferno 07
Inferno 08
Inferno 09

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Invaders 04

Tell us one good memory from 2020 Uganda

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area? I give awards to our volunteers then I bow to them get on my knees and thank them for being born.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year? Up to my successor

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative? Not to be a District Representative.

I say that in jest. I've loved every minute of it, but it's time for someone else to take the helm.

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Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in the Softball BC Return to Play plans?	1
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	There was difficulty finding enough players to fill the teams who wanted to play.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of the reduced playing season for your District?	Better bonds were able to be formed between teams & players in our district.
How will your District prepare for 2021?	It is important to keep in touch with players and teams that chose not to register in 2020 to ensure we do not have a significant drop in numbers in 2021

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2020? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2021?	Yes, we hope that the teams that chose not to register for the 2020 season will come back for 2021.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Social media is used extensively by Delta Fastpitch which I think shows the community the dedication of the teams, players and volunteers to the sport and how much fun it can be.
How many teams from your district do you anticipate participating in the year end 'Covincials'? What are some of the challenges teams face when making the decision to participate?	I don't expect any teams to participate as the two teams I have registered were only interested in practicing, but that may change.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

I hope Delta can host the U19/Women's tournament again in 2021. I think this tournament provided some exposure for Minor players to see what Women's fastpitch was like and I hope that this will encourage more girls to continue playing ball after they are done at the Minor level.

What is your goal for 2021 as a District Representative?

I hope to continue to meet more people and learn more about what goes on behind the scenes in our organization so I can better support those around me and become a more knowledgeable advocate for the game of softball.
