



MOTIONS TO THE 2018 SOFTBALL ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MOTIONS



ALL CATEGORIES

Motion 5/18	Moved By: Grant Taylor	Seconded by: Will Spreadbury
Submitted by:	Zone 6 – Grant Taylor	
Reference:	Article IV, Provincial Hosting Guidelines, add to B3	
Motion:	For all age categories, that lead to Post-Provincial play, fences are to be installed that follow the distance guides as set up by Softball Canada	
Rationale:	Players, Coaches and fans like to see over the fence home runs. The ball is also kept in play by not allowing a hit to an outfield gap becoming an inside the park homerun. Many Associations own sets of fences that may be rented if needed at a very reasonable cost.	
		CARRIED

Motion 6/18	Moved By: Blaine Rudd	Seconded by: Jim Portman
Submitted by:	Zone 3 – Blaine Rudd	
Reference:	Article III. Section P. Provincial Playoffs – Point 3. Standings at the Completion of the Qualifying Round – Notes – Page 46	
Motion:	Remove & (Minor – NON Post Provincial Categories) leaving only [SP] in first box and Change [Adult FP & (Minor – Post Provincial Categories ONLY)] to read [Fast Pitch] in second box	
Rationale:	The final score of the game should be the score used for tiebreaker purposes. Visitors should not be penalized and not receive the runs they scored in the last half inning of the game. Will help with confusion with spectators as many will report to the supervisor that the score of the game has been recorded wrong.	
		CARRIED

Motion 7/18	Moved By: Blaine Rudd	Seconded by: Daryl Helmer
Submitted by:	Zone 3 – Blaine Rudd	
Reference:	Article III. Section M. Playoff Procedures Point 16 – Page 40	
Motion:	Add the following after the existing statement to remove the fans/spectators from the ball park – failure to comply shall result in a penalty up to and including a forfeit to the offending team.	
Rationale:	Currently the rule talks about a reasonable amount of time is provided to remove the fan/spectator from the ball park but it does not have any penalty should the offending team not comply.	
	WITHDRAWN	(Housekeeping)

Motion 8/18	Moved By:	Seconded by:
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 60, Article VII. Tournaments	
Motion:	Increase sanction fees for: NON-MEMBERS - \$100.00	
Rationale:		
	WITHDRAWN	

Motion 9/18	Moved By: Sherrill Spencer	Seconded by: Glen Hyshka
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 60, Article VII. Tournaments A.	
Motion:	Add to end of A. – ANY applications received less than 2 weeks prior to the tournament will be assessed a late fee of \$50.00	
Rationale:	Too many applications are being applied for at the last minute.	
Amendment:	Moved by: Terry Richter	Seconded by: Blaine Rudd
Amendment:	Change ‘will’ to ‘may’	
Amendment:	Passed	
Motion as amended:	Add to end of A. – ANY applications received less than 2 weeks prior to the tournament may be assessed a late fee of \$50.00	
		CARRIED

Motion 10/18	Moved By:	Seconded by:
Submitted by:	Zone 4 – Ross Towers	
Reference:	Article J, Section 1 b	
Motion:	<p>Add CLARIFICATION and EFFECT to this section</p> <p>CLARIFICATION: A batting helmet with facemask, or infielder defensive mask, are not legal for receiving warm up pitches.</p> <p>EFFECT: If the catcher (or other member of defensive team) is not wearing a mask with throat protector and helmet while receiving warm up pitches, and it is identified by an umpire assigned to that game, the following will occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The individual receiving the warm up pitches and the head coach for the team will receive a warning of the required equipment that must be worn. 2. Any subsequent occurrence during the same game by any member of the same team will result in the ejection of <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the catcher receiving the warm p pitches b) the head coach, if the member of the defensive team receiving the pitches is not a player. 	
Rationale:	<p>Currently, Softball Alberta requires specific safety equipment to be worn by whoever is receiving warm up pitches from a pitcher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However, there are no consequences for an individual not wearing the proper equipment, nor the coach who should be ensuring the safety of his/her team members by requiring the proper safety equipment be worn. • This is becoming a situation that occurs on a more regular basis, and when umpires point out that the safety equipment needs to be put on, the response is often negative from the individual involved. 	
	WITHDRAWN	(Housekeeping)

Motion 11/18	Moved By: Brad Lyon	Seconded by: Ralph Flewelling
Submitted by:	Zone 4 – Brad Lyon	
Reference:	Article III, Section O	
Motion:	<p>Add NEW Subsection 3 as follows:</p> <p>Where it is determined that a Zone Playoff is required, the local Zone Umpire Branch will assign an Umpire in Chief and umpires for the playoff. Umpire game fees, Umpire in Chief fees, and any accommodation, travel and meal expenses apply as outlined in Article VIII, Sections B and C. The host of the Zone Playoff is responsible for all fees related to umpires and the UIC for the playoff.</p>	
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the Handbook, Zone Playoffs are the start of the provincial playoffs for participating teams. • This wording clarifies that a UIC is required for each Zone Playoff. • It also clarifies the umpire and UIC fees that a host is required to cover, so the host understands the potential costs they could be facing. 	
Amendment:	Moved by: Brad Lyon	Seconded by: Ryan Webber
Amendment:	<p>MOTION:</p> <p>Page 61 Article VIII. - Rename UMPIRES & FEES – PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS & ZONE PLAYDOWNS</p> <p>Edit: A. add after ... each Provincial Playoff game <i>“and Zone Playdown game.”</i></p> <p>Edit: B. add after ... their Provincial Playoff game <i>“or Zone Playdown”</i></p> <p>Remove B. 9 (Pg 50) and re-number accordingly</p> <hr/> <p><i>Housekeeping:</i></p> <p>B. 1. Remove ‘The’ & ‘for Provincial Playoff is’ and it just remains as 1. Umpire Fee Schedule</p> <p>B. 2. In the table – remove words <i>“in Provincial Playoff”</i></p>	
Amendment:	Carried	
Motion as amended:	<p>Page 61 Article VIII. - Rename UMPIRES & FEES – PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS & ZONE PLAYDOWNS</p> <p>Edit: A. add after ... each Provincial Playoff game <i>“and Zone Playdown game.”</i></p> <p>Edit: B. add after ... their Provincial Playoff game <i>“or Zone Playdown”</i></p> <p>Remove B. 9 (Pg 50) and re-number accordingly</p>	
		CARRIED

MINOR

Motion 12/18	Moved By: Glen Hyshka	Seconded by: Sharon Henetiuk
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 29 – Section E Provincial Rosters – 5-Minor Category C	
Motion:	Remove – “The Player Transfer is only applicable in the year of issue” and replace with the following; Any player who has received an approved Player Transfer, that receiving Association will now become your Local Association.	
Rationale:	To further follow the purpose of the Player Transfer Rule as well as streamline the Player Transfer Conditions	
DEFEATED		

Motion 13/18	Moved By: Glen Hyshka	Seconded by: Sharon Henetiuk
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 30 – E. Provincial Rosters – 5.- MINOR Category c)	
Motion:	Remove <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extenuating circumstances, as validated by the approval committee. 	
Rationale:	To streamline the Player Transfer conditions and for those unusual or special circumstances that can't be resolved at the local level, they can still be forwarded to Softball Alberta and dealt with through our Policies, Objects, Bylaws, or Codes of Conduct.	
CARRIED		

Motion 14/18	Moved By: Todd Neuman	Seconded by: Cheryl Bali-Haubrich
Submitted by:	Zone 3 – Todd Neuman	
Reference:	Article III. Section J. Equipment – Point 2 Minor Category d) – Page 36	
Motion:	U14 to be replaced by U16	
Rationale:	This is a logical extension of the rule to include U16 players. Initially U16 players were not part of this requirement and hence saved the acquisition of a mask for a short as one playing season. This requirement has been in force for enough years now that any player in U16 for the 2019 and later playing seasons will already have a protective mask from their time in U14. It will not place any undue burden on a player to remain in the sport.	
		CARRIED

Motion 15/18	Moved By: Sharon Henetiuk	Seconded by: Tom Clooney
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 42, N. GAME PROCEDURES, 10. RUNS PER INNING b)	
Motion:	Add “NOT LEADING TO POST PROVINCIAL PLAY”to end of b) U14, U16, & U19 Categories	
Rationale:	These categories need a run rule in place. (19 run first innings are the start of the whole schedule delay)	
Amendment:	Moved by: Sharon Henetiuk Seconded by: Tom Clooney	
Amendment:	Page 42, N. GAME PROCEDURES, 10 b) i) Remove [C & D]	
Amendment:	CARRIED	
Motion as amended:	Page 42, N. GAME PROCEDURES, 10. RUNS PER INNING b) Add “NOT LEADING TO POST PROVINCIAL PLAY”to end of b) U14, U16, & U19 Categories AND Page 42, N. GAME PROCEDURES, 10 b) i) Remove [C & D]	
		CARRIED

Motion 16/18	Moved By:	Seconded by:
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 42, N. GAME PROCEDURES, 10 b) i)	
Motion:	Remove [C & D] & add at end of paragraph i) Exception: U16 B & U19 B	
Rationale:	These categories need a run rule in place. (19 run first innings are the start of the whole schedule delay)	
	WITHDRAWN	

FAST PITCH

Motion 17/18	Moved By: Tom Clooney	Seconded by: Kareena Zanolli
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	P. PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS Page 45 2 d) i) [Adult FP categories] - The top two teams advance to the championship round.	
Motion:	Add: Categories not advancing to post provincial play - The top four teams advance to the championship round.	
Rationale:	More teams will be playing on the Sunday, not just 2 teams in a 1 game final.	
	CARRIED	

Motion 18/18	Moved By: Tom Clooney	Seconded by: Sherrill Spencer
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	P. PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS Page 47 5 a) ADULT Five (5) teams or less: Top two teams play a single game playoff.	
Motion:	Remove - Five (5) teams or less and change (6) to (5) in point below.	
Rationale:	More teams will be playing on the Sunday, not just 2 teams in a 1 game final.	
	CARRIED	

SLO-PITCH

Motion 19/18	Moved By: Kareena Zanolli	Seconded by: Sherrill Spencer
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 30, E. PROVINCIAL ROSTERS	
Motion:	<p>Amend item 7. a) "ADULT SP Category:" as follows:</p> <p>7. ADULT SP Category:</p> <p>a) Team roster is a maximum of twenty (20) players.</p> <p>Exception: COED: Twenty (20) players with 5 men and 5 women and a maximum of ten (10) players per gender.</p>	
Rationale:	<p>In 2017 Softball Canada has increased roster size for Women's SP to maximum of 20. (Page 242 Sec 1.2 c. i) A motion to increase Men's to 20 is expected this year.</p> <p>Even if Softball Canada does not vote to increase Mens' rosters, having a larger roster size at Softball Alberta Provincials allows more athletes to be affiliated, experience a Provincial Championship and be available for pick up by a team attending the Canadian Championships.</p>	
		CARRIED

Motion 20/18	Moved By: Kareena Zanolli	Seconded by: Sherrill Spencer
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 51, ARTICLE V. POST-PROVINCIAL PLAY A. QUALIFYING CATEGORIES	
Motion:	<p>Change "Note:" in item 2. "SLO-PITCH Category" to 2. a) and revise to read:</p> <p>a) Teams advancing to a championship which occurs a year or more after qualifying shall have a minimum of eight (8) returning players from the original qualifying team in a category with a maximum roster of seventeen (17), or ten (10) returning in a category with a maximum roster of twenty (20) to retain that right.</p>	
Rationale:	<p>In 2017 Softball Canada has increased roster size for Women's SP to maximum of 20. (Page 242 Sec 1.2 c. i) A motion to increase Men's to 20 is expected this year.</p> <p>In categories that have a maximum roster size of 20 allowed at the Canadian Championship, Softball Alberta requiring only 8 returning players allows a to team to basically field an entirely new team of 12 players that were not part of the qualifying process.</p>	
		CARRIED

Motion 21/18	Moved By: Kareena Zanolli	Seconded by: Sherrill Spencer
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 51, ARTICLE V. POST-PROVINCIAL PLAY A. QUALIFYING CATEGORIES 2. SLO-PITCH Category	
Motion:	<p>Add 2. b) & c)</p> <p>b) All players and coaches attending post provincial play must be affiliated by roster deadline that calendar year.</p> <p>c) All players attending post provincial play, must be listed as a “player” on their affiliated roster. Persons listed as a coach only are not eligible to attend post provincial play as a player.</p>	
Rationale:	<p>Provide clarification as to which players are eligible to be added to Post-Provincial rosters. In the past teams have affiliated potential pick-ups by listing them as coaches on their Provincial roster, even when they were not in attendance at the event.</p> <p>The motion to increase the Provincial roster size to 20 should provide plenty of potential pick-ups and replacement players for teams attending post-provincial play.</p>	
		CARRIED

Motion 22/18	Moved By: Kareena Zanolli	Seconded by: Tom Clooney
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	Page 37 J. EQUIPMENT 4. ADULT SP Category:	
Motion:	<p>Add:</p> <p>b) ALL players, both male and female, are required to wear protective batting helmets while on deck, batting, and running bases in Provincial competition.</p> <p>And re-number b) “Refer to Softball Canada SP/FP Rule 3-6”... as c)</p>	
Rationale:	<p>Player safety is of paramount importance to Softball Alberta. Softball Alberta wants to make necessary rule changes to help prevent serious and potentially life-threatening head injuries.</p>	
Amendment:	Moved by: Mike Hrynenko	Seconded by: Kareena Zanolli
Amendment:	Add “approved” before protective	
Amendment:	CARRIED	
Motion as amended:	<p>Add:</p> <p>b) ALL players, both male and female, are required to wear <i>approved</i> protective batting helmets while on deck, batting, and running bases in Provincial competition.</p> <p>And re-number b) “Refer to Softball Canada SP/FP Rule 3-6”... as c)</p>	
		CARRIED

Motions from the floor:

75% of voting membership must be achieved to bring this motion to the floor.
 75% of voting membership was achieved and this motion was brought from the floor.

Motion 23/18	Moved By: Tom Clooney	Seconded by: Glen Hyshka
Submitted by:	Board of Directors	
Reference:	P. Provincial Playoffs 3. Notes (1) Page 46	
Motion:	add – EXCEPTION U10 & U12 Categories U10 & U12 Teams will be ranked according to criteria used in 3. a), b), c) for purpose of determining seeding for playoffs, no tiebreaker game is required	
Rationale:	When considering the LTPD model regarding periodization, U10 & U12 should have softball specific activity at a frequency of up to 2 to 3 times per week. With a provincial format this is up to double in a short period of time with just the round robin format. Noting also in the NCCP reference material, players aged 8-11 have not yet developed fully their sweating mechanism, they are at a higher risk of heat injuries. With the Provincials primarily played in the summer months, young players are at a higher risk of heat injuries, fatigue and injury. Tiebreakers in categories have seen teams play up to 4 games in one day. This addition will eliminate the risks	
		CARRIED



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NOTICE OF MOTION

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Alberta P/T Affiliation: Alberta

Date: Sept.05, 2018

REFERENCE (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

SOR Slo-Pitch

Page 249, Article 3.1 g)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

g) Men Only – The batter begins his at bat with a count of 1 ball, 1 strike.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

Revision:

Remove "Men Only", revise "his at bat" to "their at bat".

RATIONALE

This format speeds up the game. Helps keep games on schedule. Makes batters hitters, vs looking for a walk. This format was used by the Women at the Border Battle.

Last year we implemented walk off homeruns for Women, and increased Women's homerun limit to match the Men's game, this SOR should follow suit.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None

Please return by October 1, 2018 to Softball Canada via email, attention Donna Ozarko
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NOTICE OF MOTION

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Alberta **P/T Affiliation:** Alberta

Date: Sept.16, 2018

REFERENCE : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

SOR Slo-Pitch

Page 244, Article 2.1 Championship Round and 2.2 Model Draws

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

b) Championship Round

...In championships with 10 or more teams, 8 teams will play in the championship round...

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

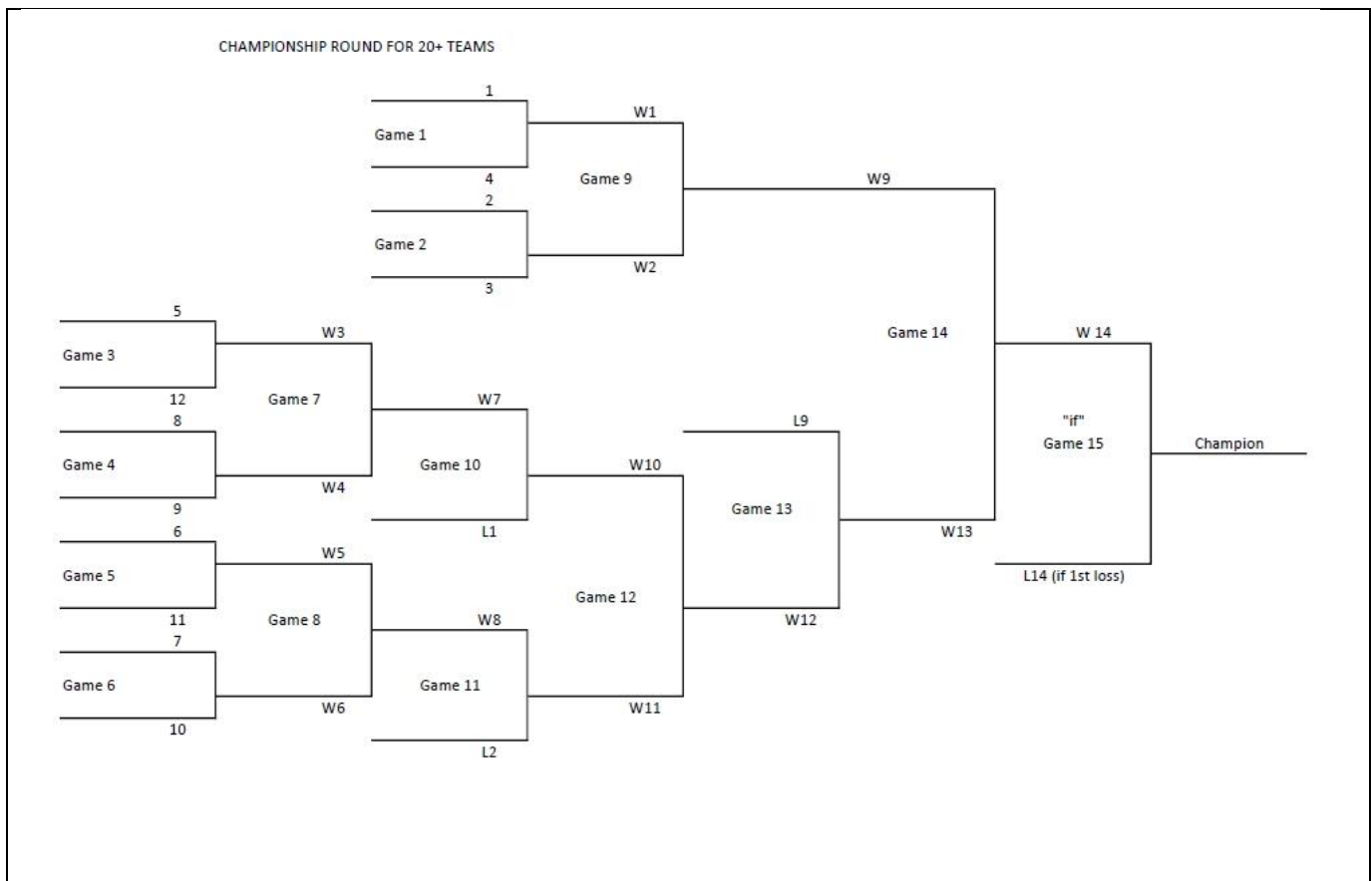
Revision:

b) ...In championships with **10 to 19 teams**, 8 teams will play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 teams will have a single "life". **In championships with 20 or more teams (where Qualifying Round is pooled), the top 2 teams from each pool will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 teams in each pool will have a single "life".**

Other revisions to be made accordingly:

2.1 a) iv) **Remove "The top 2 teams from each pool will advance to the Championship Round with Double life and the next 2 will have single life."**

2.2 Model Draws **addition for 20+ Team Championship.**



RATIONALE

This year a team at 7-3 did not make Championship Round. In larger events (like recent years) this will provide the opportunity for more teams to play beyond Qualifying Round. This also provides more meaningful play during late Qualifying Round play (more teams still fighting for playoff spots). Although there would be some increased cost, this also keeps more teams, players and fans around the park during Championship round, benefitting the host.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

Adds 4 more games to Championship Round. Additional diamond and umpire expense.

***Softball AB will be withdrawing this motion from the SC AGM. Rule changes / SOR's must be in place for 2 years before a new motion can be presented on the same rule / SOR. This was a new motion / SOR beginning only this year in 2018.*



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Submitted by: Shelley Rudd

P/T Affiliation: ALBERTA

Date: Sept 1, 2018

REFERENCE : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

SOR – FAST PITCH - Page 252
PART FOUR – CANADIAN FASTPITCH CHAMPIONSHIPS
ARTICLE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND PARTICIPATION 1.3 Participants

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

All Male divisions, U14 to U23, be allowed to have a maximum of 2 overage players per team. These players may not participate in the pitching position. Furthermore, these players must be players who are one year advanced from the current playing category of the team in question.

RATIONALE

To help players be able to still play with their teams even when they are a birth year displaced from the current age category. Areas may not have any higher level teams available. Would assist some teams to keep team intact in order to compete at Canadian Championships. Keep some players in the game longer. This is currently in place in the WCSA.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

NONE