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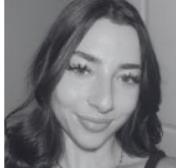
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Softball Saskatchewan, I am pleased to welcome all athletes, coaches, umpires, volunteers, parents and supporters to the 2026 softball season.

Softball continues to thrive in communities across our province because of the passion, commitment and dedication of the people who make our sport possible. From grassroots initiatives to high-performance programs and from local diamonds to provincial and national championships, your involvement helps build a strong, inclusive and positive softball community.

As we enter the 2026 season, Softball Saskatchewan remains committed to providing quality development opportunities, fostering safe and respectful environments and supporting excellence at all levels of play. We will continue working closely with our member associations to grow participation, develop officials and coaches and ensure our athletes have opportunities to succeed both on and off the field.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our volunteers, officials, coaches and administrators whose countless hours and tireless efforts are the backbone of our organization. Your leadership and dedication do not go unnoticed and are truly appreciated.

On behalf of our board and office staff, I would like to wish Guy Jacobson all the best in his upcoming retirement. Guy has been the Executive Director of Softball Saskatchewan for the past 36 years and was well respected in this role not only in our province but across Canada. He will certainly be missed. Also, we are pleased to have Jacqueline Eiwanger assume the role as Executive Director. Jacqueline has been with Softball Saskatchewan for the past 27 years as our Program Coordinator and is ready to take the lead.

We wish all participants a safe, successful and enjoyable season filled with teamwork, sportsmanship and memorable experiences. Best of luck to everyone in 2026 and we look forward to another outstanding year of softball in Saskatchewan.

See you on the diamond.
Gary MacDonald – President

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	
April 1	Board of Director Nomination Deadline
April 25	Softball Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting (AGM). Being held virtually.
May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliation Deadline (Minor) • Provincial Championship Entry Deadline for categories leading to Canadians and Westerns
June 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliation Deadline (Adult) • Provincial Championship Entry Deadline for categories NOT leading to Westerns or Canadians • Minor Provincial Roster Deadline
June 15	Adult Provincial Roster Deadline
October 1	Awards Program Nomination Deadline
October 24	Semi-Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon being held in Saskatoon

(Changes from the 2025 Handbook are highlighted in bold)

FASTPITCH OPERATING RULES

Article 1: General

- A. Softball Saskatchewan uses the Softball Canada Official Guide and Rule Book for its interpretation of playing the game of softball. Modifications to the official rules as stated herein take precedence over those in the Softball Canada Rule Book. Specific League rulings take precedence for league play regarding:
 - i. Game variances, the use of batting, running, pitching, etc.
- B. All affiliated leagues, associations, and teams will have complete charge over their operations and business, except:
 - i. In the case of a dispute, any affiliated league, association, or team, shall have the privilege of appealing to Softball Saskatchewan in writing, through their respective league or association, following the Softball Saskatchewan Safe Sport/Dispute Resolution Policy.
 - ii. In the case of provincial championships, which are governed by Softball Saskatchewan.

Article 2: Definitions

- A. **Association:** An organization of volunteers operated and controlled by a duly elected Executive or Board of Directors. The organization may be incorporated as a Non-Profit Corporation or not. The organization will administer the operation of softball within their center or District as per the Bylaws, Operating Rules, and Policies of Softball Saskatchewan. Associations that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan. A softball association may have players registered with it in one or more recognized divisions or categories and may operate one or more teams. Softball associations must pay the annual \$50.00 association/league membership fee to be recognized as an association. All teams in an association must have common signing officers for registration and releases and provide this information to the Executive Director of Softball Saskatchewan. Any changes to the officers of an association set up must be forwarded to the Executive Director of Softball Saskatchewan as they occur. Softball Saskatchewan will only recognize one (1) minor softball association in each city, town, or village.
- B. **League:** A combination of teams affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan through their respective associations or affiliated with another province who compete among themselves based on a regular schedule of games established by an elected or appointed group of individuals affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan. Leagues that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and pay the \$50.00 membership fee. Leagues must also have at least four (4) teams and a league executive to be eligible for membership.
- C. Minor Teams that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and the privilege to play for Provincial titles. A team must be affiliated with a minor association that is in good standing, and Softball Saskatchewan must be satisfied that the team has shown a substantial connection to the Association with which they affiliate to be eligible for admission to Softball Saskatchewan.

- D. **Adult Teams** that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and the privilege to play for Provincial titles. Adult teams must demonstrate that no association or league exists in their center and/or district to be accepted and approved for membership.
- E. **Center** (minor softball) - Any city, town, or village incorporated, as defined by the Department of Urban Affairs, and listed in the most recent Municipal Directory and which had a minor softball association affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan the previous season.
- F. **Non-Center** (minor softball) - Any city, town, or village incorporated, as defined by the Department of Urban Affairs, and listed in the most recent Municipal Directory and which did not have a minor softball association affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan the previous season.
- G. **Age Divisions:** Masters (40+ Male), Men's & Women's (M/F), U23 Men's (Canadians) and Minor (includes both Male and Female) in the following age categories: U20 M, U19 F, U17 M/F, U15 M/F, U13 M/F, U11 M/F and U9/U7/U5 (Learn To Play Softball) M/F.
- H. Provincial Championship Categories: Minor Girls - A, B, & C, Minor Boys – ‘Open’, Adult – A, ‘Open’ & Masters.
- I. **Umpire Associations:** Will qualify for membership into Softball Saskatchewan if they have five (5) or more registered umpires in their association.

Rule 1: RESIDENCY

Section 1 General

- A. Players and coaches registered on a team with the Association must be residents of Saskatchewan as of **May 15th** of the current playing year.
- B. Players and coaches who are not Canadian citizens may participate in a Provincial Championship if they have been **CONTINUOUS** residents of Saskatchewan for one (1) calendar year before the Provincial Championship registration deadline date and meet all other residency requirements. Players and

coaches registered on teams in categories that lead to a Canadian Championship must adhere to the Softball Canada Residency Rule of May 1st.

- C. Players and coaches registered on a team with the Association must be residents of the District they reside in by May 15th.**
- D. Urban players are defined as any player who lives within the corporate limits of any city, town, village, or hamlet. The street address must be supplied.
- E. Rural players must use the legal land description of the home quarter (Box numbers and sites are not acceptable). Google Maps using numbered roads will be used in determining a player's primary residence.
- F. For minor softball registration purposes, the address for players from the center/non-center shall be the address of the player's parent(s) and/or the address of the person who is in loco parentis of the player within the district. **(Players cannot use the addresses of relatives, billets, friends, etc).** Postal addresses (i.e., post box numbers or sites) are not acceptable. They must list the center/non-center they reside nearest to or reside in within the district.
- G. For minor softball registration purposes, the address from rural areas shall be the center/non-center closest to the residence of the player's parent(s) and/or the person who is in loco parentis of the player within the district.
- H. For adult softball registration purposes, the address shall be the player's place of residence.
- I. For adult softball registration purposes, the address for players from rural areas shall be the center closest to the player's place of residence.

Section 2 Dual Residency

- A. Minor players must register in the district where their parent(s)/court-appointed guardian(s) reside.
- B. Residency is established by:
 - i. The parent's usual residence when parents live in the same house, or if one of the parents is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent.
 - ii. In cases where parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player; OR, if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives; OR again, if the player lives equally with both parents, his/her place of residence shall be determined by Softball Saskatchewan.
- C. When legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence shall be determined by Softball Saskatchewan. The term "usual residence" is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.

Section 3 Residency Regulations

- 1. It shall be the obligation/responsibility of Softball Saskatchewan, in their sole and unfettered discretion to implement residency, affiliation and registration rules/regulations for the formation of teams and to rule on all matters of residency.

Rule 2: AGE CLASSIFICATION (MALE & FEMALE)

All ages before January 1 of the current playing year.

Learn To Play (LTP)

Under 5 - Male/Female	Born in 2021, 2022
Under 7 - Male/Female	Born in 2019, 2020
Under 9 - Male/Female	Born in 2017, 2018

Minor

Under 11 - Male/Female	Born in 2015, 2016
Under 13 - Male/Female	Born in 2013, 2014
Under 15 - Male/Female	Born in 2011, 2012
Under 17 - Male/Female	Born in 2009, 2010
Under 19 - Female	Born in 2007, 2008
Under 20 Male	Born in 2006, 2007, 2008

Adult

Under 23- Men	Born in 2003, 2004, 2005
Master Women's Fastpitch	35 during the current year
Master Men's Fastpitch	40 during the current year

Rule 3: PROOF OF AGE

Associations and Leagues are responsible for verifying the birthdate of all players and coaches who are members of their Association/League. Proof of age must be in the form of a copy of birth or baptismal certificate, passport, or a Saskatchewan Health Services card.

Rule 4: AFFILIATION (MEMBERSHIP)

Affiliation with Softball Saskatchewan is done online through the RAMP Registration system.

Section 1 Application for Affiliation (Membership)

- A. Application for affiliation (membership) will be accepted from associations, leagues, teams (players, coaches, and managers), and umpire associations as outlined below.
- B. Minor teams that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and the privilege to play for Provincial titles. A team must be affiliated with a minor association/league that is in good standing, and Softball Saskatchewan must be satisfied that the team has shown a substantial connection to the Association with which they affiliate to be eligible for admission to Softball Saskatchewan.
- C. All minor players must affiliate and try out/register with their local or nearest minor softball association within their district.

- D. Any minor player or coach wishing to play or coach with more than one affiliated association/league must receive a release from the Board of the Association or League the player/coach is a member of and signed by the President before playing any games. A copy of this written approval must be provided to the Executive Director of Softball Saskatchewan. Any player or coach violating this rule may be suspended.
- E. Minor softball associations in all centers shall be under one governing body. This body must affiliate with Softball Saskatchewan on or before the time they affiliate their teams (players, coaches, managers) or any teams governed by this body will not be affiliated. It will be the responsibility of that body for the accuracy of all player affiliation information.
- F. Adult teams that apply for membership will have all rights allotted by Softball Saskatchewan and the privilege to play for Provincial titles. Adult teams must demonstrate that no association or league exists in their center and/or district to be accepted and approved for membership.
- G. Clubs, Societies, or any organization whose sole purpose is in the organization and/or promotion of a tournament/event will qualify them for admission into Softball Saskatchewan.
- H. Approved applicants will receive membership in the Association by paying the annually set affiliation fees submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office. To be covered by the Softball Saskatchewan Insurance Program, players, coaches, and managers on teams must be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan on/or before May 15th for minors and June 1st for adults. All coaches must also have completed their Respect in Sport (RiS) training by this date. Information regarding the RiS is available on our website under the Respect in Sport tab. The program takes about 3 hours to complete and is free of charge.

*** MINOR Affiliation (Membership) Deadline Date: May 15th**

*** ADULT Affiliation (Membership) Deadline Date: June 1st**

- I. Affiliation/Membership Fee Structure:
 - i. \$50.00 (Association/League)
 - ii. \$12.00/player FP (U9 player fee - born in 2015 or later)
 - iii. \$17.00/player FP (minor players born in 2014 or earlier)
 - iv. \$17.00/player FP (all adult players born 2001 or earlier)
 - v. \$12.00/FP coach, manager, or volunteer
 - vi. Slo-Pitch - \$75.00/team
 - vii. FSIN Championships/Tony Cote Games - \$75.00/team
- J. Affiliation fees are non-transferable from one player to another. (i.e., if a player is deleted from a roster, their affiliation fee is nontransferable to a player being added). Once paid, a player's affiliation fee remains with them the entire season, the player being added must have their affiliation fee paid.
- K. All softball teams including players, coaches, and managers must be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan through an Association or league to be covered under our Insurance Program and to be eligible to register for Provincial Championships.
- L. Umpire Associations: Will qualify for membership into Softball Saskatchewan if they have five (5) or more registered umpires in their association.
- M. Affiliated teams attending tournaments will be covered by the Insurance Program ONLY if the tournament is SANCTIONED by Softball Saskatchewan.
- N. Affiliated teams attending tournaments & competitions in Canada, outside the province of Saskatchewan, will be covered by the insurance program ONLY if a Travel Permit is obtained before attending. The Travel Permit is available on our website. Travel permits are not needed for Western or Canadian Championships. Insurance is NOT provided for out-of-county travel.
- O. The Association, through the Board of Directors, reserves the right to refuse any application for affiliation (membership) in Softball Saskatchewan.

P. Membership Duration

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, membership with the Association begins on the date the Board (or designate) accepts the Member's registration and ends on a date determined by the Board (or designate) common to all Members (March 31st) or when the Member resigns or is terminated from Membership.

Q. Membership in Good Standing

Definition – A Member will be in good standing provided that the Member:

- i). Has not been suspended or expelled from membership or had other membership restrictions or sanctions imposed.
- ii). Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the Association.
- iii). Has complied with the By-laws, policies, and rules of the Association.
- iv). Is not subject to a disciplinary investigation or action by the Association, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Board; and
- v). Has paid all required membership fees.

R. Privileges of Good Standing – Subject to these By-laws and other governing documents of the Association, Members in good standing may be entitled to the following privileges:

- i). To attend, participate, and vote at meetings of the Members.
- ii). To participate in the Association's activities; and
- iii). To participate in other events associated with the Association.

S. **Cease to be in Good Standing –** Members that cease to be in good standing, as determined by the Board (or designate) or a disciplinary panel, will not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Members or be entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership until such time as the Board is satisfied that the member has met the definition of good standing.

T. A member has met the definition of good standing.

Rule 5: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section 1 General

All teams (players & coaches/managers) who register for the Provincial Championships must first be affiliated. All minor teams (players and coaches/managers) who register for Provincial Championships must be affiliated members of a local minor association or league. Softball Saskatchewan must be satisfied that the team has shown a substantial connection to the Association/League in which they affiliate. The Association, through the Board of Directors, reserves the right to refuse any application for registration in Provincial Championships and has the authority to re-categorize teams.

Section 2: Determining “A” Associations

For the 2026 season all Associations who wish to register "A" team(s) in Provincial Championships must apply by the following deadlines:

All Girls "A" Categories U13 and older Dec. 1st

Associations who will have more than one (1) team will have up until Feb. 1st to finalize their number of "A" teams.

Associations must demonstrate in their application their player development plan for each age category over a two-year period. We are looking for Associations to register teams in two consecutive years in the same age category or back-to-back age categories. Failure to do so will result in the association being ineligible to be an "A" Association for a period of three years in all age categories.

Associations selected to register “A” teams in each age category will

be notified within two weeks of the application deadline. This information will be published on our Association website. These will be the only teams allowed to register in the U13 and above "A" categories of Provincial Championships.

For the 2027 playing season the application deadline will be September 1st Determining the number of the teams an association has will be Nov. 1st.

Section 2 Provincial Championship Entry Fees

Minor Fastpitch	Player Roster	Reg. Fee	Travel Fund	Total Amount
Under 19 'A' Women's	15	222.00	315.00	537.00
Under 19 'B' Women's	15	222.00	315.00	537.00
Under 19 'C' Women's	20	222.00		222.00
Under 17 'A' Girls	15	210.00	315.00	525.00
Under 17 'B' & 'C' Girls	20	210.00		210.00
Under 15 'A' Girls	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 15 'B' & 'C' Girls North and South	20	200.00		200.00
Under 13 'A' Girls	15	200.00		200.00
Under 13 'B' & 'C' Girls North and South	20	200.00		200.00
Under 11 'A' & 'B' Girls North and South	20	200.00		200.00
Under 20 'Open' Men's	15	222.00	315.00	537.00
Under 20 'Open' Men's ***	15	222.00		222.00
Under 17 'Open' Boys	15	210.00	315.00	525.00
Under 17 'Open' Boys ***	20	210.00		210.00
Under 15 'Open' Boys	15	200.00	315.00	515.00
Under 15 'Open' Boys ***	20	200.00		200.00
Under 13 'Open' Boys	15	200.00		200.00
Under 11 'Open' Boys	20	200.00		200.00

*** For those teams not checking the 'Yes' box on the Letter of Intent Form

Adult Fastpitch	Player Roster	Reg. Fee	Travel Fund	Total Amount
Women's 'A'	15	277.50	315.00	592.50
Women's 'Open'	20	277.50		277.50
U23A Men	15	277.50		277.50
Men's 'A'	15	277.50		277.50
Men's 'Open'	20	277.50		277.50
Master Men	20	277.50		277.50

GST and PST are included in all registration fees where applicable.

Section 3 Provincial Championship Registration Procedures

- A. All teams entering Provincial Championships in categories that lead to a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship must submit the completed Provincial Championship team entry form, the appropriate Letter of Intent, and a \$2,000 bond, with registration fees, to the Softball Saskatchewan office in Regina by 4:00 pm on or before MAY 15th. (All entry forms must be accompanied by payment of fees (separate cheques/payment for fees required)).
- B. All teams entering Provincial Championships that DO NOT lead to a Canadian or Western Canadian must submit the completed Provincial Championship team entry form and fees to the Softball Saskatchewan office by 4:00 pm on or before JUNE 1st. All entry forms must be accompanied by payment of fees.
- C. Late Provincial Championship team entry forms will be accepted until 4:00 pm three (3) days following the entry deadline with an additional \$100 late entry fee. No exceptions.
- D. Incomplete provincial entry forms will not be accepted, they will be returned and must be resubmitted before the deadline. Late entry fees may apply.
- E. Minor team provincial rosters must be received via email to jac@softball.sk.ca in a fillable PDF Form (available on our website) on or before 4:00 pm on JUNE 1st. Incomplete rosters or those that are not in the proper format will not be accepted, they will be returned and must be resubmitted before the deadline.
- F. Adult team provincial rosters must be received via email to jac@softball.sk.ca in a fillable PDF Form (available on our website) on or before 4:00 pm on JUNE 15th. Incomplete rosters or those not in the proper format will not be accepted, they will be returned and must be resubmitted before the deadline.

Section 4 Provincial Roster Coaching Requirements

- 1. ALL coaches and managers MUST be affiliated before being listed on a provincial roster.

2. **ALL** persons listed on a provincial roster (coach/manager) **MUST** have their Respect in Sport (RiS) for ACTIVITY LEADERS (not workplace, parent, etc.).
3. Provincial rosters allow for up to a maximum of five (5) coaches/managers.
4. Provincial rosters must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is of the same gender as the category the team is registering in, and this coach must be on the bench during all games. (i.e.: Female teams must have a minimum of one (1) female coach, and male teams must have a minimum of one (1) male coach).

Section 5 N.C.C.P. Coaching Certification Requirements

Coach Certification Pathways:

- A. **CSOP - Community Sport On-Going Participation** (CSC-Community Softball Coach). Coaches who complete the e-learning (FOCS-Part 1 and MED) and the in-person clinic are deemed to be TRAINED (there is no certification at this level).

- B. **Comp. Intro. – Competition Introduction**

Coaches who complete the e-learning (FOCS-Part 1 & 2 and MED), online modules #1, #2, #3, and the in-person clinic are deemed to be TRAINED. Coaches can become CERTIFIED after completing and passing the on-field evaluation.

- C. **Comp. Dev. – Competition Development**

This pathway is for coaches who are interested in the Canada Games and National team opportunities and is administered by Softball Canada.

Coach E-Learning (Pre-requisites to take the above pathways)

- Part 1- Foundations of Coaching Softball (FOCS)
- Part 2- Foundations of Coaching Softball (FOCS)
- Online Evaluation: Make Ethical Decisions (MED)

Coach Certification Terminology

- **CSOP Trained** – Coaches who have completed e-learning (FOCS 1 & MED) and in-person clinic. There is no certification at this level.
- **Comp. Intro. Trained** - Coaches who have completed the e-learning (FOCS 1,2 & MED) online module(s), and in-person clinic.

- **Comp. Intro. Certified**— Coaches who have completed the Comp. Intro Trained requirements and have passed the on-field evaluation.

1. For teams registering in the U11 OPEN Boys & U11 OPEN Girls Provincial Championship categories
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach on the provincial roster who has taken the CSOP In-person clinic and the online MED and is on the bench at the championships. Anyone listed on a Provincial Roster must have their Respect in Sport (RiS).
2. For female teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that DO NOT lead to a Western or Canadian Championships (U13 B & C Girls, U15 B & C Girls, U17 B & C Girls, and U20C Women's):
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach on the provincial roster who is CSOP TRAINED and on the bench at the championships.
3. For male teams registering in Provincial Championship categories (U13 'Open', U15 'Open', U17 'Open' and U20 'Open') and who do not wish to attend a Western or Canadian Championship (check 'No' on the Letter of Intent):
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach on the provincial roster who is CSOP TRAINED and on the bench at the championships.
4. For MINOR teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Western Canadian (U13 A Girls, U13 Open Boys and U19 B Girls):
 - U19 B teams must have a minimum of one (1) coach, who is Comp. Intro. CERTIFIED and on the bench at the championship.
 - U13 A Girls and U13 Open Boys teams must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is Comp. Intro. TRAINED and on the bench at the championship.

5. For MINOR male teams registering in Provincial Championship categories (U15 'Open', U17 'Open' and U20 'Open') and who wish to attend a Western Canadian Championship (checked 'Yes' on the Letter of Intent):
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is Comp. Intro. CERTIFIED and on the bench at the championship.
6. For MINOR teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Canadian Championship (U15A Girls, U17A Girls, U19A Women's and U15 and U17 Open Boys and U20 'Open' Men's):
 - The head coach must be identified on the provincial roster and must be Comp. Intro. CERTIFIED and who attends all games.
 - Any assistant coach who wishes to be on-field and in the coaches, box must be Comp. Intro. TRAINED.
7. For ADULT teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Western Canadian (Men's & Women's).
 - Must have a minimum of one (1) coach who is CSOP TRAINED and on the bench at the championship.
8. For ADULT teams registering in Provincial Championship categories that lead to a Canadian Championship (U23A Men's and Men's & Women's):
 - The head coach must be identified on the provincial roster and must be Comp. Intro CERTIFIED and who attends all games.
 - Assistant coaches only require their Respect in Sport (RiS).
 - Master teams only require all coaches to have their Respect in Sport (RiS).
9. The required trained or certified coach must be in attendance and on the bench at all Provincial Championship games. Effect: Absent coach is fined \$100.00, and no base coaches will be allowed on the playing field. The required trained or certified coaches not attending Provincial Championships may be suspended. Teams requiring a certified coach for Provincial

Championships, and who do not have this person on the roster at the registration deadline, will be fined \$100.00. No exceptions. Teams adding a certified coach after the roster registration deadline will still be fined \$100.00.

Section 6 MINOR Provincial Championship Team Formation

1. Teams registering in ALL Minor age categories must make their player selections from within the Sask Sport District, of which they reside or attend school (**Elementary or High School**).

Players who reside in one district but attend school during the February – June education period in a different district may choose to register in either district. Players who choose to register with an Association outside their district of residence must still submit a District Transfer if registering for provincial championships. Players cannot use the addresses of relatives, billets, friends, etc.). The reside or attend school rule has been updated to address situations where players who reside in one district, but their school is in another district. The address and school are in close proximity to one another; it's not for players to just go wherever they want.

**Proof of school attendance must be submitted and attached to the District Transfer Form. Minor Player Evaluations/Tryouts
All minor player evaluations can be held anytime.**

3. Age Category Information

A. U19 Women's Categories - U19 A, B, C

- **U19 A**
 - For teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian Championship teams must submit the appropriate Canadian Championship Letter of Intent.
 - There are no population limits.
 - Associations who form “A” teams may also register team(s) in “B” and or “C”.
- **U19 B**
 - Is for teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Western Canadian Championship and teams must submit the

appropriate Western Canadian Championship Letter of Intent.

- There are no population limits.

- **U19 C**

- Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
- There are no population or community limits in the U19C category.

B. U17 Girls Categories - A, B, and C

- **A Category**

- For teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian OR Western Championship teams must submit the appropriate Letter of Intent.
- There are no population or community limits in the A category.
- Associations that register an A team may also register a team(s) in B and or C and not have to meet the population or community limits.

- **B Category**

- Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
- Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
- there are no population limits and Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 6 communities.

- **C Category**

- Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
- Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.
- Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 6 communities and a maximum of 25,000 population.

C. U15 Girls Categories - A, B, and C

- A Category
 - For teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian OR Western Championship
 - Teams must submit the appropriate Letter of Intent.
 - There are no population or community limits.
 - Associations that register an A team may also register a team(s) in B and or C and not have to meet the population or community limits.
- B Category
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
 - There will be two provincials, one in the north and one in the south.
 - Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 6 communities and a maximum of 25,000 population.
- C Category
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
 - **There will be two provincials, one in the north and one in the south.**
 - Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 5 communities and 15,000 population.

D. U13 Girls Categories - A, B, and C

- A Category
 - For teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Western Canadian Championship
 - Teams must submit the appropriate Letter of Intent.
 - There are no population limits.
 - Associations that register an A team may also register a team(s) in B and or C and not have to meet the population or community limits.

- B Category
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
 - There will be two provincials, one in the north and one in the south.
 - Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 5 communities and a maximum of 15,000.
- C Category
 - Does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship.
 - There will be two provincials, one in the north and one in the south.
 - Associations are allowed to have players from a maximum of 5 communities and a maximum of 10,000 population.

E. U11 Girls Categories

- There may be three (3) categories in both the North and South. The North may be further split into 3 divisions – A, and two B (Green & White) and the South may be further split into 3 divisions – A and two B (Green & White). This means there may be 6 Provincial Champions in the U11 Category.
- A Category
 - No population or community limits
 - Associations who register “A” teams may also register team(s) in “B” and not be required to meet the community and population limits.
- B Category- teams are allowed to have players from a maximum of 5 communities and 10,000 population.

NOTE: North/South Provincial Championships

The dividing line for North/South Provincial Championships is a horizontal line across the province through Davidson and Yorkton. Davidson is in North and Yorkton is in South.

F. **U20 Boys Category** - The U20 “OPEN” category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian OR Western Championship MUST submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns.

G. **U17 Boys Categories** - The U17 “OPEN” category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian OR Western Championship MUST submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.

H. **U15 Boys Categories** - The U15 “OPEN” category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian OR Western Championship MUST submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.

I. **U13 Boys Categories** - The U13 “OPEN” category is for ALL teams. Those teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Western Championship MUST submit a Western Canadian Letter of Intent. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.

J. **U11 Boys Categories** - The U11 “OPEN” category is for ALL teams. Pending the number of teams entered we may split into two divisions.

K. **Population Limits** - To determine communities, any community with a population of 200 or less will not be counted in the maximum number of communities. The most recent Statistics Canada census numbers will be used to determine the population. To determine residency, we use Google Maps and numbered roads to determine a player’s primary residence.

L. **Affiliated Player (AP) Minor Boys ONLY** - Players may register on two teams for Provincials. If two championships are on at

the same time AP players can only participate in one championship. Coaches must identify on the Provincial Roster if a player is registered on two teams by using an Affiliated Player (AP) designation. The first commitment of the player MUST be to his age-eligible team. (i.e.: a U13 Player must first commit to his U13 team before playing with a U15 team). An AP player cannot be overaged. A team can add a maximum of three (3) AP players of which only one (1) can be utilized as a pitcher.

M. District 2 (Regina) and District 6 (Saskatoon) must register a minimum of the following teams in the Provincial Championships.

- A minimum of 4 teams in the U11A Girls category
- A minimum of 3 teams in the U13A Girls category
- A minimum of 2 teams in the U13B Girls category
- A minimum of 2 teams in the U15A Girls category
- A minimum of 2 teams in the U15B Girls category
- A minimum of 2 teams in the U17A Girls category
- A minimum of 1 team in the U17B Girls category
- A minimum of 1 team in the U19A Women's category
- A minimum of 1 team in the U19B Women's category

NOTE: District 2 and District 6 may register teams in the 'C' Categories provided the above rules are met.

Section 7 ADULT Provincial Championship Team Formation

1. Men's Categories

There will be four (4) categories: U23A Men's, Men's A, Master Men's, and Men's "OPEN."

The U23 A category is for teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian Championship, and teams must submit the Canadian Championship Letter of Intent.

The Men's A category is for teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend Canadians OR Westerns, teams will submit a Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns

The “OPEN” category does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship. Teams MAY be split into two separate categories after the Entry deadline pending the number of entries.

The Master Men’s category is for teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend a Canadian Championship, and teams must submit the Canadian Championship Letter of Intent.

2. Women’s Categories

There will be two (2) categories: Women’s A and Women’s “OPEN”. The Women’s A category is for teams who wish to compete for the opportunity to attend Canadians OR Westerns, teams will submit the appropriate Letter of Intent for either Canadians or Westerns.

The “OPEN” category does not lead to a Western or Canadian Championship. Teams MAY be split into two separate categories (OPEN Green and OPEN White) after the Entry deadline pending the number of entries.

Section 8 Provincial District Boundaries

- A. The province shall be divided into nine (9) Districts:

District 1- Southeast	District 6- Saskatoon
District 2- Regina	District 7- Northwest
District 3- Southwest	District 8- Northeast
District 4- East Central	District 9- North
District 5- Central	
- B. The Softball Saskatchewan Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish Provincial team registration boundaries in all minor divisions; the map showing the Provincial District boundaries is at the back of this Handbook.
- C. For a complete listing of communities and member Associations/Leagues by District please refer to the lists at the back of this Handbook.

Section 9 Provincial Championship Draws

- A. All draws for Provincial Championships shall be made by Softball Saskatchewan and will be in a round-robin (RR) format. Teams that enter Provincial Championships do so with the

understanding that the RR format constitutes more games and therefore, teams may expect to begin Provincial Championships as early as FRIDAY MORNING, depending on the category and the number of teams accepted into the Provincial Championship. In all instances, Softball Saskatchewan will try to schedule Friday games based on practicality and the need for the games to be completed to accommodate the weekend schedule. Every effort will be made to post Provincial draws on the Softball Saskatchewan website two (2) weeks before the championship.

While pairings of the opening round remain a draw situation, the opening games must involve the pairing representing the closest teams to the Provincial site in their first games. Consideration will be given to the host team to have prime time for their second game of the day.

- B. When possible, there will be Bronze Medal games in all U11, U13, U15, and U17 age categories of the Provincial Championship.
- C. When there is only one (1) team registered in a category, no Provincial Championship will be held. If the category leads to a Western or Canadian, the team will still advance based on the Letter of Intent.
- D. Every effort will be made to provide all teams with a minimum of three (3) games for the Provincial Championships. NOTE: Upon completion of the RR, criteria will be used to seed teams for the playoff round there will be no tiebreaker game(s).
- E. Please note that there will be mandatory coaches' meetings before all Provincial Championships. The meetings will be held the week before the Provincials via Zoom. Any team not attending this meeting will forfeit their opportunity to take part in the coin toss to determine home/away for all RR games which will be done at this meeting.
- F. Undefeated team(s) after the RR will have a choice of being the home team in the playoff round until their first loss (if any) in the

playoff round. If both teams in the playoff round were undefeated in the RR, then a coin toss will be held.

G. All Provincial Championship games must be played to completion- NO TIES.

Section 10 Provincial Championship Tiebreaking Procedures

Final standings in the RR shall use the following criteria to determine the order of finish:

NOTE 1: No Provincial Championship games will remain a tie.

NOTE 2: If a game is tied after seven (7) complete innings, the teams will revert to the international tie-breaking rule starting in the top of the eighth (8th) inning.

NOTE 3: The final score of a game is also the score used for tiebreaking purposes. We no longer revert to the last complete inning.

NOTE 4: If the home team is ahead after 6.5 innings of play, they will NOT bat in the seventh (7th) inning. This rule will also be in effect if the.

Run Ahead Rule comes into play after 2.5, 3.5, 4.5 or 5.5 innings.

NOTE 5: The U11 and U13 age categories have their own run ahead rules.

A. Two (2) teams tied:

- i. The winner of the RR game between the tied teams receives the higher placement.
- ii. In the event the two (2) teams did not play each other in the Round Robin (RR):
 - i. The difference of plus and minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus per game for all games played in the round robin will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:
 - ii. The least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the RR will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:
 - iii. Total runs for each team, with a maximum of seven (7) runs per game for all games played in the RR, will be used to determine the higher placement.

B. Three (3) teams tied

- i. If all three (3) teams have played each other then the winner of the RR games between the tied teams will receive the higher placement.
- ii. If only one (1) team has played all teams they are tied with and have won both games, then they will receive the higher placement. The two (2) remaining teams will revert to the two (2) teams tied criteria above.
- iii. If the teams have, or have not, played each other, the difference of plus or minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus per game for all games played in the RR will be used to determine the highest placement. If the two (2) teams remaining have played each other, the head-to-head game will be used to determine 2nd and 3rd placements. If the two (2) teams have NOT played each other, the plus/minus criteria will be used to determine 2nd and 3rd placements. If still tied, then:
 - i. Least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the RR will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:
 - ii. Total runs for each team (with a maximum of seven (7) runs per game, for all games played in the RR) will be used to determine the higher placement.

C. Four (4) or more teams tied:

- i. If four (4) or more teams are tied, the following criteria will be used:
 - i. The difference of plus or minus of total runs scored, with a limit of seven (7) plus or minus for all games played in the RR, will be used to determine all four (4) placements. If still tied, then:
 - ii. The least runs allowed by each team for all games played in the RR will be used to determine the higher placement. If still tied, then:

- iii. Total runs for each team, with a maximum of seven (7) runs per game, for all games played in the RR, will be used to determine the higher placement.

Section 11 Provincial Championship Procedures

- A. Provincial rosters must have a minimum of eleven (11) players listed at the time of provincial registration (Exception: For U11 and U13 the minimum is 10 players). Teams can list up to five (5) coaches/managers on the provincial roster. All players and coaches/managers must first be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan before their names can appear on a provincial roster form.
- B. Coaches must be familiar with using line-up cards as they will be used at all championships. Generally, line-up cards are submitted to scorekeepers $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before game time and provided to the umpires at the pre-game plate conference. The line-up cards are provided to all hosts of Provincial Championships and are usually available from the scorekeeper.
- C. The certified coach is responsible and accountable for signing a copy of the provincial roster verification form before the first game of provincials to verify the accuracy of all information appearing on the roster registration form. Players must be able to produce identification (birth certificate or health card) at Provincial Championships if requested by the Softball Saskatchewan Representative. Failure to produce identification may constitute removal from the Provincial Championships.
- D. A player shall be considered registered with a team when his/her name appears on a roster registration form that has been received by the Softball Saskatchewan office.
- E. Players who have registered with an association/team may be released up to the established registration deadline date. Notification of the release must be in writing to the Executive Director.

- F. Managers and coaches may NOT participate as players unless they are registered as such.
- G. No player shall be allowed to register with more than one (1) team in Provincial Championships (except minor male and Masters). Any player violating this rule shall be automatically suspended from further softball competition for the current season. Players are encouraged to participate on teams within their age category. Further, players are not allowed to register in categories two (2) age groups above their actual age in the following categories: U13 may not register in U17, U15 may not register in U19 and U17 may not register in Women's. U19 girls and U20 boys aged players may register on an adult team provided they have obtained a release from their local minor association.

Section 12 Multiple Participation

Adult players shall be allowed to register and participate with one (1) fastpitch team (except Masters). Softball Saskatchewan will not allow any other forms of multiple participation in Provincial, Western, or Canadian Championships. **U23 Men's Players can also register with one (1) other Men's team.** Note: See Minor Male AP Rule 5, Section 6 (L).

Section 13 Minor Player Releases and District Transfers (must obtain every year if necessary)

For participation in the Provincial Championships, players must follow the following process:

- A. Before trying out or evaluating in another association a player must have a release from their home or nearest association and provide this signed release to the Association they are trying out with and to the Softball Saskatchewan Executive Director. If released, these players can register where they choose to within the district. (Exception: For players wanting to register with an association U19 A, U17 A, U15 A or U13 A team outside the district they must also obtain releases from all Associations who have an A team within the district and apply for a district transfer.)**

Further, if an association has a player registered for a tryout/evaluation from outside their district it is their responsibility to ensure the player has an approved release and or district transfer if required.

B. 2026 District Transfer Deadline Dates:

Feb. 1st	U13A, U15A, U17A Girls and U19A Women's
April 15th	All Minor B categories and all minor boys categories
May 1st	All U11 categories and all Minor C Girls categories

Final approval of applications will be complete upon review by the Softball Saskatchewan Board of Directors.

C. 2027 District Transfer Deadline Dates:

Oct. 1st	U13A, U15A, U17A Girls and U19A Women's
April 15th	All Minor B categories and all minor boys categories
May 1st	All U11 categories and all Minor C Girls categories

D. Players who are released to register on an A team outside their local or nearest association and or District and are not successful in making that A team must return to their home or next closest association that has a B or C team (if available) within the District. Players can only tryout/evaluate for one (1) A Team. However, if there is no B or C team available in their home or closest association, players may tryout for another A team and another release and transfer is required.

E. Players must obtain a release from their local or nearest minor association to register on an adult team.

F. To determine the nearest center, we will use Google Maps and numbered roads. The player release application form is available on our website. Applications must provide the rationale as to why there is no opportunity for the player to register on a team within or near their residence within the district.

Section 14 Reside or Attend School

Players who reside in one district but attend school during the February – June education period in a different district may choose to register in either district. Players who choose to register with an Association outside their district of residence must still submit a District Transfer if registering for provincial championships. Players cannot use the addresses of relatives, billets, friends, etc). The reside or attend school rule has been updated to address situations where players who reside in one district, but their school is in another district. The address and school are in close proximity to one another; it's not for players to just go wherever they want.

Proof of school attendance must be submitted and attached to the District Transfer Form.

Section 15 Player Protection Rule

Players who previously registered outside their home or nearest association for two (2) consecutive years with the same team for Provincial Championships within or outside of their district will have the option of registering with that association again if they want. These players will not require a release from their home or nearest association **but must still submit a District Transfer Form.**

Section 16 Inter-Provincial Player Transfer

Before trying out or evaluating in another association a player must have a release from their home or nearest association and provide this signed release along with an Inter-Provincial Application to the Softball Saskatchewan Executive Director.

Any “A” player or coach who is a permanent resident of Saskatchewan and wishes to register on a team outside the province must apply in writing for an inter-provincial transfer by the January 15th deadline. The deadline for all other categories is May 1st. Applicants must demonstrate what efforts were made to register on an “A” team within or outside their District of residence in Saskatchewan. Any player or coach who is not a permanent resident of Saskatchewan and wishes to register on a Saskatchewan team must have a written letter of permission from the provincial/territorial softball association they reside in. This letter of permission must be received by Softball Saskatchewan by January 15th if

registering on an “A” team and by May 1st if registering on any other team. The inter-provincial transfer application form is available on our website. Final approval of applications will be complete upon review by the Softball Saskatchewan Board of Directors.

Section 17 Team Withdrawal from Provincial Championships

In the event of a team withdrawing from Provincial Championships the team’s registration fee will not be refunded. Teams withdrawing within three (3) days of the Provincial Championship will be fined \$200.00 which will be split equally between the host and Softball Saskatchewan.

Section 18 Injury Replacement for Provincial Playoffs

Teams may be allowed to replace injured players. Injured players, and/or legal guardians for minors, must submit a signed medical professional note to the Executive Director seven (7) days before the first scheduled date of the Provincial Championships. The note must state the following:

- A. That the player sustained an injury or has an illness that will prevent him/her from participating.
- B. The length of time that the player will be unable to participate in sport. Injured players will be ineligible from further participation at the Provincial, Western Canadian, or Canadian Championships. Replacement players must be affiliated as of May 15th and not registered with another team in the Provincial Championships. Any false claims will be subject to suspension of the offending player, coaches, and/or managers.

Section 19 Postponement or Delay of Provincial Championships

- A. If inclement weather or other factors lead to a postponement of a Provincial Championship, it shall be held at the earliest date possible or the following weekend.
- B. Any game that is suspended for any reason shall be continued from the point of suspension at the first opportunity possible within the current tournament.
- C. The Softball Saskatchewan representative shall be empowered to take such steps, as necessary, to ensure the completion of a Provincial Championship.

D. If a Provincial Championship is partially completed during the days that it was officially set for and then rescheduled for a later date, the following shall apply:

- i. All completed games shall stand.
- ii. Any games suspended before five (5) complete innings of play must be resumed from the point of suspension.

Section 20 Provincial Championship Awards

Softball Saskatchewan will provide medals to the top teams in all minor age divisions (U11, U13, U15, U17, U19 Girls & U20 Boys). Adult divisions will receive a prize package for the provincial champion and finalist. When no Provincial Championship is played, no prize package is provided. Players and coaches in all minor age divisions will receive a participation t-shirt.

Section 21 Official Softball at Provincial Championships

Hosts of Provincial Championships must use Rawlings softballs. Softball Saskatchewan will supply a portion of the balls to be used at the Provincial Championships. Host centers that do not use the official Rawlings softball will not receive their Provincial Championship membership assistance program (MAP) grant. The official softballs are:

- A. U11 & U13 Boys and Girls- Rawlings Red Dot- 11" Optic (PX11RYLC)
- B. All other female categories- Rawlings Red Dot- 12" Optic (PX2RYLC).
- C. All other male categories- Rawlings K-Master- 120 12" Optic (C120YCC).

Section 22 Bid to Host Provincial Championships

- A. Provincial Championship hosting applications will be accepted from only affiliated leagues/ associations.
- B. 2027 bid to host applications must be received by the Softball Saskatchewan office on or before November 1st, 2026. Host sites will be determined by the Executive Director.

- C. Categories that remain open to bid will be awarded by the Executive Director.
- D. There is a \$50.00 hosting fee for Provincial Championships.

Section 23 Provincial Championship Representative

The Association will have a representative in attendance at all Provincial Championships. This representative shall exercise the authority of the Board of Directors at the championship and submit a written report to the Softball Saskatchewan office on all rulings. The Provincial Championship representative shall be empowered to take such steps as necessary to ensure the completion of the Provincial Championship under their authority.

Section 24 Financial Responsibility

- A. Officers of Softball Saskatchewan and participating players, coaches, managers, and assigned umpires are not required to pay gate admission at the Provincial Championships.
- B. All expenses incurred by the host in any Provincial Championship are the responsibility of the same; any profits realized at these championships are to be retained by the host.

Section 25 Umpires

- A. Provincial Championship assignments:
 - i. The District Umpire-in-Chief will assign umpires to all Provincial Championships. Umpires assigned shall be those who live near the championship location, regardless of which district they live in.
 - ii. The Umpire Development Committee (UDC) MAY assign umpires to Provincial Championships which lead to a National or Western Canadian Championship.
- B. Provincial Championship umpire fees shall be paid at a rate of:
 - i. **\$45 per game for plate/base umpire in the U11 & U13 age groups.**
 - ii. **\$60 per game for base/plate umpire in all age groups U15 and older.**
 - iii. If a one (1) umpire system must be used, the umpire fee is \$60 per game.

NOTE: *In addition, \$5.00 from every Provincial Championship game will be returned, by the host, to Softball Saskatchewan for future umpire recruitment, retention, and development initiatives upon completion of the championship.*

- C. The following expenses shall also be paid to umpires working Provincial Championships who must travel from outside the host center:
 - i. Mileage allowance- \$0.50 per kilometre (both ways)
 - ii. Hotel/ motel allowance- actual costs.
- D. All umpire fees and expenses shall be paid for by the host organization, and the Association shall not have any responsibilities therein.
- E. In all Provincial Championship games, the two (2) umpire system shall be used, unless the three (3) umpire system is requested by the hosting committee. In all U17 A, U19 A, U23 A Men's, and Men's and Women's A Provincial Championship a three (3) umpire system must be used in only the championship final game.

Section 26 Protests

- A. No protests shall be considered if they involve a decision by an umpire based solely on the umpire's judgment. Protests that will be received and considered concern matters of the following types:
 - i. Misinterpretation of a playing rule.
 - ii. Failure of an umpire to apply the correct ruling to a given situation.
 - iii. Failure of an umpire to impose the correct penalty for a given violation.
- B. A protest may properly involve a matter of judgment and the interpretation of a rule and in such an instance the finding of fact by the umpire cannot be the subject of the protests but the application of the rule to the facts as found by the umpire shall be the subject of a protest.

C. Concerning any protest regarding the matters referred to in A i, ii & iii (hereinafter called game-play protests) notification of intent to protest must be made immediately before the next pitch, and

- i. The coach/manager of the protesting team shall immediately notify the plate umpire that the game is being continued under protest. The plate umpire shall notify the opposing manager, official scorekeeper, and Provincial Championship supervisor. **Note: Once the umpire crew has left the diamond no protest will be accepted.**
- ii. All interested parties shall take notice of the conditions surrounding the making of the decision that will aid in the correct determination of the issue.
NOTE: *on appeal plays, the appeal must be made before the next pitch, legal or illegal, or before the defensive team has left the field. For this rule, the defensive team has "left the field" when all players have left fair territory on the way to the bench or dugout area.*
- iii. In all Provincial Championships, protests arising from gameplay shall be dealt with immediately and before play resumes. The results will be announced by the umpire.
- iv. At provincial championships the Protest Committee will be selected by the championship supervisor and will include one umpire.

Section 27 Ejections at Provincial Championships

Umpires officiating at any Provincial Championship game must complete and submit to the Softball Saskatchewan office the Game Incident/Ejection Report and notify the Provincial Championship representative of any ejection. The Game Incident/Ejection Report is a fillable form available on the Softball Saskatchewan website under the umpire tab.

Rule 6: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYING RULES

Section 1: General Rules

- A. The softball rules, as outlined in the Softball Canada Rule Book, will govern in all Provincial Championships, except where superseded by Softball Saskatchewan's Operating Rules.
- B. Teams (including players, coaches, and managers) shall be uniformly dressed at the Provincial Championships, as outlined in the Softball Canada Rule Book.
- C. Run Ahead Rule - All Provincial Championship fastpitch (FP) games will end after:
 - i. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ if the home team is ahead or 3 innings of play if the visiting team is ahead and there is a difference of fifteen (15) runs, or
 - ii. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ if the home team is ahead or 4 innings of play if the visiting team is ahead and there is a difference of ten (10) runs, or
 - iii. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, or 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings of play if there is a difference of seven (7) runs.
- D. No metal spikes or shoes with detachable cleats are allowed in the U11 and U13 age categories.
- E. Helmets are mandatory for batters, base runners, catchers, on-deck batters, and minor-age players who coach in the first and third base coach's box. In all categories of minor softball, a protective batting helmet is fully enclosed, with two (2) earflaps, a foam liner, and a peak.
- F. All male and female batters, on-deck batters, and baserunners in the U13, U15 & U17 age categories must wear an attached face mask. We also recommend that all defensive infield players wear facial protection.
- G. Anyone warming up the pitcher, on or off the diamond, must also wear a mask, helmet, and throat protector while receiving warm-up pitches before and during the game.

- H. Minor catchers must wear a protective helmet and mask with the attached throat protector. In addition, all minor catchers must wear shin guards which offer protection to the kneecap, body protectors, and athletic support with a protective cup (male and female).
- I. Batters' box in all age categories. After entering the batters' box, the batter must remain in the box with a least one (1) foot between pitches and while taking signals and practice swings.
Exceptions:
 - i. If the ball is hit foul or fair.
 - ii. On the swing, slap, or check swing.
 - iii. If forced out of the box by a pitch.
 - iv. On a wild pitch or passed ball.
 - v. If there is an attempted play.
 - vi. If time has been called.
 - vii. If the pitcher leaves the 8 ft circle or the catcher leaves the catcher's box.
 - viii. On a three-ball pitch that is a strike, which the batter thinks is a ball.

- J. Effects: If the batter leaves the batters' box and delays play and none of these exceptions apply, the umpire may warn the batter or call a strike.

NOTE: Any number of warnings and called strikes can be made with each batter. No pitch must be thrown and the ball is dead.

- K. In all minor categories, the "Re-Entry Rule" is waived in the case of injury if all substitutes have been used. The injured player who has been substituted is ineligible for the remainder of the game. The substitution must occur at the time of injury.
- L. In all Provincial Championship games, seven (7) innings will constitute a legal game with the following exceptions:
 - i. In ALL games in the U11 age category and ONLY in the Round Robin in the U13 age category.
 - ii. If a game is tied after seven (7) innings, it shall be played out to completion. The tiebreaker rule applies beginning at the top of the eighth (8) inning.

Section 2: U11 Playing Rules *NOTE: We do not use the minor softball rules at the back of the Softball Canada Rule Book.*

A. Time limit

- i. In the U11 male and female Provincial Championships there is a time limit where no new inning will start after 90 minutes in ALL games (Round Robin (RR) and Championship Round).
- ii. Time starts when the plate umpire calls, "Play Ball!" to start the game.
- iii. No games end in a tie. The tiebreaker rule will begin immediately after the time limit expires in the RR if necessary.
- iv. No additional time will be added to games in case of injury or protest.

NOTE: The home team will be responsible for scorekeeping and keeping track of the pitching and catching rules. The sheets will be turned in to the Host/Supervisor immediately following each game.

B. The Game

- i. The Infield Fly Rule does not apply.
- ii. **There will be no Run Ahead Rule in any games. All games must be played to five (5) innings or to the maximum time limit of (90) minutes.**
- iii. Maximum of five (5) runs per half inning. Once the fifth (5th) run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They do not start on base the next inning.
- iv. A coin toss will determine the home team for all RR games in the Provincial Championships. (This is being done at the Coaches Meeting before the Championships). Undefeated team(s) after the RR will have the choice of being the home team in the playoff round until the first loss, if any, in the playoff round. If both teams in the playoff round were undefeated in the RR, then a coin toss will be held.
- v. Everyone on the roster and in attendance must bat in all Provincial Championship games. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions. Effect: A coach who does not allow every player on the roster and in attendance to bat

shall be removed from the game and suspended from further participation in the championship. Softball Saskatchewan shall review reported instances of coaches who do not follow this rule. Injured player(s) who are unable to bat cannot return to play in that game after being declared injured.

- vi. **Softball Sask recommends that each player plays a defensive position for a minimum of one (1) complete inning per game.**
- vii. If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line-up card and scorebook.
 - i. Unlimited defensive substitutions
 - ii. Coaches must be familiar with using line-up cards as they will be used at all championships. Generally, line-up cards are submitted to scorekeepers $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before game time and provided to the umpires at the pre-game plate conference. The line-up cards are provided to all hosts of Provincial Championships and are usually available from the scorekeeper.

C. Ranking

- i. After the RR, teams are ranked based on:
 1. Win/loss record (there are no tie games in the Qualifying Round).
 2. Games played against each other.
 3. Total plus/minus of all games (runs for, minus against) with a maximum (+/-) per game being five (5) runs.
 - Least runs allowed in all games by each team.
 - Total runs scored in all games by each team.
 - Positions settled by a coin toss.
- ii. When using criteria #2, if one (1) team has beaten all the other teams whom they are tied with, then that team will be ranked highest regardless of whether the remaining teams have played one another.

- iii. When using criteria #3, team records are based on all games in the RR.
- iv. If the game is over, and the bottom one-half of the inning is not required, the home team does not bat in the bottom of the inning. The final score of a game is used for tiebreaking criteria.
- v. Teams will be ranked according to this criterion to determine seeding for playoffs. No tiebreaker game is required.

D. Pitching

- i. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of three (3) innings in ALL games. Should a pitcher throw one (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for a pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitched is that the coach is ejected, the player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be re-played.
- ii. In the event of a suspension in play, resulting in a day(s) delay, at U11 Provincial Championships, the pitching rule is carried over to the new day and the game resumes from the point of suspension.
- iii. The conference rule (regarding pitchers) in U11 will allow one (1) conference per pitcher, per inning, and the second (2) conference will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position but may remain in the game in another position.
- iv. All pitchers must wear a protective face mask.
- v. Walks are allowed.
- vi. There are no intentional walks.
- vii. A team is permitted unlimited offensive conferences per inning.

E. Catchers

- i. Catchers may catch a maximum of three (3) innings in RR games and three (3) innings in Championship Round games.

F. Batting

- i. The batter is out on the third strike, regardless of whether the ball is caught or not, the ball remains alive.
- ii. All batters, on-deck batters, and base runners must wear helmets that have an attached face mask.
- iii. Bunting is permitted.
- iv. Designated player use is not permitted.
- v. There are no intentional walks.

G. Base running

- i. **Stealing bases (2nd & 3rd) is always allowed when the ball is live. Stealing Home is prohibited.**
- ii. Runners may leave the base when the ball has crossed the plate. If they leave early, they will be called out.
- iii. Sliding is allowed.

H. No metal spikes or shoes with detachable cleats are allowed.

I. Distances and measurements

- i. Base path distance: 15.24m (50')
- ii. Pitching distance: 10.06m (33')
- iii. Softball: Rawlings 27.95cm (11") Red Dot

Section 3: U13 Playing Rules

A. Time limit

- i. For all categories of U13 Boys and Girls the Round Robin will utilize 5-inning games and NO TIME LIMIT. All Championship Round games are seven (7) innings.
- ii. No games end in a tie. The tiebreaker rule will begin immediately after the time limit expires in the RR if necessary.

B. The Game

- i. Maximum of five (5) runs per half inning. Once the fifth (5th) run is scored, all other runners are stranded. They do not start on base the next inning.
- ii. **In the Round Robin if either team is ahead by six (6) runs any time after 4 complete innings, the game is over.**

- iii. **In the Championship Round the Run Ahead Rule for all games is applied when one team leads another by $3 \frac{1}{2}$ if the home team is ahead or 4 innings of play if the visiting team is ahead and there is a difference of ten (10) runs, or $4 \frac{1}{2}$, 5 , $5 \frac{1}{2}$, 6 , or $6 \frac{1}{2}$ innings of play if there is a difference of seven (7) runs.**
- iv. **Softball Sask recommends that each player plays a defensive position for a minimum of one (1) complete inning per game.**
- v. If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line-up card and scorebook.

C. Ranking

- i. After the Round Robin, teams are ranked after the RR games based on:
 1. Win/loss record (there are no tie games in the Qualifying Round).
 2. Games played against each other.
 3. Total plus/minus of all games (runs for, minus against) with a maximum (+/-) per game being five (5) runs.
 - Least runs allowed in all games by each team.
 - Total runs scored in all games by each team.
 - Positions settled by a coin toss.
- ii. When using criteria #2, if one (1) team has beaten all the other teams whom they are tied with, then that team will be ranked highest regardless of whether the remaining teams have played one another.
- iii. When using criteria #3, team records are based on all games in the RR.
- iv. If the game is over, and the bottom half of the inning is not required, the home team does not bat in the bottom of the inning. The final score of a game is used for tiebreaking criteria.
- v. Teams will be ranked according to this criterion to determine seeding for playoffs. No tiebreaker game is required.

D. Pitching

- i. Pitchers in all U13 categories may pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game in the RR and four (4) innings in the Championship Round. Should a pitcher throw one (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitched. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for a pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitcher is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be replayed.
- ii. The conference rule (regarding pitchers) in U13 will allow one (1) conference per pitcher, per inning and the second (2) conference will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position but may remain in the game in another position.
- iii. In the event of a suspension in play results in a day(s) delay at a U13 Provincial Championship the pitching rule is carried over to the new day and the game resumes from the point of suspension.
- iv. All pitchers must wear a protective face mask.

E. Catchers

- i. Catchers may catch a maximum of three (3) innings in RR games and four (4) innings in Championship Round games.

F. Batting

- i. In only U13 B & C Girls everyone on the roster and in attendance must bat in all Provincial Championship games. There will be unlimited defensive substitutions. Effect: A coach who does not allow every player on the roster and in attendance to bat shall be removed from the game and suspended from further participation in the championship. Softball Saskatchewan shall review reported instances of coaches who do not follow this rule. Injured player(s) who are unable to bat cannot return to play in the game after being declared injured.
- ii. U13 A Girls and U13 "Open" Boys will use the 9-person batting order.

- iii. All batters, on-deck batters, and base runners must wear helmets that have an attached face mask.
- iv. There are no intentional walks.
- v. The dropped third strike rule shall not apply. The batter is out. Base runners may advance at their own risk with liability to be put out.

G. Base running

- i. Runners may leave the base when the ball has left the pitcher's hand. If they leave early, they will be called out.
- ii. Sliding is allowed.
- iii. Players can steal home.

H. No metal spikes or shoes with detachable cleats are allowed.

I. Distances and measurements

- i. Base path distance: 16.76m (55')
- ii. Pitching distance: 11.58m (38')
- iii. Softball: Rawlings 27.95cm (11") Red Dot

Section 4: U15 Playing Rules

- A. All categories of U15 Boys and Girls, Provincial Championship games will have a maximum of seven (7) runs scored per half inning. If in the top 7th inning of play, a team is up by more than seven (7) runs, then the game is over.
- B. Pitchers in all U15 categories may pitch a maximum of four (4) innings in all Round Robin games. There is no limit on innings pitched in the Championship round. Should a pitcher throw one (1) pitch this is classified as a complete inning pitcher. In the event of extra innings, the pitching rule is not in effect. The penalty for a pitcher(s) exceeding the limit of innings pitcher is that the coach is ejected, player(s) is removed from the pitching position and all illegal innings will be replayed.
- C. The conference rule (regarding pitchers) in U15 will allow one (1) conference per pitcher per inning and the second (2) conference will result in the pitcher being removed from the pitching position but may remain in the game in another position.

- D. In the event of a suspension in play resulting in a day(s) delay at the U15 Provincial Championships, the pitching rule is carried over to the new day and the game resumes from the point of suspension.
- E. All male and female batters, on-deck batters, and baserunners must wear helmets that have an attached face mask.
- F. All pitchers in the U15 age division must wear a protective mask.
- G. The designated player (DP) rule may be used in only the U15 A Girls and “Open” Boys categories.

Section 5: U17 Playing Rules

- A. In the U17B & C Girls categories, Provincial Championship games will have a maximum of seven (7) runs scored per half inning. If in the top 7th inning of play, a team is up by more than seven (7) runs, then the game is over.
- B. All batters, on-deck batters, and baserunners must wear a helmet with an attached face mask.
- C. All pitchers must wear a protective mask.

Rule 7: CANADIAN/WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section 1: Eligibility

- A. Canadian and Western Canadian Championships:
 - 1. The following Provincial Championship categories lead to a Canadian and Western Canadian Championship:
 - i. U15 A Girls & U15 Open Boys
 - ii. U17 A Girls & U17 Open Boys
 - 2. Softball Saskatchewan will approve sending the following teams to the above Canadian and Western Canadian Championships:
 - i. If the provincial championship has Eight (8) teams or less, then the Top Two (2) teams that check the

- “YES” box on the Letter of Intent will advance to Canadians. Three (3) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.
- ii. The next Two (2) teams that check the “YES” box on the Letter of Intent will advance to Western Canadians. Three (3) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.
- iii. If the provincial championship has Nine (9) teams or more teams, then the top Three (3) teams that check the “YES” box on the Letter of Intent will advance to Canadians. Four (4) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.
- iv. The next Two (2) teams that check the “YES” box on the Letter of Intent will advance to Western Canadians. Three (3) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.
- v. The appropriate Letter of intent must be received by the May 15th deadline. Teams registering in a category that leads to a Canadian and Western Canadian Championship must submit a \$2,000 bond with their Provincial Championship Entry Form in addition to the registration fee. (Separate cheques/payments must be made).
- vi. All teams who do not fulfill their obligations to attend a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship will forfeit their bond of \$2,000 and for Canadian Championships their \$850 Softball Canada registration fee.
- vii. Teams attending the Canadian Championships are responsible for paying a Softball Canada team registration fee of \$850 Per team.
- viii. For those Canadian Championship that allow import player(s), we will allow them to be added before or after the Provincial Championships. If added after provincials, they are also considered a pickup(s). Import player(s) must be released from their province of residence.

B. Canadian Championships

1. The following provincial championship categories lead to ONLY a Canadian Championship:

- i. U19 A Women's, U20 Open Men's, U23 Men's, Women's & Men's A and Master Men's
2. Softball Saskatchewan will approve sending the following teams to the above Canadian Championships:
 - i. The top Two (2) teams that check the "YES" box on the Letter of Intent to out-of-province championships and three (3) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.
 - ii. The appropriate Letter of intent must be received by the May 15th deadline. Teams registering in a category that leads to a Canadian Championship must submit a \$2,000 bond with their Provincial Championship Entry Form in addition to the registration fee. (Separate cheques/payments must be made).
 - iii. All teams who do not fulfill their obligations to attend a Canadian Championship will forfeit their bond of \$2,000 and for Canadian Championships their \$850 Softball Canada registration fee.
 - iv. Teams attending the Canadian Championships are responsible for paying a Softball Canada team registration fee of \$850 per team.
 - v. For those Canadian Championship that allow import player(s), we will allow them to be added before or after the Provincial Championships. If added after provincials, they are also considered a pickup(s). Import player(s) must be released from their province of residence.

C. Western Canadian Championships

1. The following provincial championship categories will lead to a Western Canadian Championship:
 - i. U13 A Girls and U13 Open Boys
 - ii. U19 B Women's
2. Softball Saskatchewan will approve sending the following teams to the above Western Canadian Championships:

- i. The TOP two (2) teams that check the “YES” box will advance to Western Canadians. Three (3) teams if Saskatchewan is hosting.
- ii. Teams must submit a \$2,000 bond with their Provincial Championship entry form in addition to the registration fee. Teams who do not fulfill their obligations to attend Western Canadian Championships will be fined.

D. Host Team:

In categories that lead to a Canadian AND/OR Western Canadian and when Saskatchewan is hosting the Canadian Championships the highest-ranking team from the Host center will be the Host team.

In categories that lead to a Canadian AND/OR Western Canadian and when Saskatchewan is hosting the Western Canadian Championships, the team from the Host center will be the Host team regardless of rankings. If there is more than one team from the Host center the Host team will be determined by rankings at the provincial championships.

E. Defending Champions:

Canadian Championships:

- i. In all Canadian Championship categories, the previous year’s champions are eligible to attend their respective Canadian Championship, subject to the following considerations:
 - a. At least seven (7) players from the previous year’s championship roster are still on the current provincial roster and in attendance. If the previous champion does not have seven (7) returning players, the provincial/territorial body can declare their Provincial Champion (or top-seeded team) as Defending Champion.
 - b. They follow Softball Saskatchewan’s team and player registration procedures.

Western Canadian Softball Championships:

- i. In all Western Canadian Championship categories, the defending championship team is not guaranteed a berth in the following year's championships.

Section 2: Player Pickups for Canadian and Western Canadian Championships

- A. Pickups are allowed following the Provincial Championships from categories as outlined in the player pickup charts below. Teams may add a maximum of three (3) registered players to their registration roster. However, player pickups cannot exceed the Softball Canada or Western Canada player roster quota, which is seventeen (17) players. The master quota is twenty (20) players.
- B. Teams eligible to pick-up players will be determined by the order of finish at the Provincial Championships. The highest-ranked teams attending the Canadian Championships get the first choices of pickups, and then the highest-ranked teams attending Westerns get the next choices.
- C. All players will only be eligible to be picked up once. Players cannot be picked up for both Western and Canadian Championships. Players may only participate in one Western Canadian but may participate in two (2) Canadian Championships.
- D. Player pickups who refuse to join a team attending a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship may lose the right to participate as a pickup in all championships. Any dispute regarding refusal to be picked up will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the President (or his/her designate) and two (2) board members.
- E. Registered players meeting age requirements but playing in an older age category are allowed to be picked-up should their team not advance past the Provincial Championship. However, the category the player is registered in gets the first choice of pickup following pickup procedures.
- F. The team with the first choice of pickups following a Provincial Championship has 48 hours from the time of winning the Provincial Championship to notify the Executive Director of their

pickups, if any. The team with the second choice of pickups has 48 hours from the time of being contacted to notify the Executive Director. The team with the third choice of pickups has 48 hours from the time of being contacted to notify the Executive Director.

- G. Players who are picked up to go to a Canadian Championship may return to his/her team and be able to participate in a Western Canadian Championship in the same year.
- H. Players registered on an "A" team playing in a Canadian Championship cannot be picked up by a team going to a Western Canadian Championship. (Exception: in male fastpitch only, Senior 'A' categories may pick up players from U23 'A' category).

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MINOR FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART						
ELIGIBLE PICK-UPS	Refer top down, not left to right	U19 A	U19B	U17 A	U15 A	U13 A
	U19 A Women's	X				
	U19 B & C Women's	X	X			
	U17 A Girls	X	X	X		
	U17 B & C Girls	X	X	X		
	U15 A Girls			X	X	
	U15 B Girls			X	X	
	U15 C Girls				X	
	U13 A, B, & C Girls				X	X

MINOR MALE CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART					
ELIGIBLE PICK-UPS	Refer top down, not left to right	U20 Open	U17 Open	U15 Open	U13 Open
	U20 Open Men's	X			
	U17 Open Boys	X	X		
	U15 Open Boys		X	X	
	U13 Open Boys			X	X
	U11 Open Boys				X

ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP PICK-UP CHART					
ELIGIBLE PICK-UPS	Refer top down, not left to right	Men's A	Women's A	Master Men's	U23 Men's
	Men's A	X			
	Women's A		X		
	Master Men's			X	
	Men's Open	X		X	
	Women's Open		X		
	U23 A Men's	X			X
	U20 Open Men's	X			X
	U19 A & B Women's		X		

Section 3: Provincial Non-Residents (Imports) Canadians Only
 Provincial non-resident players may be included on or added to a team's provincial roster. Players that are added after provincials will be considered a pickup. Eligibility will be as per the Softball Canada provincial non-resident rule under in the Rule Book. Imports must have an approved release from their Province of residence.

Section 4: Travel Assistance

- A. Teams participating in an in-province Canadian or Western Canadian Championship shall do so at their own expense.
- B. Teams participating in an out-of-province Canadian or Western Canadian shall be funded by the Softball Saskatchewan Travel Fund.

- i. Fund will be distributed and\] allotted as follows:
 - i. Two (2) teams attending out-of-province championship.
 - A. 60% to the highest-ranking team
 - B. 40% to the second highest-ranking team.
 - ii. Three (3) teams attending out-of-province championship:
 - A. 50% to the highest-ranking team.
 - B. 30% to the second highest-ranking team.
 - C. 20% to the third highest-ranking team.
- ii. Funding will be distributed based on ground miles using the following formula: Total Softball Saskatchewan travel fund dollars divided by total miles traveled by all teams. This will provide a per-mile rate to be used for all teams traveling.

C. Team Travel Fund

- i. Money in this fund will be allotted to ALL teams participating in out-of-province Canadian or Western Canadian Championships. Money in this fund comes from the \$300 travel fund fee paid by all teams registering in categories leading to a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship.
- ii. Funding will be distributed based on ground miles using the following formula: Total team travel fund dollars divided by total miles traveled by all teams. This will provide a per-mile rate to be used for all teams traveling.

Section 5: Bid to Host

- A. Associations interested in hosting a Canadian Championship should contact Softball Canada.
- B. Bids to host a Western Canadian Championship must be submitted in writing to the Softball Saskatchewan office by October 1st, one (1) year before the year of the event. A bid to host package, including criteria, is available from the Softball Saskatchewan office.

Section 6: Coaches at Canadian and Western Canadian Championships

Certified coaches not in attendance at a Western Canadian Championship will be fined \$250. Certified coaches not in attendance at a Canadian Championship will be fined \$2,500 in addition may be suspended by Softball Saskatchewan.

Section 7: Injury Replacement for Western and Canadian Championships

Teams will be allowed to replace injured players. Injured players and/or legal guardians for minors must submit a signed medical professional note to the Executive Director three (3) days before the first scheduled date of the Western Canadian and Canadian Championships. The note must state the following:

- i. That the player sustained an injury or has an illness that will prevent him/her from participating.
- ii. The length of time the player will be unable to participate in the sport.
- iii. Injured players will be ineligible for further participation at the Western Canadian and Canadian Championships. Replacement players must be listed on a provincial roster. Player pickups take precedence over injury replacement. Any false claims will be subject to suspension of the offending player, coaches, and/or managers.

Rule 8: TRAVEL PERMITS

Affiliated teams, players and umpires attending competitions in Canada, outside the Province of Saskatchewan, will be covered by the Insurance & Benefits program ONLY if a Travel Permit is obtained prior to the competition. The Travel Permit Form is available on our website and there is no charge to process. The deadline for submitting travel permits is two (2) weeks before departure. Insurance is NOT provided for out-of-county travel. A travel permit is not needed for teams attending Western & Canadian Championships.

Rule 9: TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS

- A. All tournaments must be sanctioned by Softball Saskatchewan

through the Executive Director. No tournament will be sanctioned unless the tournament committee or association is an affiliated member of Softball Saskatchewan.

- B. All Softball Saskatchewan/ Softball Canada rules and regulations shall apply.
- C. No sanctioned tournament shall accept entries from any team that is not an affiliated member of Softball Saskatchewan or any other provincial softball association. It will be the responsibility of the tournament organizers to ensure that all teams participating in their tournament are affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan or another provincial association.
- D. No team, player, or coach, who is a member of Softball Saskatchewan is permitted to play in a game with, or against, a non-member of Softball Saskatchewan without permission from Softball Saskatchewan.
- E. Any team, player, coach, or manager of an affiliated team taking part in an unsanctioned tournament may be suspended.
- F. All games in a sanctioned tournament shall be umpired by registered umpires in Saskatchewan. Umpires who participate in unsanctioned tournaments may be suspended.
- G. If any team withdraws from a sanctioned tournament after the entry has been accepted, the team shall be reported to Softball Saskatchewan for disciplinary action if deemed necessary.
- H. No tournament sanctions will be issued that conflict with any Provincial Championships scheduled for the same dates.
- I. Tournaments must use provincial team classification when inviting teams to participate in their event (i.e., U15 or Men's/Women's, etc.).
- J. A list of teams competing in the tournament must be submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office before the first game of the tournament.

- K. All irregularities, problems, conflicts, etc., must be reported to the Softball Saskatchewan office no later than five (5) days after completion of the tournament.
- L. Application for a tournament sanction must be made at least two (2) weeks before the tournament date. Tournament sanctions must always be posted during the tournament.

Rule 10: SUSPENSIONS/ APPEALS

Section 1: Suspension of Association Members

- A. Any member violating the bylaws, operating rules, and/or policies of the Association or refusing to abide by a decision made by the Board of Directors, may be expelled or suspended with the right to appeal.
- B. Any member of the Association may be suspended for any of the following:
 - a. Conduct detrimental to the game of softball.
 - b. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - c. Physical violence, proceeding, during, or following a game.
 - d. Commission of fraud, such as playing under an assumed name, or falsifying any documentation supplied to the Association.
 - e. Participating in a game where a suspended player, umpire, or team is involved.
 - f. Violation of Association policies.

Section 2: Suspension Procedures

- A. Suspension procedures will follow what is outlined in the Association's Safe Sport Dispute Resolution Policies found on our website.
- B. A league or association wishing Softball Saskatchewan to honor their suspension must provide written documentation stating the team or individual(s) whom they are suspending and the reasons for the suspension. The request will then be reviewed by Softball Saskatchewan-appointed representatives.

Section 3: Right of Appeal

Any members suspended by the Association may file an appeal as outlined in the Appeal Policy found on our website or available from our office.

Section 4: Penalty for Violation

So that the game of softball, as controlled by Softball Saskatchewan, and its members shall not be affected by financial interest, any appeal to courts of law, or a lawyer in anticipation of legal action, BEFORE all processes of appeal through Softball Saskatchewan and if applicable, through Softball Canada, are exhausted, shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct. Individuals who resort to such a procedure shall automatically and immediately be suspended from all privileges and affiliations with Softball Saskatchewan and its member associations.

Rule 11: CONCESSION APPLICATION

- A. Any request for a concession to an operating rule must be in writing and submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office, with attention to the Executive Director, and will only be accepted between January 1st and August 31st of each year. All applications must be made by the individual player, coach, or association who desires the concession to the operating rule. The committee appointed by the President reserves the right to entertain blanket concession applications from associations. Applicants who are denied their concession will not be eligible to apply for the same concession for two (2) years. The applicant shall have the right to make a brief presentation when the concession is heard by the Concession Committee (Zoom Video conferencing). Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$157.50 (\$150 + \$7.50 GST). If the concession application is successful, the registration fee will be refunded.

- B. A concession hearing shall be held as soon as reasonably possible after the date the concession is received. The Executive Director will notify the party(s) applying for the concession of the date and time the concession will be heard. The Executive Director shall supply, in writing, within seven (7) days of the date of the decision

of the Concession Committee, to the members requesting a concession. The decision of the Concession Committee shall be final and binding (no appeals allowed).

Rule 12: FASTPITCH DISTANCE TABLES

Female

Age	Ball Size	Pitching Distance	Baselines
U5	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U7	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U9	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U11	11" (27.95cm)	33' (10.06m)	50' (15.24m)
U13	11" (27.95cm)	38' (11.58m)	55' (16.76m)
U15	12" (30.50cm)	40' (12.20m)	60' (18.30m)
U17	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
U19	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
U23	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
ADULT	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)
MASTERS	12" (30.50cm)	43' (13.10m)	60' (18.30m)

Male

Age	Ball Size	Pitching Distance	Baselines
U5	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U7	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U9	11" (27.95cm)	30' (9.14m)	45' (13.70m)
U11	11" (27.95cm)	33' (10.06m)	50' (15.24m)
U13	11" (27.95cm)	38' (11.58m)	55' (16.76m)
U15	12" (30.50cm)	42' (12.80m)	60' (18.30m)
U17	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
U20	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
U23	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
ADULT	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)
MASTERS	12" (30.50cm)	46' (14.00m)	60' (18.30m)

SLO-PITCH OPERATING RULES

Rule 1: RESIDENCY

Players signing with teams that are registered with the Association must be residents of Saskatchewan as of May 1st of the current playing year. Categories, that lead to a Canadian Championship, must adhere to the Softball Canada residence rule.

Rule 2: AFFILIATION/MEMBERSHIP

- A. Applications will be accepted from teams (players and coaches), league executives, and umpire associations. Approved applicants will receive membership in the Association by paying the annually set affiliation fee accompanied by the Team Affiliation Certificate submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office. To be covered by the Softball Saskatchewan Insurance and Benefits Program, teams (including players and coaches) must be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan by May 1st.
- B. Affiliated teams attending a tournament will be covered by the Insurance and Benefits Program ONLY if the tournament is sanctioned by Softball Saskatchewan.
- C. Teams attending tournaments outside of Saskatchewan must obtain a travel permit to be covered by the Insurance and Benefits Program.
- D. Teams may affiliate with a maximum of twenty (20) players and five (5) coaches.
- E. Teams must be affiliated members of Softball Saskatchewan before they can register for provincial playoffs.
- F. The Association, through its Board of Directors, reserves the right to refuse any application for affiliation in Softball Saskatchewan.
- G. Slo-Pitch Affiliation fee (Membership) - \$75.00/team

Rule 3: 2025 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

Section 1: Fee Structure

Category	Player Quota	Provincial Registration Fee	Total
Men's Open	17	\$277.50	\$277.50
Co-ed Open (6 & 4)	20	\$277.50	\$277.50
Women's Open	20	\$277.50	\$277.50

GST and PST are included in all registration fees where applicable.

Please note teams registering in 'open' categories can be eligible to attend Canadian Championships. Teams qualifying to attend a Canadian Championship must also pay the Softball Canada Team Registration Fee of \$850 before the championship. This fee is collected by Softball Saskatchewan and submitted to Softball Canada.

Section 2: Provincial Championships

- A. Teams may register for provincial championships by submitting the completed provincial championship team entry form and Letter of Intent to the Softball Saskatchewan office with the appropriate fee by April 15th.

All players and coaches on teams registered in provincials must be affiliated by the provincial roster deadline

Section 3: Provincial Regulations

- A. Teams may register for provincial championships by submitting the completed provincial championship team entry form and Letter of Intent to the Softball Saskatchewan office with the appropriate fee by April 15th.
- B. A roster registration form listing all players and coaches, including signatures, must be submitted to the Softball Saskatchewan office by May 15th.
- C. Men's Rosters must have a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of seventeen (17) players on the roster registration form and a maximum of five (5) coaches.

- D. Women's Rosters must have a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of twenty (20) players on the roster registration form and a maximum of five (5) coaches.
- E. All players and coaches/ managers must first be affiliated with Softball Saskatchewan before they can sign a roster registration form for Provincial Playoffs.
- F. A player shall be considered registered with a team when his/her name appears on a provincial roster registration form, which has been received by the Softball Saskatchewan office.
- G. Managers and coaches may NOT participate as players unless they are registered as such.

Rule 4: PLAYING RULES

- A. The slo-pitch rules outlined in the Softball Canada Rule Book will govern all Provincial Championships.
- B. Bats - Before each Provincial Championship the Provincial Playoff Representative, in cooperation with the UIC, will determine the eligibility of bats based upon the safety of the players.
- C. For 2026 all eligible bats must have the following stamp visible for inspection:



- D. All offensive players must wear a batting helmet with two (2) ear flaps.

Rule 5: PLAYER PICKUPS FOR CANADIANS

Teams attending the Canadian Championships may pick up a maximum of three (3) players provided they do not exceed the maximum size of the roster for the championships. Players being picked up must have participated in the Provincial Slo-Pitch Championships during the year of competition.

Rule 6: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

All Provincial Championships will utilize round-robin draws whenever possible.



2026 Canadian Championship Dates & Locations

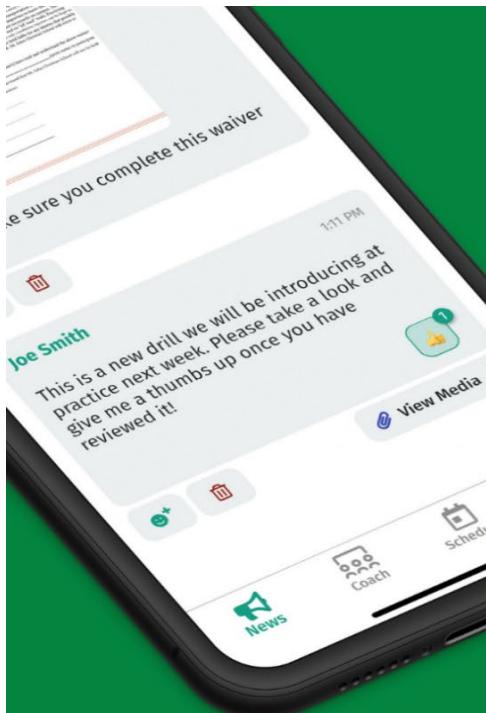
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U15 Girl's	July 28 – Aug. 2	Fredericton, NB
U17 Girl's	July 29 – Aug. 2	Calgary, AB
U19 Women's	Aug. 5 – 9	Calgary, AB
Women's	Aug. 5 – 9	Blackfalds, AB
U15 Boy's	Aug. 5 – 9	Surrey, BC
U17 Boy's	Aug. 5 – 9	Surrey, BC
U20 Men's	Aug. 11 – 16	Carp, ON
U23 Men's	Aug. 22 – 26	Saskatoon, SK
Men's & Master Men	Aug. 26 – 30	Saskatoon, SK
Men's & Women's SP	Aug. 9 - 15	Niagara Falls, ON



2026 Western Canadian Championship Dates & Locations

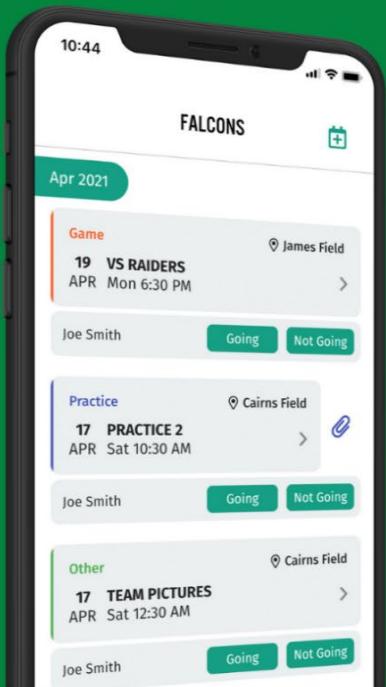
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
U13 Girls & Boys	Aug. 6 – 9	Balganie, SK
U15 Girls & boys	Aug. 13 – 16	Winkler, MB
U17 Girls & Boys	Aug. 6 – 9	St. Albert, AB
U19 Women's	Aug. 6 – 9	Ladysmith, BC





SHARE IMPORTANT INFO WITH EVERYONE ON YOUR TEAM

MANAGE YOUR TEAMS SCHEDULE AND EVENT ATTENDANCE



SOFTBALL MOBILE

For all coaches in the U9 age category. This app will allow coaches flexibility in building and sharing practice plans along with other amazing features.

The app will only be available to Member Associations and their affiliated coaches. More details will be emailed to associations and posted to our website.

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A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4 - 9

- Varied, FUN, activities in prepared lesson plans.
- Three flexible ability levels.
- Soft-core ball for safety and to encourage proper use of new skills
- Scheduled parent involved to provide maximum repetitions necessary to learn
- Simple activities provide high success rates
- Pitcher development
- Modifications to match characteristics of children
- Emphasis on skill development encourages proper skill rather than the development of "coping" skills that are often the negative result of traditional "game" focused programs.

Gradual progression and introduction to competition.

For more information, or to book a coaches/parents orientation,
contact our Program Coordinator,
at (306) 780-9235 or programcoordinator@softball.sk.ca

U9 FESTIVAL



- This festival is a unique 2-day tournament for U9 players. We utilize modified U9 rules that encourage development and participation, regardless of player skill level. We also have a Skills Zone and FUN Zone to add excitement to the event.
- To host a U9 Festival in your area, please contact our Program Coordinator at 306-780-9235 or programcoordinator@softball.sk.ca.

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) GRANTS

Funding for the Membership Assistance Program (MAP) Grant is received from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund through the sale of lottery tickets in the province of Saskatchewan. To be eligible to receive MAP funds, your organization must offer community or club-level sport development initiatives with the province. Your organization is required to acknowledge and publicly recognize that the MAP support received is derived from the proceeds of the sale of lottery tickets in Saskatchewan.

Softball Saskatchewan allocates MAP funds for the following initiatives:

- A. **Provincial Championships** - maximum \$300.00/team participating.
- B. **N.C.C.P. Coaching Clinic** - covers all expenses except registration fees and manuals.
- C. **Umpire Certification Schools** – covers all expenses except registration fees and manuals and is to develop umpires of all ages and abilities.
- D. **Athlete Skills Clinics** – provide clinics on basic skills, pitching, and hitting.
- E. **Learn to Play Orientations** – provide orientations for coaches and parents teaching athletes under 9 years of age.
- F. **Softball Development** – provide minor leagues with resources to purchase equipment and softballs while allowing adult leagues to assist with umpire costs for year-end tournaments.

For more information on the above M.A.P. Grants, please contact the Softball Saskatchewan office.

SOFTBALL SASKATCHEWAN UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE POLICY

Section 1: Vision and Goals

Vision Statement

That the Softball Saskatchewan Umpire Program in partnership with the Softball Canada Umpire Program, local Umpire Associations, and District U.I.C.'s provides leadership in identifying, developing, and promoting officials and programs necessary to effectively service our membership.

Goals

To ensure that quality programs and services are provided in a safe and inclusive environment that is created to address the wants, needs, and development of our members.

To provide quality opportunities and initiatives that will help recruit new and retain existing members.

To provide quality information and instruction to educate all members.

To ensure access to quality growth opportunities by providing consistent and accountable evaluation programs promptly to all members.

To ensure communication is provided on a timely and consistent basis that creates an awareness of programs and services related to umpire recruitment and development.

Section 2: Umpire Development Committee Structure

- A. The Umpire Development Committee (UDC) shall consist of one (1) member of the Board of Directors, Umpire-In-Chief and four (4) Deputy Umpire-In-Chiefs. All five (5) Umpire-In-Chief positions are appointed by the Board of Directors.**
- B. The UIC and two Deputy UIC positions will be appointed in odd years, and the two other Deputy UIC positions will be appointed in even years. The term for these positions is effective Dec. 15th**

annually. A request for submissions will be sent out by Nov. 15th annually, with an application deadline of Dec. 1st. When a vacancy exists for whatever reason, the UDC will recommend a replacement to the Board of Directors to complete the term. Alternatively, the Board may decide that the existing UIC's can fulfill the duties for the remainder of the term.

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	
Umpire In Chief (Odd years) Bob Clothier Rosetown Phone: (306) 948-9216 Email: clothierbob@hotmail.com	Deputy Umpire in Chief (Even years) Guy Lafreniere Prince Albert Phone: (306) 960-7105 Email: guylaf10@yahoo.ca
Deputy Umpire in Chief (Odd years) JR Simpson Saskatoon Phone: (306) 260-6005 Email: jrsimpson4u@gmail.com	Deputy Umpire in Chief (Even years) Moose Gibson Moose Jaw Phone: (306) 690-9641 Email: mjumpire@sasktel.net
Deputy Umpire in Chief (Odd years) Terrence Schneider Wakaw Phone: (306) 940-6088 Email: slip1@sasktel.net	Board Liaison Mark Carnduff Moose Jaw (306) 694-1972 district3@softball.sk.ca
Umpire Coordinator (Staff) Duane Bakken Regina Phone: (306) 551-3069 Email: umpirecoordinator@softball.sk.ca	

Section 3: Budget

The budget for the umpire program is prepared by the Umpire Development Committee with input from the Umpire Coordinator, approved by the Board of Directors, and administered by the Executive Director.

Section 4: District U.I.C.

- i. The U.I.C., in consultation with the District Director, shall appoint the respective District U.I.C.
- ii. Term of office shall be unlimited.

Section 5: Registration

A. Softball Saskatchewan Registration

- i. Attend a Provincial umpire clinic yearly and pay the registration fee set by Softball Saskatchewan. (Must be a registered Softball Saskatchewan Umpire to work Provincial Playoffs)
- ii. Umpires selected for a Western or Canadian Championship must attend an In-Person Umpire Clinic.
- iii. *Active Umpires:* An umpire who renews their certification annually and passes all requirements.
- iv. The online exam must be completed by July 1st.

B. Registration Fees

Under 18 years of age (ALL LEVELS) Born: 2008 or later	\$40.00
Level 1	\$75.00
Level 2	\$85.00
Level 3	\$100.00
Level 4 & 5	\$105.00

All umpires are also registered with Softball Canada and the \$20 Softball Canada registration fee is included as part of the above fee.



C. Certification Levels

- i. Individuals must be a minimum of twelve (12) years of age to register as an umpire.

Level 1

Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend an umpire clinic.• Obtain 60% or more on the Level 1 Certification Exam.
On-field Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officiate local minor or adult softball and Provincials
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write the Softball Canada exam and obtain 60% or more

Level 2

Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certified Level 1 Umpire for a minimum of one (1)• Be at least 16 years of age
Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend an umpire clinic• Obtain 70% or more on the Level 2 Certification Exam
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive one (1) successful local or regional evaluation
On-field Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officiate at local and provincial level and/or adult softball
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write the Softball Canada exam and obtain 70% or more

Level 3

Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certified Level 2 umpire for a minimum of two (2) years.
Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend an umpire clinic• Obtain 80% or more on the Level 3 Certification Exam
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive one successful evaluation
On-field Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officiate provincial minor or adult softball• Qualified to officiate U19 Women's fast pitch, U20 Men's fast pitch and U23 Men's fastpitch.
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend a clinic annually• Write the Softball Canada exam and obtain 80% or more

Level 4

Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certified Level 3 umpire for a minimum of two (2) years.
Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive two (2) successful evaluations by a provincial representative and recommendations forwarded to the UDC.• Receive a successful Level 4 evaluation at a U20 Men's, U19 Women's, or a Masters fastpitch Canadian Championship.
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend a Softball Canada Level 4 Umpire Theory Clinic.• Obtain 80% or more on the Level 4 Certification Exam
On-field Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officiate provincial minor or adult softball.• Officiate a Canadian Championship• Receive a successful Level 5 Evaluation
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend a clinic annually.• Write the Softball Canada Exam and obtain 80% or more.• Be active in Provincial officiating programs.

Level 5: This program is operated by Softball Canada.

D. Umpires Leaving the system (Levels 1-4): If an umpire does not officiate or register as an umpire for a period of two (2) or more years, they may return to their current level upon approval from the U.I.C. This may only happen once.

Section 6: Player and Coach Incident/Ejection Reports

Players and coaches who are ejected from a game or where an incident occurs must be reported. The Incident/Ejection Report is in a fillable format and available on the Softball Saskatchewan website. Incident/Ejection Reports must be completed within three (3) days for any League game, Sanctioned Tournament game, or Provincial Championship game. Incident/Ejection Reports for Association/League games and sanctioned tournaments will be forwarded to

Associations/Leagues to be dealt with, all others can be forwarded to Softball Saskatchewan.

Section 7: Evaluations

The Softball Saskatchewan Umpire Development Committee will establish an approved list of evaluators to do evaluations.

- A. Umpires traveling to Westerns or Canadians are 1st priority.
- B. Supervisors will be compensated for the weekend expenses.
 - i. An honorarium and daily per diem.
 - ii. 0.50/km return mileage.
 - iii. Accommodations will be compensated if required.
- C. Evaluations are to be distributed as follows:
 - iii. The umpire being evaluated will receive a copy.
 - iv. Softball Saskatchewan Office.
 - v. The Provincial UIC and the District UIC.
- D. The Umpire Development Committee may organize two (2) Evaluation events annually one (1) in the north and one (1) in the south. These events may or may not be done at Provincial Championships. The UDC may assign umpires and evaluators to these events.

Section 8: Provincial Playoff Assignments

- A. The District Umpire-In-Chief will assign umpires to all Provincial Championships. Umpires assigned shall be those who live near the Championship location regardless of which district they live in.
- B. Provincial Championships leading to a Canadian Championship.
 - i. Umpires selected to a Canadian Championship MAY be assigned by the UDC to a Provincial Championship for an evaluation.
 - ii. The UDC will be responsible for any accommodations and transportation if necessary. Game fees are supplied by the host committee.
 - iii. The UDC MAY assign a qualified evaluator/supervisor to selected Provincial Finals to assess and assist the umpires.

- iv. If more umpires are required, the District umpire-in-chief will assign.

Section 9: Canadian/Western Applications

- A. Umpires may submit their intent to attend a championship the following year to the Executive Director by September 30th.
- B. Selections are based on the following:
 - i. Umpires are asked to apply progressively; you shall apply for Western Canadians before Canadians
 - ii. Umpires are eligible to apply for consecutive Westerns or Canadians

Section 10: Canadian and Western Canadian Championship Selections

- A. The UDC shall select umpires for Canadians and Westerns from the applications received and recommendations from the UDC & District Umpire-In- Chief's, for submission to the Board of Directors for their approval.
- B. Umpires working Western Canadian or Canadian Championships shall be required to umpire Provincial Championships.
- C. Umpires may not be selected for all categories of a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship.
- D. Umpires selected to work any Western or Canadian Championship MUST attend an Umpire Clinic in the year of the Championship. In the Year that the UDC hosts an Elite Umpire Clinic, this is the clinic that will be attended by all umpires assigned to a Canada Games, Western Canadian, or Canadian Championships.
- E. Umpires Selected for a MINOR Canadian Championship must provide a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Search by April 15th.
- F. Umpires under 18 years of age who are selected for an out -of- province championship must be accompanied by a parent or legal

guardian. Softball Saskatchewan will pay for ground transportation or for one airfare (umpire) and entire cost of one (1) room accommodation at the championship.

G. Umpires must demonstrate a substantial connection to working our provincial championships and to their local associations to support their selection to a championship.

Section 11: Umpiring at Provincials

A. Provincial Championship assignments:

- i. The District Umpire-in-Chief will assign umpires to all Provincial Championships. Umpires assigned shall be those who live near the championship location, regardless of which district they live in.
- ii. The Umpire Development Committee (UDC) MAY assign umpires to Provincial Championships which lead to a National or Western Canadian Championship.

B. Provincial championship umpire fees shall be paid at a rate of:

- i. **\$45 per game for plate/base umpire in U11 and U13 age categories**
- ii. **\$60 per game for plate/base umpire in all age categories U15 and above.**
- iii. If a one (1) umpire system must be used, the umpire fee is \$60 per game.

NOTE: In addition, \$5.00 from every Provincial Championship game will be returned, by the host, to Softball Saskatchewan for future umpire recruitment, retention, and development initiatives upon completion of the championship.

C. The following expenses shall also be paid to umpires working Provincial Championships who must travel from outside the host center:

- i. Car allowance- \$0.50 per kilometre (both ways)
- ii. Hotel/ motel allowance- actual costs.

D. All umpire fees and expenses shall be paid for by the host organization, and the Association shall not have any responsibilities therein.

E. In all Provincial Championship games, the two (2) umpire system shall be used, unless the three (3) umpire system is requested by the hosting committee. In all U17 A, U19 A & B, U23 A, and Men's and Women's A Provincial Championships a three (3) umpire system must be used in the championship final game ONLY.

DISTRICT UMPIRE-IN-CHIEFS	
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District 5 TBA	District 6 Matthew Hall Saskatoon, SK 519-573-0854 matthewhall124@gmail.com
District 7 Jordan Rock Meadow Lake, SK (306) 960-0181 Jrock29@live.com	District 8 Jim Flynn Prince Albert, SK (306) 764-8824 flynn_jim@hotmail.com

INSURANCE PROGRAM

Coverage Eligibility

All registered players, managers, coaches, and officials of Softball Saskatchewan, whose names are on file and in good standing with the association, are eligible for insurance coverage. Our insurance provider is AON Reed Stenhouse.

Please be advised that insurance coverage through Softball Saskatchewan is a secondary policy and is only to be used if the claimant has no other personal insurance coverage or has a claim beyond the limits

of their personal coverage. Association and League Executives must obtain their own Directors and Officers (D & O) insurance and are encouraged to do so.

Request for Certificate of Insurance (To make a claim)

If you need a certificate of insurance for a sanctioned event, please fill out the certificate request form available on our website and email it to info@softball.sk.ca

Claim Information

All insurance claims must be received by Softball Saskatchewan and forwarded to All Sport within 30 days of the date of the accident. Please note that the insurance company does not pay medical bills directly and will not process incomplete forms. The claimant is responsible for paying all bills. All approved claims will be refunded directly to the claimant.

Claim Procedure

There are 3 easy steps for completing your insurance claim correctly:

1. Download the claim instruction sheet available on our website.
2. Download the required claim form(s): Athletic Accident Claim Forms
3. Send completed forms along with any invoices for expenses you incurred to info@softball.sk.ca

Questions?

Questions regarding the insurance coverage extended to members of Softball Saskatchewan should be directed to the Softball Saskatchewan Office at 306-780-9235.

OR

Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc.

Susan Fedyck

Phone: (306) 569-6715

Fax: (306) 359-0387

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RESPECT IN SPORT (RiS)

Softball Saskatchewan is committed to creating a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Coaches have a responsibility to create a sporting environment that is free from harassment, abuse, bullying, and neglect. Softball Saskatchewan requires that ALL coaches participating in the sport of softball must complete the online Respect in Sport (RiS) certification, as required by Sask Sport Inc.

The Softball Saskatchewan Respect in Sport policy can be found on our website.

To register:

- A. Visit the website <https://saskrc.respectgroupinc.com>
- B. Select “REGISTER A NEW USER”
- C. For username and password, please use your first and last name as entries for the username and no spaces should be included.
- D. When you have completed the registration, select “SUBMIT.”
- E. Select the appropriate language.
- F. Read the program instructions
- G. Click “PROGRAM CONTENT” to start the Activity Leader Program

If you have already taken an equivalent program, visit our website for instructions on how to add softball to your profile.



TOLL FREE: 1-888-329-4009

TEXT: 1-306-717-9636

resourceline@respectgroupinc.com

MERCHANDISE & RESOURCES

Softball Resources	Price
2026/2027 Softball Canada Rulebook	\$15.00
Scorebook (25 games)	\$15.00
Line-up Cards	\$15.00
Umpire Accessories	
Indicators	\$10.00
Bat Rings	\$8.00
Promotional Items	
Softball Saskatchewan Hats	\$20.00
Softball Saskatchewan Pins	\$1.00

AWARDS PROGRAM

Softball Saskatchewan is inviting nominations for the following awards:

Male & Female Athlete of the Year

- A. Include personal accomplishments for 2026 (i.e., recognition at Westerns or Canadians as all-star, MVP, Top Batter, or Top Pitcher).
- B. Include team accomplishments for 2026.
- C. Include other accomplishments or personal involvement in softball.

Coach of the Year

- A. Include accomplishments of your team in 2026.
- B. Include the philosophy of coaching.
- C. Include other involvement in softball.

Volunteer of the Year

- A. Include all activities the nominee was involved within 2026.
- B. Did the person do something “extra” or “special” in our sport?

Marilyn O'Driscoll Junior Umpire of The Year

- A. Applicants must be Under 18, born in 2008 or later.

- B. Include accomplishments for 2026 and involvement with Softball in your community, district, and or the province.
- C. Did the person do something “extra” or “special” in our sport?

Umpire of the Year

- D. Include accomplishments for 2026 and involvement with Softball Saskatchewan.
- E. Did the person do something “extra” or “special” in our sport?

Service Awards (maximum of 3)

- A. Outline the individual’s involvement in Softball (i.e., coach, player, umpire, and volunteer).
- B. Highlight accomplishments and/or achievements.
- C. Indicate the number of years they have been in our sport.

Ed Mann Memorial Bursary (Male/Female- \$500 each)

This award is for individuals participating at the grassroots level. Include contributions made to our sport at the provincial and/or community level.

Golden Anniversary Awards

This is a new award to recognize local adult Teams who have had 50+ years of operation. Teams or Associations who wish to be recognized for this significant achievement need to submit an email outlining the history of the team and any notable achievements.

The Awards Program Nomination Form is available on our website: Please submit a resume with the nomination form. The deadline for nominations for these awards is October 1st, 2026.

Send Nominations to: jac@softball.sk.ca

NOTICE OF SOFTBALL SASKATCHEWAN 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2026 Softball Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, April 25th. Pre-registration will be mandatory and for more information please contact the Softball Saskatchewan office at info@softball.sk.ca or call 306-780-9235. All who register for the AGM will receive the materials and information via email before the meeting.

Remember, you will be actively participating in setting guidelines that will promote and foster the growth of fastpitch, slo-pitch, and orthodox softball in Saskatchewan.

SOFTBALL SASKATCHEWAN HALL OF FAME

I. Purpose

The Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor those individuals and teams who have participated, served, represented, and or impacted the sport of softball in Saskatchewan.

II. Nominations

- A. Nominations may originate from any current or former member(s) in good standing with Softball Saskatchewan. Nominations must be accompanied by documents covering in as great a detail as possible, the athletic accomplishments, the service record, or both, of the person(s) and or club or team being nominated. Letters of support from local softball organizations, leagues, and Associations would be beneficial.
- B. Written nominations are encouraged to provide as much support documentation as possible covering the athletic, builder, and or officials' accomplishments or the service record or both, of the person(s) nominated (e.g., newspaper clippings). The claimed accomplishments or service record shall be supported by documentary evidence where there is any possibility of doubt.
- C. Nominations must be in the hands of the Committee by **September 1st** for consideration that year.
- D. Successful nominees for the Hall of Fame will be inducted at the Annual General Meeting of Softball Saskatchewan. All nominations approved by the Awards Committee shall be forwarded for final approval to the Board of Directors of Softball Saskatchewan with a recommendation for enrollment in the Hall of Fame.
- E. Nominations to the Hall of Fame will remain active for five (5) years. After this time the nominee will be notified to re-submit a new updated nomination.

F. Successful nominees and information on the Hall of Fame will be included on a new Hall of Fame page on our Softball Saskatchewan Website.

III. General Eligibility

- A. To be eligible for nomination the nominee must have been a resident of Saskatchewan during most of the time for which outstanding performance/service is claimed.
- B. Except for exceptional circumstances, be retired from Softball Saskatchewan participation in their nominated category for at least five (5) years before being eligible for selection to the Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame.

IV. Specific Eligibility Criteria

The Softball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame will have the following categories and eligibility for induction:

A. Athletes

- A. Have made a significant contribution to the winning of a medal in a minimum of five (5) provincial championships; or
- B. Have made a significant contribution to the winning of a medal in a minimum of four (4) Western Canadian, or two (2) Canadian Championships; or
- C. Have compiled an outstanding record at Provincial, Western Canadian, Canadian, or international competitions for at least ten (10) years.

B. Coaches

- A. Have coached, with distinction, at least six (6) teams at Provincial Championships (can be the same team or different teams); or
- B. Have coached, with distinction, at least four (4) teams at Western Canadian Championships or two (2) teams at Canadian Championships; or
- C. Have made notable contributions to the development of coaching in Saskatchewan or Canada.

C. Teams

- A. A club team that has won at least five (5) Provincial Championships within an eight (8) year period; or
- B. A club team that has represented Saskatchewan and won a medal in a least four (4) Western Canadian Championships within a nine (9) year period; or
- C. A club team that has represented Saskatchewan and won a medal in a least three (3) Canadian Championships within a nine (9) year period; or
- D. A provincial team that has won a gold medal at a Canada Games.
- E. For a team to be eligible for induction most players must be over the age of 35 at the time of nomination.

D. Umpires

- A. Have been a registered Softball Saskatchewan umpire for a minimum of fifteen (15) years.
- B. Have umpired with distinction in a least five (5) Western Canadian Championships; or
- C. Have umpired with distinction in a least three (3) Canadian Championships; or
- D. Have made notable contributions to the development of umpires in Saskatchewan or Canada.

E. Builders

- A. Have served, with distinction, as a member of Softball Saskatchewan for a minimum of fifteen (15) years; and
- B. Have made significant contributions to the sport of softball in Saskatchewan or Canada in an exemplary manner.

V. Recognition

Each successful nominee with receive:

- A. One (1) acrylic plaque.
- B. A Hall of Fame pin for each recipient in attendance. Additional pins may be purchased by those inductees not in attendance at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

VI. Annual Limit

Each year Softball Saskatchewan shall have a limit of five (5) selections to the Hall of Fame.

2025 LIST OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS & LEAGUES

District 1 – Minor Associations

Alameda Minor Ball
Arcola Minor Ball
Carlyle Minor Ball
Carnduff Minor Sports
Estevan Girls Softball
Grenfell Minor Ball
Indian Head Minor Ball
Kipling Minor Ball
Lampman Minor Ball
McLean Cubs
Moosomin Minor Ball
Ochapowace Minor Ball
Oxbow Minor Ball
Radville Minor Ball
Redvers Minor Ball
Quad Town Minor Ball
Wapella Minor Ball
Wawota Minor Ball
Weyburn Minor Ball
White Butte Storm Softball
Whitewood Minor Ball

District 1 – Adult Associations

Pilot Butte Slo-Pitch League
White City Slo-Pitch League
South East Men's Fastball
League
Lampman Ladies Ball League

District 2 – Minor Associations

Regina Minor Softball League

District 2 – Adult Associations

Regina Ladies League

Rambler Park Fastball League

Regina Senior Slo-Pitch League

District 3 – Minor Associations

Assiniboia Minor Ball
Bengough Minor Ball
Coronach Minor Ball
Gravelbourg Minor Ball
Gull Lake Athletic Association
Kincaid Minor Ball
Lafleche Minor Ball
Leader Minor Ball
Maple Creek Minor Ball
Moose Jaw Minor
Mossbank Minor
Ogema Minor Ball
Rockglen Minor Ball
Shaunavon Youth Ball
Swift Current Minor Ball

District 3 – Adult Associations

Moose Jaw Senior Ladies
Fastball

District 4 - Minor Associations

Canora Minor Ball
Churchbridge Minor Sports
Esterhazy Minor Ball

Foam Lake Minor Ball
Grayson Minor Ball
Langenburg Minor Ball
Melville Minor Ball
Neudorf Minor Ball
Okanese Minor Ball
Pheasant Creek Minor Ball
Preeceville Minor Ball
Stockholm Minor Ball
Yorkton Crush

District 5 – Minor Associations

Asquith Minor Ball
Beechy Minor Ball
Cupar Minor Ball
Davidson Junior Athletic
Delisle Minor Ball
Dundurn Minor Softball
East Central Softball
Fort Qu'Appelle Minor Ball
Hanley Minor Ball
Humboldt Minor Ball
Kelvington Minor Ball
Kenaston Minor Ball
Langham Minor Ball
Lanigan Minor Ball
Lucky Lake Minor Ball
Lumsden Minor Ball
Muenster Mite A's
Outlook Amateur Sports
Association
Osler Minor Ball
Quill Lake Minor Ball
Rosebud Royals
Southey Minor Ball
Twin City Angels Softball
Wadena Minor Sports

Watrous Minor Ball
Watson Minor Ball
Wynyard Minor Ball

District 5 – Adult Associations

Fort Qu'Appelle Slo-Pitch

District 6 – Minor Associations

Saskatoon Minor Softball
League

District 6 – Adult Associations

Saskatoon Amateur Softball
Association

District 7- Minor Associations

Battlefords Minor Softball
Biggar Minor Ball
Dodsland/Plenty Minor Ball
Eatonia Minor Ball
Edam Minor Ball
Elrose Minor Ball Association
Eston Minor Ball
Glaslyn Minor Ball
Goodsoil Minor Ball
Hillmond Minor Ball
Kerrobert Minor Ball
Kindersley Minor Sports
Lashburn Minor Ball
Luseland Minor Ball
Macklin Minor Ball
Maidstone Minor Ball
Meadow Lake Minor Ball
Perdue Minor Ball
Rosetown Minor Athletic
Association

St. Walberg Minor Ball	Leoville Minor Ball
Turtleford Minor Ball	Melfort Minor Ball
Unity Minor Ball	Naicam Minor Sports
Wilkie Minor Ball	Nipawin Minor Ball
District 8 – Minor Associations	Porcupine Plain Minor Ball
Arborfield Minor Ball	Prince Albert Minor Softball
Big River Sports	Association
Canwood Minor Sports	Rosthern Minor Ball
Carrot River Minor Ball	Shell Lake Minor Ball
Debden Minor Ball	Shellbrook Minor Sports
Duck Lake Minor Ball	Association
Hague Minor Ball	Spiritwood Minor Ball
Hudson Bay Minor Softball	Tisdale Minor Ball
Kinistino Minor Ball	Waldheim Minor Ball
Laird Minor Ball	Wakaw Minor Ball

SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES BY DISTRICT

District 1

Alameda
Alida
Antler
Arcola
Balgonie
Beaubier
Bellegarde
Benson
Bienfait
Broadview
Carievale
Carlyle
Carnduff
Ceylon
Colgate
Coppersands
Corning
Cowessess
Davin

Edenwold
Edgeley
Emerald Park
Estevan
Fertile
Fillmore
Fleming
Frobisher
Gainsborough
Glen Ewen
Glenavon
Grenfell
Griffin
Halbrite
Indian Head
Kahkewistehaw
Kendal
Kennedy
Kenosee Lake
Khedive

Kipling
Kisbey
Kronau
Lajord
Lake Alma
Lampman
Lang
Langbank
Macoun
Manor
Maryfield
Mclean
McTaggart
Midale
Milestone
Minton
Montmartre
Moosomin
North Portal
North Weyburn

Odessa	Assiniboia	Limerick	
Oxbow	Avonlea	Mankota	
Pangman	Belle Plain	Maple Creek	
Parkman	Bengough	Mendham	
Perry	Bethune	Meyronne	
Peebles	Big Beaver	Moose Jaw	
Pilot Butte	Bracken	Morse	
Qu'Appelle	Briercrest	Mortlach	
Radville	Brownlee	Mossbank	
Redvers	Bushell Park	Ogema	
Rocanville	Cabri	Pennant	
Sakimay	Cadillac	Pense	
Sedley	Caron	Pontiex	
Sintaluta	Caronport	Prelate	
Steelman	Central Butte	Richmond	
Storthoaks	Chamberlain	Riverhurst	
Summerberry	Chaplin	Rockglen	
Torquay	Climax	Rouleau	
Tyvan	Coronach	Sceptre	
Vibank	Courval	Shamrock	
Wapella	Craik	Shaunavon	
Wawota	Crane Valley	Spring Valley	
Welwyn	Dilke	Stewart Valley	
Weyburn	Drinkwater	Stony Beach	
White City	Eastend	Swift Current	
Whitewood	Fife Lake	Tompkins	
Wilcox	Findlater	Tugaske	
Windthorst	Fox Valley	Tuxford	
Yellowgrass	Frontier	Verwood	
Zagime First	Glenbain	Viceroy	
Nation	Gravelbourg	Waldeck	
Zehner	Gull Lake	Webb	
District 2		Willowbunch	
Regina	Hazenmore	Wood Mountain	
District 3		Wymark	
Abbey	Hazlet	District 4	
Admiral	Hodgeville	Abernathy	
	Holdfast	Balcarres	
	Kincaid		
	Lafleche		
	Leader		

Bangor	Sheho	Dundurn
Bredenbury	Springside	Duval
Buchanan	Spy Hill	Dysart
Canora	Stockholm	Earl Grey
Churchbridge	Sturgis	Elbow
Dubuc	Tantallon	Elfros
Ebenezer	Waldron	Elstow
Endeavour	West Bent	Englefeld
Esterhazy	Willowbrook	Fort Qu'Appelle
Fishing Lake	Wroxton	Fosston
Foam Lake	Yorkton	Furdale
Gerald		Govan
Goodeve	District 5	Grand Coulee
Grandora	Aberdeen	Grasswood
Grayson	Allan	Hanley
Hyas	Annaheim	Hawarden
Insinger	Asquith	Humboldt
Ituna	Beechy	Imperial
Jedburgh	Big Quill	Kannata Valley
Kamsack	Birsay	Kelvington
Katepwa	Bladworth	Kenaston
Killaly	Broderick	Lake Lenore
Kuroki	Bruno	Langham
Langenburg	Buena Vista	Lanigan
Lebret	Bulyea	Leroy
Lemburg	Burr	Lestock
Lintlaw	Clair	Liberty
Margo	Clavet	Lipton
Melville	Colonsay	Lockwood
Mikado	Conquest	Lucky Lake
Neudorf	Corman Park	Lumsden
Norquay	Craven	Macrorie
Okanese	Cupar	Manitou Beach
Okla	Dalmeny	Markinch
Pasqua	Davidson	Martensville
Pelly	Deer Valley	Middle Lake
Preeceville	Delisle	Muenster
Rhein	Demaine	Nokomis
Saltcoats	Drake	Nut Mountain

Osler	Arelee	Loon Lake
Outlook	Battleford	Luseland
Plunkett	Biggar	Macklin
Prairie Rose	Borden	Maidstone
Punnichy	Brock	Major
Quill Lake	Cactus Lake	Marengo
Quinton	Cando	Marshall
Raymore	Coleville	Maymont
Regina Beach	Cutknife	Meadow Lake
Rose Valley	Delmas	Medstead
Shields	Denzil	Meota
Silton	Dinsmore	Mervin
Simpson	Dodsland	Milden
Skyview Estates	Dorintosh	Neilburg
Southey	Eatonia	North Battleford
Spalding	Edam	Onion Lake
St. Brieux	Elrose	Paradise Hill
St. Denis	Eston	Paynton
St. Front	Fiske	Perdue
St. Gregor	Flaxcombe	Pierceland
Strasbourg	Flying Dust First	Plenty
Strongfield	Nation	Rabbit Lake
Thode	Frenchman Butte	Rapid View
Vanscoy	Glaslyn	Richard
Vonda	Glidden	Rockhaven
Wadena	Hafford	Rosetown
Warman	Handel	Ruddell
Watrous	Harris	Senlac
Watson	Hillmond	Sovereign
Whisper River	Kelfield	Spruce Lake
Estates	Kerrobert	St. Walburg
Wishart	Kindersley	Tessier
Wynyard	Kinley	Turtleford
Young	Kyle	Unity
District 6	Landis	Vawn
Saskatoon	Lashburn	Waseca
	Livelong	Waterhen Lake
	Lloydminster	Wilkie
District 7	Lone Rock	District 8

Albertville	Lac Vert	Spiritwood
Alvena	Laird	Spruce Home
Arborfield	Leask	St. Louis
Archerwill	Leoville	Stump Lake
Aylsham	Love	Sturgeon Lake
Bellevue	Macdowall	Sylvania
Big River	Marcelin	Tisdale
Birch Hills	Meath Park	Tway
Bjorkdale	Melfort	Victoire
Blaine Lake	Meskanaw	Wakaw
Canwood	Mildred	Waldheim
Carrot River	Mistatim	Weekes
Chelan	Mont Nebo	Weldon
Chitek Lake	Mullingar	White Fox
Choiceland	Naicam	Zenon Park
Christopher Lake	Neuhorst	District 9
Codette	Neuanlage	Air Ronge
Cudworth	Nipawin	Canoe Lake
Debden	Pakwaw Lake	Canoe Narrows
Domremy	Parkside	Ille-A-Lacrosse
Duck Lake	Pleasantdale	La Loche
Fairy Glen	Porcupine Plain	La Ronge
Green Lake	Prince Albert	McAuley
Gronlid	Red Earth	Pelican Narrows
Hague	Ridgedale	Pierson Lake
Hepburn	Rosthern	Sandy Bay
Hoey	Sarilla Country	
Holbein	Estates	
Hudson Bay	Shell Lake	
Kinistino	Shellbrook	



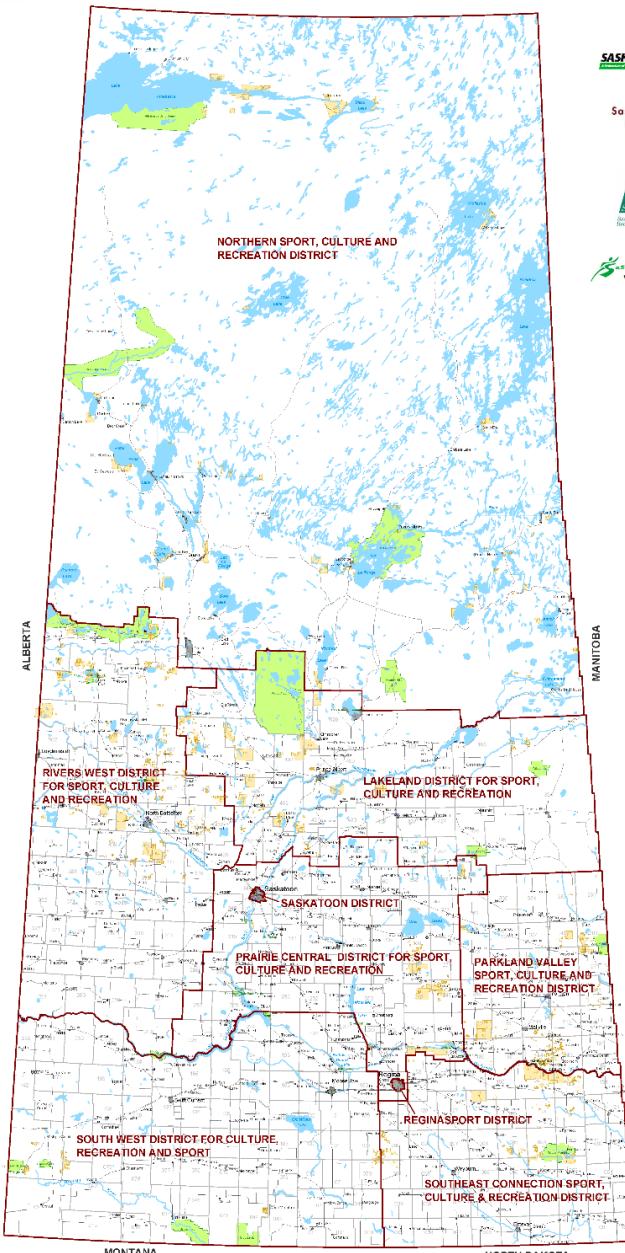
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