



# SOFTBALL CANADA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 12, 2011  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

# MINUTES

**Annual General Meeting 2011**  
Saturday, November 12 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of the 2010 Annual General Meeting minutes
4. President's Report
5. Auditor's Report and 2011 Financial Statements
6. Special Operating Rules
7. New Business
  - a. Elections
  - b. Hall of Fame
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

President Quinn called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., Saturday, November 12, 2011.

President Quinn welcomed everyone and announced the Credentials Committee of George Arcand, Wendy Cathcart and Guy Jacobson.

The credentials report of votes is as follows:

Provincial/Territorial Associations	36 votes
Board of Directors	7 votes
President (in case of tie and elections only)	1 vote
Total	44 votes

To change the constitution and bylaws a two-thirds majority is required. To change a Special Operating Rule a majority is required.

## MOTIONS – AS MOVED FROM THE FLOOR

### NOTICE OF MOTION #1

As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Gary MacDonald**

**Seconded by: Jackie Dugger**

That the 2011 Softball Canada Congress agenda be adopted with the powers to add.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### NOTICE OF MOTION #2

As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Lisa Down**

**Seconded by: Yvonne Michnik**

That the Minutes of the 2010 Softball Canada Congress held in Regina, Saskatchewan be accepted.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### NOTICE OF MOTION #3

As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Larry Gould**

**Seconded by: Garry Burns**

To accept the President's Report on behalf of Softball Canada's Board of Directors.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### NOTICE OF MOTION #4

As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Bill Stonehouse**

**Seconded by: Donald R. MacDonald**

That the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2011 be accepted as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 6. SPECIAL OPERATING RULES

### SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #1

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Saskatchewan

Moved by: Gary MacDonald

Seconded by: Yvonne Michnik

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

Part Seven – Amendments, Article 1 a) page 259

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

Addition:

1 a) iv) approved changes to the Special Operating Rules, excluding Part Six-Softball Canada Hall of Fame and the Special Olympics Canada Rules, may not be reversed or changed at a subsequent AGM prior to the approved change being implemented for at least a period of two (2) years.

### RATIONALE

Changing a Special Operating Rule prior to its implementation does not actually allow for the approved change to even take place and any motion to change the approved intent of the original motion that was passed may be deemed to be out of order.

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

NONE

**Amendment: Moved by Gary Wren, Seconded by Sophie Bedard**  
to change it from two (2) years to one (1) year.

**AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #2**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors**

**Moved by: Larry Gould**

**Seconded by: Lynda Turton**

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

Part One – Article 2 Section 2.1 c) ii) Hosting fee schedule– page 230

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

ii) The hosting fee schedule is as follows:

**Fast Pitch**

Senior Men's \$ 35,000.00

Senior Women's \$ 6,000.00

U23 (U21 in 2012) Men's \$ 12,500.00

U23 (U21 in 2012) Women's \$ 6,000.00

U19 (U18 in 2012) Boys \$ 6,000.00

U19 (U18 in 2012) Girls \$ 6,000.00

U16 Boys \$ 4,000.00

U16 Girls \$ 4,000.00

U14 Boys \$ 4,000.00

U14 Girls \$ 4,000.00

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

Revision:

Change U16 Boys, U16 Girls, U14 Boys, U14 Girls to \$6,000.00 beginning in 2013.

**RATIONALE**

Since we are going to open Championships, the hosting fee should be consistent with other Championships. The U16 category is very popular and Softball Canada's costs are pretty much the same as the other categories.

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

Extra \$2000 to the host of the event

**Amendment: Moved by Larry Gould, seconded by Jackie Dugger**  
to delete U14 Boys and U16 Boys.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**  
**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #3**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Canada Board of Directors

**Moved by:** Robb Andison

**Seconded by:** Kaila Holtz

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

Part One – Article 2 Section 2.1 c) ii) Hosting fee schedule– page 230

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

The Hosting Fee schedule is as follows: .....

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

Addition:

Slo-Pitch Senior Men's/Womens \$5,000.00

**RATIONALE**

The Slo-Pitch Championship hosting fees were removed to help build these events into financially acceptable events. Slo-Pitch Championships are the only championships without a hosting fee and their financial reports have indicated constant profits being made over the last several years. \$22,708 in 2008, \$18,321 in 2009 and \$22,580 in 2010. Softball Canada's costs with regards to hosting these events are consistent with the costs of the Fast Pitch Championships.

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

See above rationale

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #4**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors**

**Moved by: Ryan DeBelser**

**Seconded by: Donald R. MacDonald**

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

Part One – Article 2 Section 2.1 c) ii) Hosting Obligations – page 230

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

The Host agreement fee will be paid by cheque to the Softball Canada National Office no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of the particular Championship. The cheque can be post-dated to the last day of the respective championship.

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

Addition:

If the hosting fee is not received at this time a fine of \$100/day will be charged for every day the fee is late. This will be taken out of the Host's Bid Deposit.

**RATIONALE**

Several championships were late paying the fee in 2011 and currently there is no consequence to the host.

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

Possibility of costing the Host Committee more.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #5**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors**

**Moved by: Ryan DeBelser**

**Seconded by: Donald R. MacDonald**

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

Part Two – Article 1 Eligibility and Penalties Section 1.1 Eligibility – page 231

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

Addition:

1.1 g) No import player will be allowed to play in two (2) separate Canadian Championships in the same year with two (2) different provinces and/or territories.

**RATIONALE**

If a player is a registered member of a province/territory and has already participated in a Canadian Championship with that P/T, the player should not be allowed to play as an import with another province in the same year. Currently a player could win a medal with 2 different P/Ts in the same year. It does not make sense that a player could play with his P/T in 1 event and then a week later try and beat his P/T he just represented.

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

None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #6**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors**

**Moved by: Lisa Down**

**Seconded by: Larry Gould**

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

Part Three and Four – Canadian Fast-Pitch Championships – Age Categories and Distance Table  
pages 235 and 245

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

The Minor/Youth age categories refer to all categories from U6 to U19 age inclusive

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

Revision:

The Minor/Youth age categories refer to all categories from U6 to **U21** inclusive.

**RATIONALE**

Currently Softball Canada has no category at this level. Many municipalities do not charge or charge a lesser fee for minor categories for fields.

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

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #7**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball New Brunswick

**Moved by:** Bev Adams

**Seconded by:** Paul Gard

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

Part three – Canadian SloPitch Championships – Article 1 – organization and participation 1-2 (c) iv Player additions P. 238

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

Addition 1-2 (c) iv (e)

Any team from the Atlantic Provinces attending the Canadian SloPitch Championship can pick up players from anywhere in the Atlantic Region

**RATIONALE**

Teams from Atlantic provinces encounter difficulties in finding players to attend Canadian SloPitch Championships on a yearly basis due to many different and unique reasons to our particular region.

To ensure players wishing to attend Canadian SloPitch Championships may have a chance to do so.

Continue to at least maintain the number of teams attending Canadian SloPitch Championship.

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

Status quo

**Amendment: Moved by Peter McLean, seconded by Bev Adams**

to "...can pick up to five (5) players from any Atlantic province with the release of the province that player is registered with. The player would not be considered an import."

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #8**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball New Brunswick

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

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

Part three – Canadian SloPitch Championships – Article 1-Organization and Participation 1-2 (c) iv Player additions p. 238

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

Addition 1-2 (c) iv (f)

Any team from Atlantic Provinces can pick up three players, 40 years of age and older from anywhere in Canada for the Canadian SloPitch Championships

**RATIONALE**

Teams from Atlantic Canada encounter difficulties in finding players to attend Canadian SloPitch Championships on a yearly basis due to many different and unique reasons to our particular region.

To ensure players wishing to attend Canadian SloPitch Championships may have a chance to do so.

Continue to at least maintain the numbers of teams attending Canadian SloPitch Championship.

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

Status Quo

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #9**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball New Brunswick

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

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

Part three – Canadian SloPitch Championships – Article 1-Organization and Participation 1-2 (c) iv Player additions p. 238

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

Addition 1-2 (c) iv (g)

A maximum of six players from a Province / Territory not attending the Canadian SloPitch Championships can play for any Atlantic team attending these championships

**RATIONALE**

Teams from Atlantic Canada encounter difficulties in finding players to attend Canadian SloPitch Championships on a yearly basis due to many different and unique reasons to our particular region.

To ensure players wishing to attend Canadian SloPitch Championships may have a chance to do so.

Continue to at least maintain the numbers of teams attending Canadian SloPitch Championship.

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

Status Quo

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #10**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors**

**Moved by: Robb Andison**

**Seconded by: Lynda Turton**

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

Part Three and Part Four Article 2-Tournament Procedures, 2.1 b) pages 239 & 251

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**Part Three 2.1.b)** The top 8 teams shall play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 will have a single "life".

**Part Four 2.1 b) ii)** In championships with 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 15 teams, 8 teams will play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 will have a single "life".

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

Replace both sections above:

In championships with 7, 8 or 9 teams, 6 teams will play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 2 teams will have a single "life".

In championships with 10 or more teams, 8 teams will play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 teams will have a single "life".

**RATIONALE**

To ensure that the Round Robin games mean something.

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

None

**Amendment: Moved by Jackie Dugger, seconded by David Brewer**

to change the first paragraph to read: In championships with 7, 8 or 9 teams, 6 teams will play in the championship round. The top 2 team will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 teams will have a single "life".

**AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #11**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors**

**Moved by: Kaila Holtz**

**Seconded by: Ryan DeBelser**

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

Part Three – Slo-Pitch Championships – Article 2, Section 2.7 c) i) – page 242

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

2.7 c) i) In addition to meeting the criteria as set out in SP-Rule 3 Equipment, section 1, all bats shall be subject to inspection and approval prior to their use in the Canadian Championship tournament.

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

Addition:

2.7 c) i) b) If a bat initially passes the compression test prior to the start of the championship then fails later during the championship, it will be confiscated from the player and sent to the manufacturer for further testing. If the bat is found to be tampered with, that player is immediately suspended for two (2 ) years of play with Softball Canada and Provincial play. If the bat was not tampered with but just became too broken in, every effort will be made to have the manufacturer replace the confiscated bat with the current model available.

**RATIONALE**

Bat testing has been much improved since it was introduced. In 2011 we had a testing machine that was loaned to us by Combat that actually provided a number readout of the results, which allowed us to know when a bat was close to being too “hot”. We had some bats this year that passed the preliminary test prior to the start of the event, however during the event the same bat failed miserably when it was tested later in the week as a secondary test. Our current policy does not allow us to confiscate the bat for further testing by the manufacturer.

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

None

**Amendment: Moved by Gary Wren, seconded by Mike Hrynenko**

to change to “If a bat initially passes the compression test prior to the start of the championship then fails later during the championship, the bat's user/owner will be asked to allow it to be sent to the manufacturer for further testing. The player may either agree to the testing or refuse to submit the selected bat. If he/she refuses to allow the bat to be submitted for further testing or does not present the bat for testing, he/she is immediately suspended for two (2) years of play with Softball Canada and Provincial play. If the bat is found to be tampered with, that player is immediately suspended for two (2) years of play with Softball Canada and Provincial play. If the bat was not tampered with but just became too broken in, every effort will be made to have the manufacturer replace the confiscated bat with the current model available.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #12**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Canada Board of Directors

**Moved by:** Donald R. MacDonald

**Seconded by:** Lisa Down

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

SP-SOR -Part Three, Article 3 – Game Procedures- 3.1 The Game- d) mercy rule – pg 243

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**3.1 d) Mercy Rule**

In all categories, games will end after 4 ½, 5, 5 ½ or 6 innings of play if there is a difference of 15 runs.

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

Revision:

**3.1 d) Mercy Rule**

- i) In all categories, games will end after 2 ½ innings of play if the home team is winning by 25 or more runs or 3 complete innings of play if the visiting team is winning by 25 or more runs.
- ii) In all categories, games will end after 3 ½ innings of play if the home team is winning by 20 or more runs or 4 complete innings of play if the visiting team is winning by 20 or more runs
- iii) In all categories, games will end after 4 ½ innings of play if the home team is winning by 15 or more runs or 5 complete innings of play if the visiting team is winning by 15 or more runs.

**RATIONALE**

Whenever there are 2 very different caliber of teams, sometime games very quickly become out of reach for the lower level team. By implementing a mercy rule, it will help shorten the game and possibly prevent ill feelings and injuries.

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

None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #13**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Ontario**

**Moved by: Debbie Malisani**

**Seconded by: Sophie Bedard**

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

Part 4 Canadian Fast Pitch Age Category and Distance Chart page 245

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

AGE: Female U6; U8; U10; U12; U14; U16; U18: U23

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

Change to:

Female 6U; 8U; 10U; 12U; 14U; 16U; 18U; 21U

Effective: 2013

**RATIONALE**

I think the three main reasons for requesting that Softball Canada amends our existing Age Categories to match the National Softball Organizations in the United States are as follows:

1. Our Club/Travel Teams are constantly at a disadvantage whenever we compete in the United States particularly in their National Events and World Series events.
2. The US Teams are reluctant to travel to Canada because our age difference and field measurement differences. Example, a 14U team from the States would have to play Bantam here against our second year Bantam girls being 15U or as we call it U16. In the States the pitching distance in almost all of the National organizations is 43 feet from 13U on up. Ours is 35 feet in Squirt (U13) & 38 Feet in Novice (U14) & 40 feet in Bantam (U16). Border cities and beyond are very reluctant to support any of Canadian tournaments when they find out about the difference.
3. The ability to offer a Canadian Worlds Event as in the United States where teams who would like to enter can pay the entry fee and get a five game guarantee over a week long event. These are huge events and bring enormous excitement to the sport. Our Canadian Nationals can continue to operate and allow the best from Canada to compete but is it really helping the sport thrive when you have 12-15 teams in one venue as opposed to 100-200 teams where last team standing wins the Canadian World Series! Teams would come from all over. We could change the venue every couple of years and draw teams from the US board towns and beyond. The USFA World Series has hosted over 600 teams each year for the past 5 years. The NSA World Series have hosted over 800 teams a year for the past 5 years. Pony hosts over 500 teams every year for their World Series. These are exciting events that ALL YOUTH SOFTBALL PLAYERS can and should have the experience of participating in.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #14**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Ontario**

**Moved by: Gary Wren**

**Seconded by: Debbie Malisani**

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

Part 4 Canadian Fast Pitch Age Category and Distance Chart page 245

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

Junior Men's and Women's will change to Under 21 effective 2012

Note: Revision for 2012 passed at AGM 2009 Junior U21

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

Be it resolved to rescind the 2009 Revision now to read:

Female U21-Junior, Male U23 - Junior

**RATIONALE**

Changing the age level in male will increase the chances that players will leave the sport.

They need this age level to develop to make an easier transition to the men's game. Many average players will be out of the game and not picked up by men's teams. There is very limited international and university level competition for men which limits their opportunity to play.

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

None.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #15**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Ontario**

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

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

Part 4 Canadian Fast Pitch Age Category and Distance Chart page 245

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

Junior Men's and Women's will change to Under 21 effective 2012

Note: Revision for 2012 passed at AGM 2009 Junior U21

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

Be it resolved to rescind the 2009 Revision now to read:

Female U21-Junior, Male U22 - Junior

**RATIONALE**

Changing the age level in male will increase the chances that players will leave the sport.

They need this age level to develop to make an easier transition to the men's game. Many average players will be out of the game and not picked up by men's teams. There is very limited international and university level competition for men which limits their opportunity to play. Changing the age to 22 for the 2012 season will allow a gradual transition to U23 for male fast pitch

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

None.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #16**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Prince Edward Island

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE :** (Section, article, number, page, etc.)  
SORs – Part 4 – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships  
Age Category & Distance Table – page 245

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

Male  
Category: U 21  
Age: Under 21

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

Revision:  
Male  
Category: U 23  
Age: Under 23

**RATIONALE**

This would prevent the loss of players age 22 – 23 as these players do not have the experience to play at the Senior level. Most Senior teams have set rosters and the closer the player is in age to these senior players it becomes easier for player to join the senior team.  
Also U23 teams with players mostly age 23 would find it easier to transition to Senior play. Thus keeping the team together.

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

None.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #17**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Québec

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

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

CANADIAN FAST PITCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

AGE CATEGORIES & DISTANCE TABLE (FAST PITCH) – Page 245

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

Pitching distance – Girls Fastpitch in Canadian Championships

U16 40 feet

U14 38 feet

U12 35 feet

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

Revision:

Pitching distance – Girls Fastpitch in Canadian Championships - Effective in 2013

U16 43 feet

U14 40 feet

U12 38 feet

**RATIONALE**

With most countries going to 43 feet at U16 Girls Fastpitch level and ISF to most likely follow in 2013 after verification, it would be nice to be on track with everyone. To ease the transition, U14 should go to 40 feet and U12 to 38 feet. To put it effective in 2013 would give people a chance to get ready and be aligned with everyone at the same time.

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

None.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #18**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Ontario

**Moved by:** Debbie Malisani                      **Seconded by:** Gary Wren

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

Part 4 Canadian Fast Pitch Age Category and Distance Chart page 245

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

Pitching: U12 – 35'; U14 – 38'

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

Change to:

Pitching: 12U – 40'; 14U – 43'

**RATIONALE**

4. Our Club/Travel Teams are constantly at a disadvantage whenever we compete in the United States particularly in their National Events and World Series events.
5. The US Teams are reluctant to travel to Canada because our age difference and field measurement differences. In the States the pitching distance in almost all of the National organizations is 43 feet from 13U on up. Ours is 35 feet in Squirt (U13) & 38 Feet in Novice (U14) & 40 feet in Bantam (U16). Border cities and beyond are very reluctant to support any of Canadian tournaments when they find out about the difference.
6. The ability to offer a Canadian Worlds Event as in the United States where teams who would like to enter can pay the entry fee and get a five game guarantee over a week long event. These are huge events and bring enormous excitement to the sport. Our Canadian Nationals can continue to operate and allow the best from Canada to compete but is it really helping the sport thrive when you have 12-15 teams in one venue as opposed to 100-200 teams where last team standing wins the Canadian World Series! Teams would come from all over. We could change the venue every couple of years and draw teams from the US board towns and beyond. The USFA World Series has hosted over 600 teams each year for the past 5 years. The NSA World Series have hosted over 800 teams a year for the past 5 years. Pony hosts over 500 teams every year for their World Series. These are exciting events that ALL YOUTH SOFTBALL PLAYERS can and should have the experience of participating in.
7. Safety issue – Moving the pitching distance back 5 feet makes it a safer environment for the players.

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

None.

**Amendment: Moved by Debbie Malisani, seconded by Gary Wren**  
to change to U12 – 40'; U14-43' and U16-43'.

**AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

**Motion is out of order as Motion # 13 defeated.**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #19**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Ontario**

**Moved by: Debbie Malisani                      Seconded by: Gary Wren**

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

Part 4 Canadian Fast Pitch Age Category and Distance Chart page 245

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

BALL: U12 – 11”

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

Change to:

Ball: U12 – 12”

**RATIONALE**

Safety

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

None.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #20**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors**

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

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

Part Four – Canadian Fast-Pitch Championships, Article 1 Section 1.3 Participants a) ii) and iii) page 246

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

1.3 a) ii) U14 and U16 Canadian Championships will be filled to a maximum of twelve (12) teams including a host team. A P/T will not be allowed to send a defending champion.

iii) A 5-day open U14 Girls Jamboree with the number of teams being determined by the host venue availability

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

Deletion:

To delete the U14 age category from Softball Canada's Fast Pitch list of Championships. This would include deleting reference to U14 championship throughout the SORs for Fast Pitch Championships.

**RATIONALE**

The purposes of the "Pilot" trial were not met.

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

Loss of entry and hosting fee revenue for Softball Canada. Savings to P/Ts entry fees.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #21**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Québec

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**REFERENCE** : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)  
CANADIAN FAST PITCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, page 248  
1.3 Participants  
c) Playing rosters  
ii) All Star Rosters  
iii) Affiliated Team Representatives

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

- ii) All–Star Rosters
  - a) Provinces/territories participating in Canadian Championships may be represented by an All–Star team provided the previous Annual General Meeting has so ruled.  
or
  - b) The following provinces/territories have been allowed All–Star status in all categories:
    - 1. Newfoundland & Labrador
    - 2. Nova Scotia
    - 3. New Brunswick
    - 4. Prince Edward Island
    - 5. Quebec
    - 6. Manitoba
    - 7. Saskatchewan (except U19 (U18 in 2012) category)
    - 8. Nunavut
    - 9. Northwest Territories
    - 10. Yukon Territory
    - 11. Ontario (Senior, and U23 (U21 in2012) only)
    - 12. British Columbia (Senior, and U23 (U21 in2012) only)
    - 13. Alberta (Senior, and U23 (U21 in2012) only)
- iii) Affiliated Team Representatives

When no designation occurs, representatives must use their affiliated rosters.

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

Delete

**RATIONALE**

Putting limitations on All-Star teams would be valid if all P/T would have Boundaries they would have to respect when it comes to completing their initial team. If a team can be formed of any player in a given city even if they are not from that area, that is considered to be an All-Star team. While receiving a team contract for a Canadian Championship, Softball Canada has no control over this so we should not even bother with this rule in the SORs.

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

None.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #22**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Québec

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

**REFERENCE** : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)  
CANADIAN FAST PITCH CHAMPIONSHIPS page 249  
1.3 Participants  
v) Player Additions

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

A provincial/territorial team representative may add up to 3 players providing that:

- a) Players have signed a Softball Canada or Provincial/Territorial Team Registration Certificate by the registration date with the province/territory seeking to pick them up.
- b) Approval to pick up these players is received from their provincial/territorial association.
- c) The players are eligible for Canadian Championship play.
- d) The pick-ups are made by the end of the coaches/managers meeting at the Canadian Championship and have Provincial/Territorial written approval.

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

Delete

**RATIONALE**

This should be left to the discretion of each P/T in their internal rules. Softball Canada nor the host need to know who the pick-ups are. They just need an Official Players List prior to the event.

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

None.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #23**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Ontario**

**Moved by: Debbie Malisani**

**Seconded by: Gary Wren**

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

Part 4, Article 1.3 c) v) – Player Additions – Page 249

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

A P/T team representative may add up to 3 players providing that: .....

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

Add e)

Exception: U14 Girls' Jamboree unless their roster falls below the minimum requirement of 11 players set by Softball Canada.

**RATIONALE**

If the Jamboree is to continue in the spirit in which it is introduced and stays within the parameters of the LTPD program there is no need for teams to have pick up players. In the spirit and concept of this tournament it is really only to extend the playing season for teams and introduce them to another level of play.

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

None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #24**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Ontario

**Moved by:** Debbie Malisani

**Seconded by:** Gary Wren

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

Part 4, Article 1.3 – Participants

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

Nothing exists at this time

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

Add: An effect be implemented with regards to the rule where all players must play 2 defensive innings per game.

Suggestion for penalty – ejection of coach for next game.

**RATIONALE**

If the Jamboree is going to continue this is no longer a pilot project and needs to have an effect for coaches who do not adhere to this rule.

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

None.

**Amendment: Moved by Debbie Malisani, seconded by Gary Wren**

to add - This applies to the U14 Girls Jamboree only. The penalty will be ejection of the coach for the next game.

**AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN**

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**Recommendation is to include this in the Canadian Championships Supervisors Manual and to leave it to the Championship Supervisor's discretion to deal with the situation under the Softball Canada Code of Conduct. Possible recommendation is suspension of the coach for the next game.**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #25**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Canada Board of Directors**

**Moved by: Lynda Turton**

**Seconded by: Kaila Holtz**

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

Part Four – Canadian Fast-Pitch Championships, Article 2 Section 2.1 (a) i, ii, iii Tournament Procedures ,  
Qualifying Round - page 250

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**2.1 Tournament Format**

a) Qualifying Round

- i) If 14 or 16 teams are entered in a Canadian Championship, the teams will be split into 2 sections. Each section, regardless of the number of teams, will play a round robin schedule. If 14 teams are entered, the teams will play teams from the opposite section to guarantee a minimum of seven games for each team. Opponents will be selected based on a seeding formula. If 11, 12, 13 or 15 teams are entered, then teams will play a modified round robin of 8 games for each team.
- ii) If 10 teams or less are entered in a Canadian Championship there will be only 1 section. The section will play a round robin schedule.
- iii) In the U14 and U16 Championships, when the maximum of 12 teams are entered, the teams will be split into 2 sections and each section will play a round robin schedule.

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

Revision: 2.1 a) i), ii), iii) and iv)

Replace with:

- i) That Softball Canada will pilot various formats at the 2012 and future Canadian Championship depending on the number of teams that are participating in a championship as well as the number of diamonds that are available. Softball Canada will maintain a minimum of 6 games guaranteed in all formats. The below formats have been used in the past Canadian Championships and will be considered when the Canadian Championship schedule is being developed.
- ii), iii) and iv) Re-number as appropriate.

**RATIONALE**

Starting in 2012 all Canadian Championships will be open therefore the number of teams may vary in the different championships.

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

None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #26**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Ontario

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

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

Article 2.1 – Tournament Format – Qualifying Round & Championship Round - Page 250

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**2.1 Tournament Format**

**a) Qualifying Round**

i) If 14 or 16 teams are entered in a Canadian Championship, the teams will be split into 2 sections. Each section, regardless of the number of teams, will play a round robin schedule. If 14 teams are entered, the team will play teams from the opposite section to guarantee a minimum of seven games for each team. Opponents will be selected based on a seeding formula. If 11, 12, 13 or 15 teams are entered, then teams will play a modified round robin of 8 games for each team.

ii) If 10 teams or less are entered in a Canadian Championship there will be only 1 section. The section will play a round robin schedule.

**b) Championship Round**

i) In all championships, the "Page System will be used.

ii) In championships with 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 15 teams, 8 teams will play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 will have a single "life".

iii) In championships where pools have been established, 4 teams from each pool will make the playoffs. The top teams in each pool will have 2 "lives" and the next 2 will have a single "life".

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

**a) Qualifying Round**

Delete i) and ii) and replace with

i) If 8 or more are entered in a Canadian Championship the teams will be split into two pools. Each pool will play a round robin format within each pool.

ii) Less than 8 teams will be a straight round robin.

**b) Championship Round**

Delete i), ii) and iii) and replace with

Eight teams will play in the championship round. The top two finishers in each pool will have two lives and the next two one life; if round robin is used for less than eight teams four teams would play a round robin format.

**RATIONALE**

The reason for wanting these changes is because we have been playing in a totally unbalanced and unfair schedule, putting all teams in one big pool and then determining positions and whether you qualify by using run differential as the determining criteria. It is totally unfair to use run differential when the 2 teams tied played totally different opponents that were of totally opposite levels of strength.

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

None.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #27**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Newfoundland and Labrador

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

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

Part Four- Canadian Fastpitch Championships , Article 2-Tournament Procedures, 2.1 (b) (ii) page 251

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**2.1 b) ii)** In championships with 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 15 teams, 8 teams will play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 will have a single "life".

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

Revision:

2.1(b) (ii) In championships with 8 or 9 teams, 6 teams will play in the championship round. The top 2 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 teams will have a single "life".

In championships with 10 or more teams, 8 teams will play in the championship round. The top 4 teams will have 2 "lives" and the next 4 teams will have a single "life".

**RATIONALE**

To ensure that all round robin games, to the extent possible, are meaningful, thus enhancing the competitive aspect of our game which is what the whole competition should represent. The present system diminishes the round robin portion to a "who gets a double life" endeavour and not a "who deserves to be in the playoffs" competition. Players who reach this level, along with the fans that will come to see better competition, deserve to be treated to a format that will make the whole championship process worth participating in.

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

To enhance the opportunity for the host committee to generate revenue.

**Motion is out of order as is in conflict with SOR Motion #10 passed previously.**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #28**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Ontario**

**Moved by: Debbie Malisani**

**Seconded by: Gary Wren**

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

Article 2.1 – Tournament Format – c) Tie Breaker - Page 251

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**d) Tie Breaking**

i) The above criteria ranking establishes the standing in the qualifying round. However, if a tie exists for the last playoff position or where it represents the difference between 1 or 2 “lives”, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a) If tied for 2 lives they will be ranked using the criteria in 2.1 c
- b) If tied for last playoff position tie breaker game(s) will be played.
- ii) All other positions will be settled by a coin toss.

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

**d) Tie Breaking**

Delete “as follows” and beyond and replace with:  
With a sudden death playoff game.

**RATIONALE**

No team should be eliminated or lose a “life” by run differential or any other method of tie breaking.

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

None.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #29**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Québec**

**Moved by: Sophie Bedard**

**Seconded by: Geneviève Houle**

**REFERENCE** : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)  
CANADIAN FAST PITCH CHAMPIONSHIPS page 252  
Article 2 – Tournament procedures  
2.4 Unfinished championships

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

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

Addition

f) The standard rule stating that a game is complete if at least 5 innings have been played will be in effect should a game be stopped for any reason.

**RATIONALE**

We had that situation in 2011 at the Senior Ladies Fastpitch Canadian Championship and the fact that it was not clear in the SORs, a lot of confusion occurred. It's simply a clarification.

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

None.

**Amendment: Moved by Sophie Bedard, seconded by Debbie Malisani**

to read: The final scheduled game of the championship is complete if at least five (5) innings have been played should the game not be finished.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

**Note of clarification:** In this situation if the home team is leading after 4 ½ innings of play, the game would be considered to have completed 5 innings of play.

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #30**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Board of Directors**

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

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

Part Four - Canadian Fastpitch Championships, Article 2, Section 2.7 Dress and Equipment

a) Uniforms – pages 253-254

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

**2.7 a) Uniforms**

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

Addition:

2.7 a) v) Metal cleats will be allowed in the U21 age category of play.

**RATIONALE**

These players have been using metal cleats previously in the U23 category.

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

None.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #31**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Prince Edward Island

**Moved by:** Alan Petrie

**Seconded by:** Tony Cummiskey

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

SORs Article 2- Tournament Procedures – 2.7 – Dress and Equipment a) ii) – page 254

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

ii) Coaches appearing on the field must wear uniforms similar in style and colour to the players.....Coaches are not permitted to wear shorts in Senior or U23 (U21 in 2012) Men's categories

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

Addition:

Coaches footwear must be completely closed in (No sandals, crocs or similar footwear is permitted).

**RATIONALE**

If for any reason a coach needs to move out of the way of a play, i.e foul ball, overthrow, etc. the coach could possibly have the sandal fall off and create a hazard/injury to the player or him/herself.

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

None to Softball Canada or P/T. Possible some to individual/coach.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #32**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Canada Board of Directors

**Moved by:** Larry Gould                      **Seconded by:** Robb Andison

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

FP-SOR -Part Four, Article 3 – Game Procedures- 3.1 The Game- d) mercy rule – pg 255

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

d) Mercy Rule

- i) In all categories, games will end after 2½, 3, 3½ or 4 complete innings of play if there is a difference of 15 runs.
- ii) In all categories, games will end after 4½, 5, 5½ or 6 innings of play if there is a difference of 7 runs.

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

Revision

- i) In all categories, games will end after 2½, or 3½ innings of play if the home team is winning by 15 or more runs or 4 complete innings of play if the visiting team is winning by 15 or more runs.
- ii) In all categories, games will end after 4½, or 5½ innings of play if the home team is winning by 7 or more runs. A game will end after after 5 or 6 complete innings of play if the visiting team is winning by 7 or more runs.

**RATIONALE**

Provides further clarification.

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

None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #33**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball British Columbia**

**Moved by: Jackie Dugger**

**Seconded by: David Brewer**

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

Part 6 Article 5 Finances – Page 257

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

Finances

- a) The cost of operating the Hall of Fame shall be borne by Softball Canada
- b) Expenses of the individuals being inducted to Softball Canada's Hall of Fame at the Annual General Meeting shall be covered by Softball Canada. Expenses would include meals, travel and accommodations.

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

Revision Part Six Article 5 be changed to the following

- a) The cost of operating the Hall of Fame shall be borne by Softball Canada
- b) Meals and accommodation shall be covered by Softball Canada
- c) Travel shall be covered on the following basis
  - a. Inductees from the Region and the adjacent region of the AGM shall be covered by SC.
  - b. Inductees from the region furthest away from the AGM shall be covered 50% by the Province of the inductee and 50% by Softball Canada

**RATIONALE**

Criteria for selection should not be based on where an AGM is held. Many Provinces are not in a financial position to host AGMs . They could contribute to travel for an inductee from their province.

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

The financial cost could be shared. Continue the current set up for the travel in the region where the AGM is held. Have Province share 50-50 with SC air fares across 2 regions.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #34**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by: Softball Prince Edward Island**

**Moved by: Alan Petrie**

**Seconded by: Tony Cummiskey**

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

SORs – Part Six – Softball Canada Hall Of Fame - Article 8 – Specific Eligibility Requirements

a) Athletes – Page 257

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

- i) Have compiled an outstanding record at nationals or international competitions over a period of at least five years; or
- ii) Have made significant contribution to winning of a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal in Pan-American Games, Olympic Games or ISF World Championships.

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

Addition:

- iii) Must be retired from national and international competitions for a minimum of three years.

**RATIONALE**

Hall of Fame is in recognition of the lifetime of the person being inducted, if an individual retires be it an athlete, coach or official there should a specific time frame after retirement before they can be nominated as one can always return to competition etc. under the right conditions.

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

None.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #35**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball British Columbia

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

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

Part 6 Article 12 Annual Limit

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

The annual limit be set at a maximum five (5) selections.

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

Part Six Article 12 be changed to the following

1. Max of 7 inductees per year. The following procedure be put in place
2. 3 Athletes per year –one selected from each region of the Country
3. Max 1 each of a builder, coach, official and or team per year. These categories may be selected from any part of the country.

If there is not an inductee from one of the categories in item 3 no additions are added for the year to any other category.

**RATIONALE**

Criteria for selection should not be based on where an AGM is held. Many Provinces are not in a financial position to host AGMs. 7 is not an unfair number. Our athletes should be given priority across the country.

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

The financial cost could be shared. Continue the current set up for the travel in the region where the AGM is held. Have Province share 50-50 with SC air fares across 2 regions.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #36**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Submitted by:** Softball Canada Board of Directors

**Moved by:** Kaila Holtz

**Seconded by:** Lynda Turton

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

Part Four Article 1 Section 1.3 b) Managers and Coaches page 248

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

- ii) One of the registered coaches or manager must be fully certified Level 2 – softball (theory, technical, practical) in the National Coaching Certification Program and must be in attendance at all games and on the team's bench.

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

- ii) One of the registered coaches or manager must be fully certified Level 2 – softball (theory, technical, practical) or **Competition – Introduction Certified** in the National Coaching Certification Program and must be in attendance at all games and on the team's bench.

**Effective Date:** For 2013 season.

**RATIONALE**

This change updates the SOR using the new NCCP terminology and respects and honours the training from the old NCCP (Levels).

This change reflects the need for a coach to demonstrate the competencies required of a coach that has a team competing at the Canadian Championship level. By raising the bar for coaches at Canadian Championships.

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

Softball Canada – Cost of training of Master Evaluators.

Provincial/Territorial Association – Most P/Ts have started to put into place the infrastructure required to conduct Competition – Introduction evaluations. If they have not yet trained a pool of evaluators, there will be costs to train these evaluators to meet the demand of coaches requiring certification to attend a Canadian Championship.

Individual – If a club or local association covers the cost of training and certifying their club coaches, they will face increased costs. If they do not cover the costs, the individual coach will be required to cover this cost. This cost varies from P/T to P/T.

**Amendment: Moved by Michel Néron, seconded by Gary Wren**  
to change effective date to 2014 season.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**  
**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

A permission vote to allow a motion by Softball Alberta to be put on the floor was defeated.

A permission vote to allow a motion by Softball Ontario to be put on the floor was carried.

**SOR NOTICE OF MOTION #37**

**Special Operating Rules**

**Motion from the floor by Softball Ontario**

**Moved by: Gary Wren**

**Seconded by: Debbie Malisani**

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

Part One Article 2 Section 2.1 b) Accommodations page 229

**WHEREAS** (Article as currently written.)

2.1 b) Accommodations (Fastpitch only)

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

Deletion of (Fastpitch only)

**RATIONALE**

With implementing a hosting fee for the Slo-Pitch Championships then the same requirement as for Fastpitch to have the teams stay at the designated accommodations be implemented.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

President Quinn turned the chair over to Donald R. MacDonald to conduct the election of the President. Only one nomination was received and that was for Kevin Quinn. Quinn was asked and accepted to stand for election. A single ballot was cast to elect Kevin Quinn as President. MacDonald turned the chair over to President Quinn to conduct the elections of the Board of Directors.

President Quinn thanked everyone for their continued support in electing him as President of Softball Canada. President Quinn thanked all of the delegates for attending the Congress and for all of the cooperation shown by the partnership of the Provincial/Territorial Associations and Softball Canada. He thanked the Softball Canada staff for their hard work and dedication in presenting the Annual Congress.

Four Directors positions were available for election. Five nominations were received. Mr. Al Harrison submitted in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting his withdrawal of his nomination. The following were asked and accepted to stand for election:

Robb Andison, Ryan DeBelser, Larry Gould and Lynda Turton

A single ballot was cast for each of the Directors. All four delegates were elected to the Board. Each individual gave a short speech.

**NOTICE OF MOTION #1**

New Business  
As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Lisa Down**

**Seconded by: Bill Stonehouse**

To accept Kevin Quinn as President elected by the 2011 Softball Canada Congress in Halifax, Nova Scotia

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION #2**

New Business  
As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Gary MacDonald**

**Seconded by: Alan Petrie**

To accept the following Directors elected to the Board of Directors at the 2011 Softball Canada Congress in Halifax, Nova Scotia.  
Robb Andison  
Ryan DeBelsler  
Larry Gould  
Lynda Turton

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION #3**

New Business  
As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Dave Houghton**

**Seconded by: Bev Adams**

To accept the names of the following individuals inducted into the Softball Hall of Fame at the 2011 Softball Canada Congress in Halifax, Nova Scotia:  
Bill Barron, Builder – Newfoundland and Labrador  
Tom Doucette, Coach – Nova Scotia  
Todd King, Athlete – Nova Scotia  
Tim Macumber, Athlete – Nova Scotia  
Bob Stanton, Builder – New Brunswick

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION #4**

New Business  
As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Paul Wagner**

**Seconded by: Paul Gard**

That Softball Alberta will host the 2012 Softball Canada Congress and AGM to be held from November 8-11.

**MOTION CARRIED**

All of the Provincial/Territorial Associations thanked Dave Houghton, Caroline Crooks and Softball Nova Scotia for all their work in hosting this year's annual congress as well as the Softball Canada Board of Directors and staff.

President Quinn made a presentation to Dave Houghton, President of Softball Nova Scotia as a thank you for the hosting of this year's Annual Congress.

President Quinn once again thanked everyone for all of the cooperative work conducted during the Annual Congress.

**NOTICE OF MOTION #5**

New Business  
As moved from the floor

**Moved by: Dave Houghton**

**Moved by: Jackie Dugger**

That the 2011 Softball Canada Congress held in Halifax, Nova Scotia be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**