

Special Operating Rules Changes

Made at the Softball Canada AGM

November 10 – 12, 2016

Special Operating Rules Motions Accepted

SOR # 60

Part Two – Participant Eligibility and Residency Article 2 – Residency, Provincial Non-Residents (Fast Pitch Only) 2.6, c, ii, p238

Revision 2.6 c, ii Canadian citizens residing in Canada WHO DO NOT register with the provincial/territorial association where they resided prior to that provincial/territorial date but choose to register with a different association of their choice. This registration must be complete by the registration date **and the individual must obtain consent from the province/territory they reside in even if not registered in his/her province/territory of residence; or**

SOR # 34

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championship Age Categories and Distance Table page 251 and page 111

Male for 2018 U23 for Junior and U19 for Midget

The reason it starts in 2018 is that there is not an Under 21 Canadian Championship this year therefore it does not affect the under 21 this year.

SOR # 39

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships Article 1 Organization and Participation, Team Representation 1.3 a) page 252

- i. **Canadian Championship events will be hosted ranging from five to seven days, with the maximum number of teams dependent on the host capacity.**
- ii. **If the number of teams intending to participate exceeds the host's capacity, entry will be awarded as follows:**
  - (a) Initially to each province/territory in good standing, a host team and the previous year's champion when applicable.**
  - (b) On a pro-rata system based upon provincial/territorial registrations in the respective categories.**

Delete viii), x) and xi)

Re-number all other remaining bullets

SOR # 43

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships Article 2 Tournament Procedures, Tournament Format 2.1 a) i) to iv) page 256

- a) Qualifying Round
  - i) That Softball Canada will **execute** various formats at the Canadian Championships depending on the number of teams that are participating in a championship, **the length of the event and the number of diamonds that are available. Softball Canada will maintain a minimum of 6 scheduled games in all formats.**
  - ii) **Event formats may include round robin pool play, modified pool play or multiple seeding rounds to determine Championship and other placement rounds.**

#### SOR Motion # 45

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships Article 2 Tournament Procedures, Tournament Format 2.1 b) i) to iii) page 257

#### Championship Round

- i) In all championships, **a modified version of the “Page System “**will be used.
- ii) In championships with 7, 8, or 9 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”.

#### SOR Motion # 46

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships Article 2 Tournament Procedures, Tournament Format 2.1 e) page 257

#### e) U14 Competition Format

The Softball Canada Official Rule Book shall govern play except for the following modifications:

- i) Pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 4 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning)
- ii) Each player must play a minimum of 2 innings per game. In a run ahead rule game, a team will not be penalized if not able to play all team members.

NOTE – disciplinary actions/suspensions will be applied to Coaches who do not follow the above rule modification at the discretion of the Softball Canada Supervisor.

#### SOR Motion # 53

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships Article 2 Tournament Procedures, Dress and Equipment 2.7 a) i) page 260

#### Uniforms

- i) All players participating in a Canadian Championship must play in identical uniforms.

SOR Motion # 55

Part Four – Canadian Fast Pitch Championships Article 3 Game Procedures The Game 3.1 d) page 262

3.1 d) Run Ahead Rule

- i) In all categories, games will end after 2 ½ innings of play if the home team is winning by 15 or more runs. A game will end after 3 complete innings of play if the visiting team is winning by 15 or more runs.
- ii) In all categories, games will end after 3 ½ of play if the home team is winning by 10 or more runs. A game will end after 4 complete innings of play if the visiting team is winning by 10 or more runs.
- iii) In all categories, games will end after 4 ½ or 5 ½ innings of play if the home team is winning by 7 or more runs. A game will end after 5 or 6 complete innings of play if the visiting team is winning by 7 or more runs.