

# NOTICE OF MOTIONS

to the OASA Annual General Meeting  
**February 21, 2026**

Page references are from the 2025 By-Law Rulebook which can be viewed on the [www.oasa.ca](http://www.oasa.ca) website. Changes are in bold, when required, to identify them. Articles, By-Laws and Operating Rules may require re-numbering after changes have been adopted. Unless otherwise indicated, all successful amendments and resolutions take effect immediately.

1. Moved by: Executive

By-Laws Definition (Page 52)  
Revision

Delegate: A member entitled to vote by virtue of position (Executive, ~~Advisory Council, and Convenor~~) or on behalf of an affiliated team, association or league at a General Meeting of The Association

*Rationale: Housekeeping, to align with p. 56 ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP*

*Advisory Council Member – an individual who is not a Director but who is appointed to the Advisory Council (Non-voting member).*

2. Moved by Executive

Article II Membership (Page 56 and Pages 60, 61, 70)  
Deletion

Honourary Member – The Honourary President and Honourary Vice President as appointed by the Board for a two (2) year term. (Non voting member)

Note: If the above passes, removal of any reference to Honourary Members throughout the By-Laws (exception: the historical lists on p 47 and 48)

*Rationale: These roles have no longer been appointed in recent years.*

3. Moved by: Executive

Article III 3.13 c) Voting at Meetings of Members (Page 61)  
Revision

Organization Member – have one (1) vote **for each team affiliated in the previous year**, up to a maximum of three (3) votes per Affiliated Centre.

Note: if the above passes, the following two items will also need to be changed:

~~p 56 2.1 c) Organization Member – An Affiliated Centre that is approved by the Board. (Voting member – ~~max of 3 votes per Affiliated Centre 1 to 3 votes depending on the number of affiliated teams in the previous year~~)~~

~~p 61 Delegates – Affiliated Centres may appoint ~~up to three (3) Delegates~~ **one (1) to three (3) delegates depending on the number of teams affiliated in the previous year. Each delegate will be** eligible to exercise one (1) vote ~~each~~ on behalf of the Organization Members within that Affiliated Centre. Affiliated Centres will appoint in writing (inclusive of electronic notice) to the Corporation, seven (7) days prior to the meeting of Members, the name of the Delegates to represent the Affiliated Centre. Delegates must be at least 18 years of age, of sound mind, and be acting as the Affiliated Centre's representative.~~

*Rationale: To align voting with participation numbers and membership contribution.*

4. Moved by: Executive

OR 1.2 d) Fees (Page 78)  
Revision

It is mandatory that all teams have liability insurance. If purchased **through** this Association, all teams must send in application for insurance **to the OASA Insurance Coordinator**. If not purchased through this Association, the team must provide proof of Liability Insurance **with OASA named as Third Party**.

*Rationale: To align with current practice.*

5. Moved by: Executive  
OR 4.2 Team Certificates (Page 81)  
Revision

OR 4.2 Team Certificates (**Rosters**)  
Filing Dates for Team Certificates

i) To be eligible for play in the OASA, players must be **registered electronically on the OASA's Member Registration System (MRS)** by the **deadline dates**. Team certificates are generated through the MRS. (~~electronically, by fax or mail~~) to the office of the Registrar.

• U9, U11, U13	July 1
• U15, U17, U20, U23	June 10
• Intermediate	August 1
• Senior and Masters	July 1

*Rationale: Housekeeping, to align with current practice.*

6. Moved by: Executive  
OR 4.2 d) iii) Men's Team Certificates (Page 82)  
Addition

Beginning in 2027, a maximum of three (3) pitchers can be registered on a U23 certificate.

*Rationale: To increase the number of teams in the U23 division.*

7. Moved by: Executive  
OR 4.3 c) i) Intermediate (Page 83)  
Revision

Positional players ~~on a current ISC roster on the current year's Softball Canada Athlete pool~~ are not eligible to play in the Intermediate B/C Championship with the exception of affiliated U23 players and U20 players.

*Rationale: Many players end up playing in the ISC II World Tournament.*

8. Moved by: Executive  
OR 4.3 f) Minor Classification (Page 83)  
Revision

Players registered on a U9 through U17 team certificate are eligible to also play one classification higher either in the player's affiliated centre, or in the next closest affiliated centre (if there is no affiliated team in their home centre in the next higher classification). There must be sufficient roster space available to accommodate the player(s), with the approval of the player's coach. A centre can call up players of a lower classification from one affiliated centre only (**including U20 teams picking up U17 players**).

*Rationale: To clarify that U20 teams can pick up U17 players from one centre only.*

9. Moved by: Executive  
OR 4.4 b) Player Residency (Page 84)  
Addition

b) Minor Division **and U23**

**(Note: Players who were U23 in the 2025 season can play for their 2025 team OR their closest centre to their home centre in 2026.)**

*Rationale:*

*To reinstitute player residency rules in the U23 age division. To eliminate super teams in the U23 division, therefore hopefully increasing the number of teams and players moving forward. The current climate of the top teams taking the other teams' top players is hurting the game. Only having 4-6 teams in the U23 division is hurting the game, the players and the fans. Competitive teams in U20 do not make the jump to U23 as their top few players are being recruited to the top teams and the players left behind can no longer compete.*

10. Moved by: Brian Blakely, Frankford  
Definitions (Page 52) and  
OR 4.4 b) ii) Player Residency Minor Division (Page 84-85)  
Revision/Addition

p. 52 Definition of Home Centre:

A player's Home Centre is the affiliated centre (hamlet, village, town, city, borough) **within a 50 km radius of** where the player resides. If no affiliated centre **within a 50 km radius of** where the player resides, the player plays in the closest affiliated centre. (see Closest Centre). If there is more than one affiliated centre **within a 50 km radius of where the player resides, the player shall be entitled to elect and choose one affiliated centre within such 50 km radius as the player's Home Centre.**

ii) Criteria

For the purpose of determining player residency and release requirements, a player will fit into ONE of the following **four** criteria:

- 1) A player who resides in a **Home Centre** that has **more than one affiliated centre** may elect and choose which affiliated centre the player wishes to play for and does not require a release from any of the other affiliated centres.
- 2) A player who lives in a **Home Centre** that has **one** affiliated centre:
  - plays for Home Centre.
  - does not need a release.
- 3) A player who resides in a **Home Centre** that has **no** affiliated centre
  - plays for **the next** closest affiliated centre (the "**New Centre**").
  - does not need a release.
  - becomes a member of the New Centre until:
    - (a) **one** team affiliates in Home Centre, at which time the player must return to the Home Centre if the player has not played with the New Centre for at least the two preceding seasons or,
    - (b) **more than one team affiliates in the Home Centre, at which time the player may elect and choose which affiliated centre to play for as long as the player has not played with the New Centre for the two preceding seasons, or**
    - (c) the player chooses to play elsewhere, at which time a release is required. If the player has played for the New Centre for at least the two preceding seasons, the player must get a release from the New Centre. If the player has played only one season for the New Centre and the Home Centre affiliates, the player must revert back to the Home Centre for a release **from all affiliated centres in the Home Centre**. Once the required release is obtained by the player, no other releases are required.
- 4) A player who resides in a **Home Centre** that has **one or more** affiliated centre(s), but wants to play elsewhere (**the "New Centre"**):
  - needs a release from **all affiliated centres** in the Home Centre.
  - becomes a member of the New Centre, until:
    - (a) the player chooses to go back to **any affiliated team** in the Home Centre. A player may always return to the Home Centre without a release.
    - (b) the New Centre does not affiliate, at which time the player must revert back to **any team within** the Home Centre.
    - (c) the player wishes further movement at which time a release is required. If the player has played for the New Centre for at least the two preceding seasons, the player must get a release from the New Centre. If the player has played only one season for the New Centre, the player must revert back to **all affiliated centre(s) within** the Home Centre for release. Once the required release(s) is obtained by the player, no other releases are required.

*Rationale: To allow player movement within a reasonable distance of their residence, to allow players to play with friends and coaches of their choice and ability.*

11. Moved by: Brian Blakely, Frankford  
OR 4.4 ii) Player Residency (Page 84-85)  
Revision

For the purpose of determining player residency and release requirements, a player will fit into ONE of the following three criteria:

- 1) **\*No change\***
- 2) A player who resides in a that has no area that has no affiliated centre:
  - plays for **the** closest affiliated centre (New Centre)

- does not need a release
- becomes a member of the New Centre until:
  - (a) a team affiliates in Home Centre, at which time the player must return to the Home Centre unless the player played with the New Centre in the preceding season in any age division, in which case the player may continue to play with the New Centre if it affiliates, without requiring a release from the Home Centre. The player may choose to return to the Home Centre without requiring a release from the New Centre.
  - (b) **\*this clause stays the same except the reference to needing a release from the New Centre would apply after one year, not two\***
- 3) \*stays the same except in (c) the reference to needing a release from the New Centre would apply after one year, not two\*

*Rationale: To allow players an easier time of finding a centre to play in, if the centre which they are closest to does not affiliate in any given year. Also, gives a new centre some protection in allowing players from another centre to play on their team.*

12. Moved by: Executive  
 OR 5.2 b) Coach Certification (Page 87)  
 Revision

Eastern Canadians for U15, U17 **and U20** require **at least** one coach to be Competition-Introduction **Trained**. No coaching certification is required for U23 or Intermediate.

*Rationale: To align with current ECSC coaching certification requirements.*

13. Moved by: Executive  
 OR 6.2 (3 and 4) Championship Guidelines (Page 89)  
 Revision

3. OASA Convenors in all Zone Playoff games and Championship Tournaments ~~shall may~~ demand and check all team certificates and, in Masters, U23 and below, proof of birthdate for all players.

4. All players and team officials must be registered on **the OASA's Member Registration System (MRS) by the deadline date.** ~~team forms provided by the OASA Registrar prior to being allowed to play.~~ Proof of eligibility of players (proof of age) in Master, U23 and below is required.

*Rationale: Housekeeping, to align with current system used for OASA registration.*

14. Moved by: Executive  
 OR 11.2 Intra-Organization Agreements (Page 100)  
 Addition

a) ORSA

- i) All ORSA teams wishing to compete in an OASA Tournament must affiliate as an OASA team by the OASA affiliation deadline for their age classification.
- ii) All ORSA teams entering OASA Tournaments must pay the OASA tournament fees and the OASA affiliation fee.
- iii) All ORSA teams that affiliate with OASA must follow all OASA rules including player residency and coach certification.
- iv) A player who has registered on an OASA team roster in the current year is allowed to register on an ORSA team roster, following the rules established by ORSA.
- v) ORSA teams affiliating with OASA may be formed by combining players from multiple ORSA teams as long as OASA player residency rules are followed.
- vi) To compete in OASA events, ORSA teams must provide proof of OASA named in third party insurance coverage.

*Rationale: Piloted in 2025 to allow for a smoother process for teams wishing to compete in OASA and ORSA.*

15. Moved by: Executive  
 OR 11.2 Intra-Organization Agreements (Page 100)  
 Revision

**c) PWSA Agreement**

A player is allowed to register on both a PWSA and an OASA Team Certificate for the current year, ~~, provided they are not both in the same age classification.~~

*Rationale: Housekeeping, current practice.*

16. Moved by: Executive  
OR 11.2 Intra-Organization Agreements  
Revision

**d) Ontario-Quebec Agreement**

OASA is working with Softball Quebec to define the parameters in permitting players who reside in close proximity to the ON-QC border to participate in provincial and national tournaments.

*Rationale: Discussions have been underway.*

17. Moved by: Executive  
Removal of the word “Constitution” throughout the OASA By-Law/Rulebook.  
Deletion

For example, where there is reference to Constitution, By-Laws, Operating Rules

*Rationale: Housekeeping*