



January 24, 2020

2020 Slo-Pitch Canadian Championships – Surrey BC

As you are all aware the 2020 Slo-Pitch Canadian Championships will take place in Surrey at Softball City this August.

We appreciate that there are many questions regarding the Championship this year and we will do our best to answer your questions and concerns in a timely manner. There are a number of criteria and timelines that have been set for teams wishing to compete in this event, I strongly encourage you to read this and the “Letter of Intent” package carefully in order to be familiar with what needs to be done, and when, if you wish to participate in this national championship. At any time, please don’t hesitate to contact our office for clarification or interpretation of any of this information.

To start we have compiled a list of the common questions we have received and included a response below.

FAQ’s:

Q. How many teams will be allowed to participate in the Championship from BC?

A. Softball Canada has confirmed that a maximum of 4 teams on the Men’s side and 4 teams on the Women’s side will be permitted to play.

Q. When is the Letter of Intent due?

*A. For 2020 the SP Letter of Intent is due, along with all required cheques and signatures, at **the Softball BC office**, postmarked no later than midnight on **March 1, 2020**.*

Q. What if there are more teams who put in the Letter of Intent than there are spots available?

A. Should Softball BC receive more than 4 Letters of Intent on or before March 1st, for either gender, a Ranking Tournament will be held. This tournament is planned to take place at Softball City in April.

Q. Who are the Host teams? How will that be determined?

A. If a Ranking Tournament is required, the Host teams will be determined based on the results of that event. Teams will be ranked as BC1, BC2, BC3 and Host.

B. If no ranking tournament takes place the Host teams will be determined by Softball Canada rule 1.2 a) ii (page 239) “a host city team is eligible providing the team originates in the city where the championship is being held. Said team must have participated (as a team) in the provincial competition played to determine the provincial representative to the Canadian Championship and:

Softball Canada rule 1.2 a) iii) “if there is more than one team eligible to represent the host committee, the applicable provincial softball association (Softball BC) shall determine the manner in which the host committee team is selected. Softball BC rules (Article 9.12 b) states “if there are two teams to be ranked, a best two out of three playoff will be arranged in the championship year”



Q. What else do we need to know right now?

A. It is critical that teams adhere to the deadlines set forth for 2020. If you are late with your Letter of Intent, or if it is incomplete (not filled in properly, or cheques missing/not signed), you risk losing an opportunity to take part in the ranking tournament and/or the Canadian Championship itself.

B. Teams must complete their Softball BC online registration by April 1st (inputted into the Softball BC Registration spreadsheet and uploaded to the Softball BC registration site).

C. Any team submitting a Letter of Intent after March 1st will only be granted a spot in the Championship if there are three (3) or less teams in that category who confirm their attendance in the Championship on May 1st. Teams filing their LOI late will not be permitted to take part in the ranking tournament, if one is held.

D. Teams may submit their LOI by the March 1 deadline then withdraw their intent, with no penalty, by April 1.

E. Teams have until June 15 to make changes to their Softball BC roster. Because of the potential Ranking Tournament it is crucial that all potential players/coaches be registered for the 2020 season. No players will be permitted on the Official Players List (Softball Canada's roster) unless they are registered through Softball BC by April 1st, so you can't add players who were not registered through Softball BC in the weeks leading up to the Championship.

This is a great opportunity to showcase our sport and for your team to play host to the rest of Canada at these championships. We are extremely grateful to Softball City for stepping up and agreeing to host this event on behalf of Softball BC. It has been many years since BC last hosted the slo pitch Canadians and we hope it will give our teams an advantage to be able to compete and go home to your own beds each night. Anticipating that there is heightened interest and demand for elite slo pitch players to be part of this prestigious event, we want to be sure you receive and understand what needs to be done on an administrative level to ensure your team has the opportunity to compete at Softball City.

Yours truly,

Rick Benson
Executive Director, Softball BC



January 24th, 2020

RE: 2020 Men's and Women's Slopitch Canadians

To Teams Applying for the 2020 Men's and Women's Slopitch Canadians;

We look forward to welcoming you and teams from across the country to Softball City from August 9th-15th for the 2020 Men's and Women's Slopitch Canadians!

As I'm sure you can appreciate, there are significant costs to host an event of this size (i.e. hosting fees, umpire accommodations, vehicle rentals for Softball Canada personnel, facility costs, logistical/equipment rentals, etc). As our Society is taking on the financial risk of this tournament (vs a team), we are requiring local BC teams (teams residing in the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley) to pay a \$3,500 fee to assist with these costs. Any non-local BC teams attending will pay a \$1,500 fee to assist with these costs. In order to host the event in BC and help your teams avoid the costs of travel and accommodations to another province/territory, it is a small cost to be able to play and stay at home.

As a not-for-profit, we truly appreciate the support and know that we will ensure this is a top-notch event. Please note the deadline for this fee will be May 15th for the teams that are officially selected to attend.

We would also like to invite one representative from each local BC team to liaise with our event manager leading up to the event. Please send an email to let our manager know who will be your team contact.

Any questions please feel free to contact us admin@softballcity.bc.ca or 604-531-3220.

Sincerely,

Greg Timm
President & CEO
Canadian Amateur Sport Society



SOFTBALL BC

Letter of Intent - SP

For participation at the Canadian Championship (Slo-Pitch)

To assist Softball BC in applying to Softball Canada for allocations to the Canadian Championships it is imperative that all teams in categories leading to a Canadian Championship, who are wishing to compete in these Championships, whether a Provincial Championship is held or not, complete this form and submit it to the Softball BC Office no later than the dates outlined below.

- **Men and Women Slo-Pitch: MARCH 1**

To be considered by Softball BC, if additional assigned or pro-rata positions are allocated by Softball Canada, they will be awarded to the next highest ranking team at the current Ranking Tournament/Provincial Championship, if one is held, provided this form has been completed and submitted by the aforementioned date.

Any team which has not indicated their intention to participate will not be given consideration in the current year. It should be noted and fully understood by all applicable registered teams that the distribution and signing of this form will in no way obligate Softball Canada or Softball BC to accept, any assigned or pro-rata position in the current year's Canadian Championship.

Process and Timelines

For Canadian Championships:

March 1	Letters of Intent are received at the Softball BC office by all teams interested/intending to attend a Canadian Championship in the current year. BC has been allocated a maximum of 4 spots for Men and a maximum of 4 spots for Women at the 2020 Canadian Championship. Should the number of Letters of Intent exceed 4, per category, there will be a ranking tournament held at Softball City in April 2020.
April 1	Teams are given an opportunity to withdraw the Letter of Intent prior to April 1 without penalty.
April 1	All teams wishing to participate in the Canadian Championship, MUST complete the Softball BC online registration and submit all necessary payments, including player fees, team fees, Softball BC numbers etc. Note: Maximum number for Men's teams is 17 players and 5 coaches. Maximum for Women's teams is 20 players and 5 coaches.
April 2020	If necessary, a Ranking Tournament will be held at Softball City to determine BC1, BC2, BC3 and Host.
June 30	Softball BC rosters are locked. No additional players may be added after this date, unless the Add/Delete format is used.

Teams intending to attend a Canadian Championship must submit Performance Bonds with a completed Letter of Intent Form. These bonds, including the \$250 Softball BC Admin Fee, are cashed when Softball BC is assessed a fine from Softball Canada.

Performance Bonds and Payments required for a Canadian Championship

- Cheque #1: \$750.00 – Softball Canada entry fee: This cheque is deposited on May 1st. Teams will be notified prior to Softball BC depositing this cheque. The entry fee is non-refundable once deposited.

- Cheque #2: \$1,000.00 – Softball Canada Withdrawal Penalty: assessed for any team withdrawing from a Championship at any time after May 1.

- Cheque #3: \$1,000.00 – Softball Canada Late Withdrawal Penalty: assessed for any team withdrawing from a Championship after July 15th.

- Cheque #4: \$250.00 – Softball BC Administration Fee: this fee is due if any bond is assessed as outlined above. It is not deposited with the entry fee cheque.

Note: All cheques are payable to Softball BC.

Summary

- Prior to April 1: Teams may withdraw with no penalty.

 - May 1 – July 15: **\$2,000.00** (\$750.00 entry fee, \$1,000.00 Withdrawal Penalty and the \$250.00 admin fee).

 - After July 15th: **\$3,000.00** (fines assessed for the May 1-July 15th period PLUS the additional \$1,000.00 late withdrawal penalty).
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Softball BC Letter of Intent – SP

TO PARTICIPATE AT THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Two signatures are required below: 1 signature from the Head Coach and 1 signature for an alternate contact from your team.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD by the undersigned, that they fully commit the team to represent British Columbia as an assigned or pro-rata allocation in the current year's Canadian Championships on the understanding that should the team place high enough at the current year's qualifying tournament, if one is held, as well as attend the current year Provincial Championship if one is held, to be awarded such an allocation if granted by Softball Canada.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD by the undersigned, that if selected and given an assigned or a pro-rate allocation to the Canadian Championship the team fails to attend as promised, any and all financial assessments or fines attributable to such nonattendance as assessed by Softball Canada to Softball BC shall be borne by the association / league and / or team.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD by the undersigned, that the submission of applicable fine assessment currently in place, must accompany this form.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD that pursuant to Article 1.3 d) of the Softball Canada Rule Book that failure of a team to appear in any Canadian Championship game shall result in that team being suspended for the remainder of the championship and will be assessed a \$1,000.00 fine and disciplinary action reviewed by the Directors of Softball Canada.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR FILL IN ELECTRONICALLY (PRINT COMPLETED FORM AND THEN SIGN)

Team Name:		District:	
Category: SP _____	Gender: Male: _____ Female: _____		
Head Coach Name:		Head Coach Mailing Address:	
Head Coach Email Address:		Head Coach Phone Number:	
Alternate Contact:		Alternate Contact Email Address;	
Alternate Contact Phone Number:		Role with the team:	

Head Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Alternate Contact Signature: _____ Date: _____