



2022 SOFTBALL MANITOBA Division Operating Rules Motion Form



NOTICE OF MOTION

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Manitoba Premier Softball League (MPSL)

Division Affiliation: Minor

Date: August 11, 2022

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

2022 Minor Division Operating Rules Section 2.

M-2, Age Categories and Classification

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

2. Classification - Boundaries:

- i) The boundaries for Softball Manitoba's Minor "AAA" Rural Regional Organizations shall be those recognized by Softball Manitoba (as per Sport Manitoba's 2016 Rural Map/Boundaries). Players representing their Rural Regional Organizations must reside within these boundaries. The boundary for Softball Manitoba's 4 Minor "AAA" Urban Regional Organizations is the City of Winnipeg within the Perimeter Highway. These four (4) Winnipeg Organizations that can obtain their players from the five (5) Winnipeg Softball Associations which are Bonivital, North East, North West, St. James and Winnipeg Southwest Youth. Players representing Urban Organizations must reside within the boundary of the City of Winnipeg abiding by Softball Manitoba's definition of the City boundaries which is the Municipal Wards as defined by the City of Winnipeg.
 - In U13 AAA category if a particular region does not have a team in the player's category/classification, in which event the player may at their option to play for a team in a different region in the player's age category/classification.
 - In U13 AAA category, a player is released from a team in the region in which they resides, in which case the player may play for a team in another region at their option, and the team from which the player is released shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the league, the transferred regional team and Softball Manitoba.
- ii) Boundary for the A teams shall be the "Province of Manitoba". For these Purposes, the Community/Community Centre boundaries shall be those recognized by the rural Community Centers as their particular boundaries. A player shall play on the Community/Community Center team entered in the Softball Manitoba recognized Minor League from the particular area in which he or she resides, unless:
 - That particular Community/Community Center does not have a team in the player's category, in which event the player may at their option play for any other team in the League in the player's age category.
 - That League does not have a team in the player's category in which event the player at their option may play for any team in another League in the player's age category with proper approvals from both leagues.
 - The player is released from the team in the League from the Community Center in the particular area in which they resides, in which case the player may play for any team in the League at their option from which the player is released shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the League, the transferred team and Softball Manitoba. The player is released from the Community Center team and the League in which case the player may play for any team in

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another League. Both the releasing team and the League shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the transferred team and the League and to Softball Manitoba for approval.

Coaches and Managers will be held responsible to ensure only eligible players are registered on team rosters. In the event of any discrepancies, a player's eligibility to play on a particular team, the Executive of the League will rule. Any coach who knowingly signs an ineligible player, the coach and the ineligible player may be subject to suspension.

- iii) NEW Program in 2022 'AA' – Players registering 'A' are eligible to play 'AA' as well following their 'A' Club season – check RAMP 'AA' dropbox. 'AA' may include up to 3 teams per Age Category per Region. (as per the 8 regions defined within 'AAA'. AA Provincials to be scheduled in August and play will be restricted to specific nights and/or specific weekends so that A programs are not hampered. (Determined by Softball Manitoba Minor Committee). The program will initially be implemented for a two-year period

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

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- i) The U13, U15, U17 and U19 'AAA' Categories will be run under the auspices of the four (4) Winnipeg based "A" Organizations, Manitoba Angels, Manitoba Thunder, Smitty's Terminators and Winnipeg Lightning. and the six (6) rural Region organizations are; Central Energy, Eastman Wildcats, Interlake Phillies, Norman, Parkland and Westman Magic. No 'AAA' for Norman and Parkland in 2022.

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 - Team Registration – all 'AAA' teams (9 player minimum) must complete Softball Manitoba RAMP registration signed by all players, coaches and manager by January 31st for the upcoming season.
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Center team entered in the Softball Manitoba recognized Minor League from the particular area in which he or she resides, unless:

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RATIONALE

If the MPSL's first motion is approved, there are two articles that have to remain within the Minor Division Operating Rules. This proposal places these two articles into an existing section of the MDOR.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ☐ Carried ☐ Amended ☐ Withdrawn ☐ Defeated

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