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2021 Catch the Action

Softball Manitoba

Membership Information

SOFTBALL MANITOBA



Incorporated May 18th, 1965, the Manitoba Softball Association, now known as Softball Manitoba, is the recognized Sport Governing Body for Fast Pitch (includes orthodox) and Slo-Pitch Softball within the Province of Manitoba, and is a member of Softball Canada, the National Sport Governing Body for the sport of Softball. The mission of the Association is to promote and develop softball at all levels, by providing leadership, programs and services to meet the needs of all participants, thus enhancing the profile of softball in Manitoba.

Softball Manitoba is a non-government, non-profit organization housed at 321-145 Pacific Avenue located in Winnipeg. The Association's Board consists of men and women who volunteer their time and skills in the interest of softball. Twelve elected Directors represent the interests of Minors, Fast Pitch, Slo-Pitch and Officials Divisions within the Association. Four members of the Advisory Board are also elected to provide guidance and support to the Association's programs. Softball Manitoba staff administer the policies and programs of the Association. The programs of Softball Manitoba are financed through membership fees, Sport Manitoba and private sector sponsorship.

Softball Manitoba Membership is open to softball leagues and organizations as approved by our Board of Directors. All registered players, coaches, managers, officials, league administrators and volunteers are participants of Softball Manitoba whether they be voting or non-voting members of the Association. This membership is for the current year only (from April 1st to March 31st of the following year).

The following pages outlines what your Softball Manitoba membership offers including our development programs, benefits, fundraising opportunities and competition programs.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

To meet our objectives of promoting and developing our sport, Softball Manitoba offers various programs in the area of participation, player development, and the certification of coaches and officials.

These development programs include:

- Timbits Softball
- Player Development
- Canpitch Pitcher Development
- Tobacatch Catcher Development
- High Performance Program
- NCCP Coach Development
- NOCP Officials Development



TIMBITS SOFTBALL



The Timbits Softball Program is a revolutionary way of introducing the sport of Softball to children. It is made up of three (3) age appropriate levels (5 – 10 yrs. old), and activities are included which foster the involvement of all players, including players with high and low skill levels. The child will experience excitement, enjoyment and success. Activities and lead-up games are patterned after informal playground games that promise an hour of fun and lots of action. Each level takes into account the characteristics of children (both mentally and physically) to ensure that each child has fun, experiences success and is gradually introduced to a competitive environment. For further information, contact Softball Manitoba at 204-925-5673.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Softball Manitoba's Development Committee offers clinics and programs in all areas including Throwing, Catching, Hitting and General Skills. Clinics are offered in various levels from the grassroots player to the elite athlete.

CANPITCH



Canpitch is Softball Canada's national pitching program which introduces and develops the skill of windmill pitching to children and youth. Throughout the program pitchers will learn and develop the fundamental skills of pitching, see their progress as they move from one stage of pitching development to the next following a clearly defined pathway, be introduced to the concepts of fair play, fitness, safety, teamwork, and the importance of a positive attitude, have a fun, memorable experience.

For more information regarding the Canpitch program please contact our Master Pitching Instructor, Greg Bouchard at bouch18@mts.net.

HIGH PERFORMANCE

Softball Manitoba offers High Performance programs to the following age categories: U14 (Manitoba Games), Men's and Female's (Canada Summer Games). Elite Athletes are identified to develop and test their talents against the best competition in the Province and Canada.

COACH DEVELOPMENT



A key to the success of any sport, from recreation to the elite level, is the development and implementation of a superior coaching program. Coaching clinics are offered for all levels beginning with Timbits Coaching for the novice coach to the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).

OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT

With the objective of upgrading and standardizing the skills and knowledge of the game for umpires, Softball Manitoba offers programs for the novice umpire (*Watch the Ball*) to the National Officials Certification Program (NOCP levels I-V). Upon completion of the certification program, officials are qualified to umpire at the League, Provincial, National/Regional and International Levels. Leagues are encouraged to visit our website for information regarding the 2018 Officials' clinic schedule and other Program information. Softball Manitoba maintains a list of all registered umpires, which is available to leagues that are registered with the Association.

ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

Once your league is a member of Softball Manitoba, all participants of your organization are insured through the Liability and Accident Program offered through All Sport Insurance (all participants of your league must be registered).

Who is covered? All participants collectively including executives, managers, coaches, trainers, officials and volunteers while acting within the scope of their duties.

The general liability coverage is \$5,000,000.00, which pays for your defense as well as any costs found against you.

The sports injury insurance provides coverage for practices, games, and team travel (within Canada). For each separate accident the plan pays:

- **Blanket Accident Reimbursement** - up to \$25,000.00 (prescription drugs, ambulance, hospital services). Effective April 1, 2016, the rates within the Sport Accident Policy for all therapy will be changed to \$50.00 per visit with a maximum of \$2,000.00 per accident over a 52 week period from date of the

accident. This includes physiotherapy, athletic therapy, chiropractor, massage therapy and osteopath;

- **Accidental Death** - \$25,000.00;
- **Dental** - up to \$10,000.00 for dental treatment resulting from injury to sound natural teeth;
- **Rehabilitation Indemnity Benefit** (up to \$5,000);
- **Tuition Fees Reimbursement** (up to \$5,000);
- **Fracture Indemnity Benefit** (up to \$500);
- **Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses Expense** (up to \$200.00 for repair or replacement).

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MAJOR EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Contact
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ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year Softball Manitoba recognizes outstanding contributions and achievements at the minor and adult level of play for players, coaches/managers, umpires and volunteers.



BURSARY PROGRAMS

Three bursaries are presented annually by Softball Manitoba to Students/Athletes attending a Post-Secondary Institute of Learning.

The **Softball Manitoba Bursary** is presented annually to a student/athlete who has demonstrated highly successful competitive experience at a national and/or provincial and/or regional level. The value of the Bursary is \$500.00.

The **Eugene Michalow Memorial Bursary** is presented annually to a student/athlete who exhibits exemplary sportsmanship and dedication to Softball. The value of the Bursary is \$500.00.

The **Ashley Neufeld Memorial Bursary** is presented annually to a student/athlete who exhibits exemplary sportsmanship and dedication to Softball. The value of the Bursary is \$500.00.

ONLINE TEAM REGISTRATION

New since 2020! Softball Manitoba has partnered with RAMP Interactive and will host team and provincial registrations online. To register with your respective League/Club please visit our website, <https://www.rampregistrations.com/softballmanitoba/>



PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Provincial Championships are offered in all categories and classification for all genders. Age Categories/Classifications include:

MINOR ENTRY INFORMATION

Category	Classification	F	M
U10	A	X	X
U12	AAA, A	X	X
U14	AAA, A	X	X
U16	AAA, A	X	X
U19	AAA, A	X	X

ALL MINOR teams in any of the categories and/or classifications may enter provincials as long as they are registered with the Association by the June 1st deadline. Each League is to complete the online RAMP registration and submit appropriate fees by June 1st deadline.

FAST PITCH ENTRY INFORMATION

U23 A Men
Senior Women
Intermediate Women

Registered adult Fast Pitch teams in all Categories/Classification enter Provincials by completing an entry form and submitting it along with the appropriate fees by the entry deadline of June 1st.

SLO-PITCH ENTRY INFORMATION

Competitive (Men/Women/Co-ed)
Recreation (Men/Women/Co-ed)
Senior 55+

Adult Slo-Pitch and Senior Slo-Pitch teams (once registered with the Association) enter Provincials by completing an entry form and submitting it along with the appropriate fees by the entry deadline of July 6th for Adult and 55+.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP RECOGNITION

Minor Provincial Champions will be recognized with plaque, t-shirts and medals. Second and third place teams will receive medals. Adult Provincials Champions will be awarded plaques and individual prizes.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS



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2021 COACHING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

MALE			
AGE	PROVINCIALS	W.C.S.C.	CANADIANS
U10	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.		
U12	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.		
U14	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.
U16	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.
U19	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Eval.
FEMALE			
AGE	PROVINCIALS	W.C.S.C.	CANADIANS
U10 A/AA	Community Softball		
U12 AAA	Community Softball		
U12 A/AA	Community Softball		
U14 AAA	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Evaluation	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Evaluation	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Evaluation
U14 A/AA	FOCS Part 1 MED Online Evaluation		
U16 AAA	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Evaluation	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Evaluation	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Evaluation
U16 A/AA	FOCS Part 1 MED Online Evaluation		
U19 AAA	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Evaluation	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Evaluation	FOCS Part 1 & 2 MED Online Evaluation
U19 A/AA	FOCS Part 1 MED Online Evaluation		

FOCS = Foundations of Coaching Softball
MED = Making Ethical Decisions

THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE 2021 SEASON ONLY CLARIFICATION BELOW

1. FOCS Part 1 + MED Online Evaluation = 2021 substitute for Community Softball
2. FOCS Part 1 and 2 + MED Online Evaluation = 2021 substitute for Competition Introduction
3. Coaches who are Competition-Introduction Trained (with MED Evaluation) or Competition-Introduction Certified meet 2021 eligibility requirements. All other coaches require components stated above.
4. All registered Minor Division softball coaches are required to complete the 3-hour online training "Respect in Sport Program". See Below. Coaches who certified prior to 2016 must re-certify in 2021 (RIS certification renewal requirements every 5 years).

RESPECT IN SPORT PROGRAM MINOR CATEGORY COACHES

Sport Manitoba launched the Respect in Sport Program on November 30, 2006. Respect in Sport is an online training course being implemented for all coaches in Manitoba. Sport Manitoba is initiating this program to create a better sport environment for children through education. All registered Minor Division softball coaches are required to complete the 3-hour online training here, <https://sportmanitoba.respectgroupinc.com/>

For further information, contact the Softball Manitoba office at 204-925-5673.

This component is a coaching requirement for all coaches registered with Softball Manitoba.



SPORT FOR LIFE CENTRE

SPORT FOR LIFE RESOURCE CENTRE

Sport Manitoba's Sport for Life Resource Centre has been developed to encourage efficient use of community resources and to promote cooperation and sharing among the sport community. The Resource Centre brings together a variety of partners within the sport community, maximizing the number and types of resource available to the community. The sport community will have access to the equipment and resources necessary to further their growth and development as athletes, coaches, officials and community leaders.

The Sport for Life Resource Centre includes a library for most sports, including Softball, along with a computer lab available for public use and the delivery of sport education programs.

Through the Coaching Manitoba Resource Centre, all Softball Manitoba Registered Members will have access to the following:

- Softball Manitoba Coach, Athlete and Officials Development Books and DVDs
- Coaching Manitoba Newsletter
- Dartfish Video Analysis
- Performance Enhancement
- Nutrition
- Coaching Manitoba Grants
- Regional Coaching Academies

QUALICO TRAINING CENTRE

In 2010, Sport Manitoba took a major step forward by developing a new home base in the Sport for Life Centre. A first in Canada, the new Sport for Life Centre at 145 Pacific Avenue is a one-stop resource for creating a healthier community by helping athletes and youth learn, grow and succeed in sport.

Phase two construction included: a training track and sprint lanes, strength, conditioning and testing areas, aerobic training center, and a multi-purpose area which can be used as court spaces and for fitness training and workshops.

The sport expertise, fitness, training, and coaching housed in Phase I has been put to use in the fieldhouse to provide programming for local schools, community groups, amateur sport teams, and elite athletes.





2021 FEE STRUCTURE

CATEGORY	AFFILIATION FEE/PLAYER	“OPEN” PROVINCIAL ENTRY FEE	
MINOR			
Timbits Softball	15.00	N/A	
U10	25.00	U10 Girls	350.00
		U10 Boys	350.00
U12	25.00	U12 A Girls	350.00
		U12 AA Girls	350.00
		U12 AAA Girls	350.00
		U12 AAA Boys	350.00
U14	25.00	U14 A Girls	350.00
		U14 AA Girls	350.00
		U14 AAA Girls	350.00
		U14 AAA Boys	350.00
U16	25.00	U16 A Girls	350.00
		U16 AA Girls	350.00
		U16 AAA Girls	350.00
		U16 AAA Boys	350.00
U19	25.00	U19 A Girls	350.00
		U19 AA Girls	350.00
		U19 AAA Boys	350.00
FAST PITCH			
U23, Senior, Masters, Intermediate (Men, Women, & Co-Ed)	25.00	300.00	
Orthodox (Men, Women, & Co-ed)	25.00	300.00	
SLO-PITCH			
Competitive & Recreation (Men, Women, & Co-Ed)	25.00	300.00	
Slo-Pitch 55+	15.00	200.00	
JBSC Fall League			
JBSC Fall League	15.00		



YOUR SOFTBALL MANITOBA MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE BENEFITS



MEMBERSHIP FEES INCLUDE:

- Safety Benefits: Insurance Coverage for all participants including coaches, players, managers, clinicians, officials and league volunteers
- Access to Policies and Procedures regarding Ethics, Anti-Harassment and Zero Tolerance concerning Officials, Players, Coaches, Committee Involvement.
- Access to Special Achievement Opportunities including Softball Manitoba's Bursary Program, Awards Program and the Hall of Fame & Museum
- Access to Development Grants (if eligible) for Bi-lateral and Inner-City Programs, Travel Grants for Upgrading (out of Province Coach & Official Clinics) Women to Watch Grants
- Timbits Softball Manuals for Timbits Softball teams
- Access to Softball Canada's Programs
- Access to the Canpitch Program (introduces and develops the fundamental skills of windmill pitching to Canada's children and youth. Manitoba Canpitch instructors teach a nationally standardized program).
- Score books
- Rule books
- Fundraising opportunities for Goldeyes 50/50
- Access to Registered Umpires
- Access to Other Softball MB Development Programs (Skills, NCCP & NOCP)
- Access to Certified Learning Facilitators and Clinicians
- Provincial Championship Eligibility
- Provincial Championship Awards and Prizes Opportunities
- Western Canadian Championships Eligibility
- Canadian Championships Eligibility (Open)
- Provincial Games Teams Identification Opportunities (Manitoba Games & Canada Summer Games)
- Softball Manitoba Website
- RAMP Registration
- Promotional Opportunities through Softball Manitoba's Database
- Canada Games Sport for Life Resource Centre
- Canada Games Sport for Life Training Centre (if eligible)

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2021 COMPETITION CALENDAR

2021 MINOR FAST PITCH PROVINCIALS					
CAT.	Class.	Date	Location/Bids	Contact	E-mail
U10	A Girls	June 25 - 27	JBSC	Monte Miller	montejbcs@gmail.com
	Open Boys	July 8 - 11	Norway House	Ed Albert	Ealbert@nhcn.ca
U12	AAA Girls	July 8 - 11	STONEWALL	Blaine Shewchuk	shewcb1@gmail.com
	AA Girls	August 6-8	TBD		
	A Girls	July 9 - 11	BUHLER	Daphne Wiebe	president.nesa@gmail.com
	Open Boys	July 8 - 11	Norway House	Ed Albert	Ealbert@nhcn.ca
U14	AAA Girls	July 22 - 25	JBSC	Monte Miller	montejbcs@gmail.com
	AA Girls	August 13-15	TBD		
	A Girls	July 16 - 18	STEINBACH	Mike Klassen	mike2tam@mymts.net
	Open Boys	July 8 - 11	Norway House	Ed Albert	Ealbert@nhcn.ca
U16	AAA Girls	July 15 - 18	BRANDON	Bruce Luebke	luber@mymts.net
	AA Girls	August 13-15	TBD		
	A Girls	July 22 - 25	WINKLER	Chris Rempel	c_remps@hotmail.com
	Open Boys	July 8 - 11	Norway House	Ed Albert	Ealbert@nhcn.ca
U19	AAA Girls	July 22 - 25	JBSC	Monte Miller	montejbcs@gmail.com
	AA Girls	August 21-22	TBD		
	A Girls	August 13-15	BRANDON	Bruce Luebke	luber@mymts.net
	Open Boys	July 8 - 11	Norway House	Ed Albert	Ealbert@nhcn.ca
2021 FAST PITCH PROVINCIALS					
ADULT	A/AAA	TBD	TBD		
2021 SLO-PITCH PROVINCIALS					
ADULT	55+	TBD	JBSC	Monte Miller	montejbcs@gmail.com
ADULT	Comp/Rec	TBD	TBD		
2021 WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS					
U12	M	July 30-Aug 2	Saskatoon, SK	Guy Jacobson	guy@softball.sk.ca
U14	M / F	August 19-22	Portage la Prairie-MB	Kristi Guilford	kristig@mymts.net
U16	M / F	August 5-8	Strathmore, AB	Michelle Patry	michele@softballalberta.ca
U19	M / F	TBD	British Columbia	Rick Benson	rbenson@softball.bc.ca
Adult	M / F	August 5-8	Blackfalds, AB	Michele Patry	michele@softballalberta.ca
Masters	Male	TBD	Victoria, BC	Rick Benson	rbenson@softball.bc.ca
2021 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – Go to https://softball.ca/programs/canadianchampionships					
U14	Girls	Aug 4-8	Brandon, MB		
	Boys	Aug 4-8	Wilmot, Ontario		
U16	Girls	Aug 11-15	Saskatoon, SK		
	Boys	Aug 11-15	Fredericton, NB		
U19	Women	Aug 3-8	Montreal, QC		
	Men's	August 3-8	Carbonear, NL		
U23	Men's	August 4-8	Saskatoon, SK		
SENIOR	Women	Aug 18-22	Summerside, PEI		
	Men/Mas	Sept 1-5	TBD		
Slo-Pitch	Men/Women	August 8 – 14	Surrey, BC		

SUBJECT TO CHANGE: For the most up to date Competition Calendar please visit our website here, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/article/63344>