

If the event is postponed to 2022, Softball Canada reserves the right to further modify the selection process.



2021 WBSC U-19 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

2021 JUNIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

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SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

The Junior Women's National Team Program for 2021 will compete in the 2021 WBSC U-19 Women's Softball World Cup, which is scheduled to take place in Lima, Peru (Date to be confirmed). The purpose of this document is to set out the process that will be used by Softball Canada to select athletes to the 2021 WBSC U-19 Women's Softball World Cup Team.

This selection process has the following objective:

- Select the best possible Team for the 2021 WBSC U-19 Women's Softball World Cup. While some objective criteria will be used to select the Team, it is also recognized that there is a significant subjective element. Subjective elements include such factors as previous and current performance, experience, positional requirements, leadership, and team cohesion.

SECTION 2 – ELIGIBILITY

An athlete is eligible for selection to the Team so long as they are: (1) in good standing with Softball Canada, and (2) a Canadian Citizen holding a Canadian passport valid up to 6 months after 2021 WBSC U-19 Women's Softball World Cup (March 1, 2022), or a person eligible for Canadian Citizenship who is actively pursuing Citizenship.

To be eligible to be selected to the Team, the athlete must meet any age requirements and citizenship requirements stipulated by the organizers of the event at which the Team will be competing.

SECTION 3 – AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

The Head Coach has final authority for all selection decisions, including selecting athletes to the Team, removing athletes from the Team, and selecting replacement athletes to the Team where applicable. In making selection decisions, the Head Coach will consult with the High Performance Director and Manager – Women’s National Teams (WNT), and with the coaching staff, defined for the purposes of this document to include assistant coaches, scouts and evaluators as designated by Softball Canada.

SECTION 4 – ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

Regional Identification Camps and Final Selection Camp

Identification camps will be held in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia in July and August. Athletes will be evaluated using the evaluation process outlined in Appendix A, the “Five Star Rating System”. Evaluations are specific to positional requirements – infield, outfield, pitchers and catchers. This process will act as a resource for athlete evaluation and not necessarily be the final determinant. In addition, the Head Coach will have the discretion to organize any other drills, practices and games that will assist in the selection process.

Team Selection

No later than August 7, 2021 the Head Coach will, in consultation with the Assistant Coaches and High Performance Director, select up to 26 athletes to attend the Final Selection Camp, which is currently scheduled to take place August 8-12, 2021, in Surrey, BC. Following the Final Selection Camp, the final Team of 16 athletes, and alternates, for the 2021 WBSC U-19 Women’s Softball World Cup will be named, with the goal being to put together the best possible Team for the event. The final roster will be determined no later than 45 days prior to the event.

Factors that will be considered in this selection include physical and technical aspects of the game, as well as team dynamics. These factors, which will be assigned weight by the Head Coach, as he or she deems appropriate for the decision-making process, include:

- Previous and current performance
- Experience
- Positional requirements (primary and backup)
- Present and projected development and/or improvement
- Leadership/Contribution to team chemistry
- Availability for competition and training
- The depth chart, as developed from the evaluation criteria in Appendix A

It is understood that in making selections to create the best possible Team, it is possible that the best individual athletes may not be selected. The Head Coach has the discretion to advance athletes with previous international experience to later stages of the selection process. The Head Coach also has the discretion to name an athlete to the Team even though that athlete may not have participated in evaluation camps or other selection activities.

The timelines that will be followed in selecting the athletes to the 2021 WBSC U-19 Women's Softball World Cup team will be as follows. Note that specific events, dates and times may be subject to change.

- Identification camps in July and August in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia. Exact locations to be announced.
- Up to 26 athletes will be selected to participate in the Final Selection Camp by no later than August 7, 2021.
- The Head Coach will select a team of athletes to represent Canada at the 2021 WBSC U-19 Women's Softball World Cup no later than 45 days prior to the event.
- Alternates may be added to the Team to replace an athlete removed from the team pursuant to section 5. The addition of alternates to the team is at the sole discretion of the Head Coach and will be in keeping with the philosophy of fielding the best possible Team.

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES/CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT

If unforeseen circumstances arise which do not allow for this selection process or the above timelines to be implemented as outlined in this document, Softball Canada reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all athletes in the selection process will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

SECTION 5 - REMOVAL FROM A CAMP OR FROM THE TEAM

An athlete may be removed from a camp or from a Team where the athlete:

- a) Is unable to meet performance expectations;
- b) Unable or unwilling to meet required training expectations;
- c) Is unable to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reasons as determined by Softball Canada's medical staff;
- d) Is unable to commit to the required Team activities (note that an athlete may obtain an exemption from the Head Coach and Softball Canada)
- e) Violates team rules and/or Softball Canada's policies and procedures; or
- f) Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of the National Team program or Softball Canada.

SECTION 6 – SUBSTITUTION OF ALTERNATES

Where necessary and appropriate, an athlete removed from a Team may be replaced by an alternate selected by the Head Coach.

SECTION 7 – APPEALS

Softball Canada selections for the 2021 WBSC U-19 Women's Softball World Cup Team may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Softball Canada Appeals policy. Any dispute relating to the Softball Canada Internal nominations procedure for the 2021 WBSC U-19 Women's Softball World Cup Team must be brought according to said policy, or may be

brought directly to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) with the consent of all parties and at the discretion of the SDRCC.



APPENDIX A – FIVE STAR RATING SYSTEM
Women's National Team Program Player Evaluation - Infielders



Player Profile		Infielders				Base Running		Hitting				Attitude			Intangibles		Ranking By		FIVE STAR RANKING								
Position	Surname	Throws	Hits	Ground ball Straight on	Range	Slow Rollers/Chopper to SS/2B	Double Play	Fielding Bunts 1 st & 3 rd	Home to 1 st x2	2 nd to Home x2	Use of All Fields	Ability to hit 65mphs +	Bunting Skills	Bat Control	Game Scenarios	Effort	Competitiveness	Coachability		Ability to get along with teammates	Leadership Ability	Poise under Pressure	Beep Test Level Score	Offence	Defence		
Primary																			Secondary								
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APPENDIX B – TRAINING STANDARDS

Pitchers

	Minimum Standard	National Team Best
Fastball	60mph	65mph
Change-Up	15-18mph slower than maximum	
Any (2) of the following		
Rise	58mph	60mph
Curve	58mph	60mph
Screw ball	60mph	62mph

Catchers

	Minimum Standard	National Team Best
Throw: H-2b	< 2.00 seconds	1.84 seconds
Glove to glove release:	< 0.95	0.80

General Fitness and Technical Standards

	Minimum Standard	National Team Best
Throwing speed (overhand)	> 58mph	65mph
Beep Test (Leger)	6.5	12
Pro Agility	6.0	4.36
Medicine Ball Throw	9	11

APPENDIX C – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

July 21	Identification Camp	Halifax, NS
July 26	Identification Camp	Saskatoon, SK
July 26	Identification Camp	Winnipeg, MB
July 28-30	Identification Camp	Greater Toronto Area, ON
August 2	Identification Camp	Greater Montreal, QC
August 4-6	Identification Camp	Lower Mainland, BC
August 8-12	Final Selection Camp	Lower Mainland, BC
Dates TBD	Pre-World Cup Training Camp	TBA
Dates TBD	U-19 WBSC World Cup	Lima, Peru