



**Provincial/Territorial Staff Call
February 26 février - 11:30pm EST**

Minutes

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

2. U18 Men's National Team ID Camps and Updates

- April 4 in St-Léonard-d'Aston, QC
- May 24 (25 rain date) in Brookfield, NS
- May 31 Ontario West / June 1 Ontario East (locations TBD)
- June 28 (29 rain date) in Saskatoon, SK
- Working on possible BC and NL dates/locations with coaching staff.
- Pan American Championship tentatively scheduled in early October in Argentina.

3. U23 Men's National Team

- May 1-11 Pan Am Championship in Argentina. 2001 or later athletes eligible. Roster to be announced soon.
- June 4-8 Development Camp and STK Tournament in Kamloops for 2003 and later athletes. Coaches will focus on potential athletes for the 2026 World Cup and will not bring players who have Canada Games team commitments (i.e. 2005s).

4. Men's National Team

- April 30 – May 4 Selection Camp in Florida
- World Cup Team named by May 15
- World Games Team named by June 1
- July 4-6 Saskatoon Tournament
- July 8-13 World Cup Finals in Prince Albert
- August 6-10 World Games in China

5. Canada Games – Team Participation at Canadian Championships

- Inquiry regarding participation of Canada Games teams in the U19 Women's and U20 Men's Canadian Championships
 - Responses indicating that no provinces/territories would be sending their CSG team, other than QC who may send their U20 Men's team.

- Requesting that the P/Ts send Softball Canada their Canada Games team schedules so that Softball Canada can do their best to coordinate national events like ID camps effectively.
- Addition (not mentioned on call): Coach Certification Exemption deadline has passed, the Canada Games Council is now reviewing the requests and will inform P/T's by mid-March. Please work with your CSG coaches who receive exemptions to ensure they meet their requirements.

6. Canadian Championships

- 2025 U17 Men's awarded to Napanee
- Accepting bids for 2026 – male categories and Slo-Pitch open
- COP deadline for U19 Women's and SP is May 1st
- Breakdown of provinces planning to send teams to U19 Canadians:
 - BC (host - multiple)
 - AB (more than 1)
 - SK (more than 1)
 - MB (1)
 - ON (not sure, but likely multiple)
 - NB (trying, chances are 50/50 of sending one club team)

7. Women's National Team Program Update

- U15 Women's events
 - Pan Am Championship March 20-29
 - World Cup June 27 to July 5 in Italy
- U18 Women's WC date change
 - September 27 – October 2 Oklahoma City, OK
 - ID Camps
 - May 17/18 SK
 - May 24/25 BC
 - May 31/June 1 ON
- WNT Events
 - ID Camps (BC/ON May)
 - Pan Am Championship – June 28-July 6 in Colombia
 - Canada Cup July 8-13 in Surrey
 - World Games August 12-17 in China

8. AGM

- Survey results show mix of opinions both on format and also cost saving measures. The 2 big areas of decisions for the 2025 AGM, will be sent out to all P/Ts for a final decision on transferring the 2nd flight cost value to the Host leaving the P/T the financial responsibility of the 2nd delegate flight. The second matter is the local transportation component.

- Further AGM changes and workshop topics will be discussed in the upcoming months.
- 2025 NS update – currently the AGM hotel will be the Four Points Sheraton. More info will be sent as it becomes available. No contract is signed as of March 3.

9. Kidzsmart – Learn to Play Plan

- Softball Canada will be working with Kidzsmart to develop video modules to support the Learn to Program.
 - Softball Canada and Kidzsmart will work to incorporate this into school curriculums, targeting children who are not familiar with softball.
 - The resources will also be accessible to families and participants of the Learn to Play program.
- Learn to Play Manual
 - Cassidy will look into printing options for Learn to Play manuals

10. DEI

- P/T workshop
 - Looking into a workshop for P/T staff, board members etc. With Anti-Racism in Sport.
 - Timeline: Before May or after the softball season.
- Executive Order Impacts
 - Softball Canada will continue to prioritize being inclusive and welcoming to all
 - Encourage to remind your members to familiarize themselves with tournament policies and rules if teams are crossing the border as teams will be required to follow those rules.
 - Softball Canada will update P/T organizations with any relevant updates from Sport Canada or the COC.
- Indigenous logo and merchandise launch
 - Softball Canada is working on brand guidelines for the Indigenous logo and will be shared once complete
 - merchandise featuring the logo is in the works and more information will be shared before the official launch.
- B5 kits and application process
 - The DEI working group is working on an initiative to allocate 25 B5 kits to minority communities through an application process.
 - More information will be shared before the official launch.

11. Other Discussion

- Safe Sport
 - OSIC will be no longer as of April 1
 - CCES will take on Maltreatment Complaints for NSO level members
 - Canadian Championship participants will not be asked to sign UCCMS but will be subject to Independent Third Parties for Safe Sport complaints that may arise.
- Please advise Softball Canada ASAP (by March 5) if you think you will need printed rulebooks as we will be placing an order. The French rulebook contained some errors that were fixed, so new French rulebooks are also being ordered.
- Blue Convention
 - Registration continues and ongoing social media posts is helping. It would be great if P/Ts could share the posts and registration information.
- Staffing
 - Brooke Beleza will be joining the staff on a 1-year contract in early May. Brooke was a summer intern last year and her concentration areas will be in events and umpiring.