



Minutes - P/T Staff Call
June 12, 2025 @ 11:00 AM EST

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

(Branchaud)

- All P/T's present except NWT

2. Canadian Championships

(LeBlanc)

a. 2025 Teams and Format

- i. Fast Pitch team confirmation deadline was June 7th
- ii. Currently have a total of 151 teams confirmed
- iii. The breakdown of the teams and format are included in Gilles PowerPoint (attached)
- iv. SC is trying to get one more team for U17 Women's to get to 24 (Update: BC was asked to send a 6th and will confirm soon)
- v. Dave Feener (NL) will be confirming soon if Newfoundland will be sending a team to the U20 Men's (Update: Confirmed that they are sending one team)
- vi. Other updates since call:
 - BC not sending a Women's FP team, added a 4th team from SK to keep the event at 7 teams.
 - SK withdrew one of their three Men's SP teams. SC looking for another team to get back to 20.

b. 2025 U23 Men's + Men's & Master

- i. U23 players will also be allowed to play in the Men's event if desired. They can play in both events all week
- ii. The U23 event will be starting Monday afternoon. This will give Canada Games athletes enough time to arrive from St. John's
- iii. We tried to keep all teams at one facility, but on Wednesday Aug 27 the Master teams will be playing at Budd Park.

c. 2026 / 2027 bid update

- i. The 2026 Canadian Championship dates and locations are also listed on the PowerPoint
- ii. There are still several events open
- iii. Quebec (Chateauguay) was pulled out as a location from the 2026 U19 Women's because they are not sending a team to the event this year. They will need to wait until October 1st to put their bid forward
- iv. The Men's & Master bid for 2026 is still pending but the 30-day window is getting close. The dates are still up for discussion as it is traditionally on Labor Day weekend.
- v. Bids for the 2027 Canadian Championships will begin to be accepted on October 1st

3. Facebook Page update

(Burton/LeBlanc)

a. Removal of Facebook Page

- i. Softball Canada's Facebook page was removed by Meta due to a policy violation regarding intellectual property.
- ii. The violation was from WBSC Americas live streams and since we had them set as a cross poster on our account, our page was also removed.
- iii. Please check your Facebook pages and ensure you do not have cross posting set with any other account and/or you are keeping this in mind if you do any livestreaming. Be careful with background music.
- iv. We are currently trying to get the account back, but in the meantime have been posting on Instagram and X
- v. If we are unable to restore the account, a new page will be created, and everyone will receive the new link/information

4. AGM

(Branchaud/Beleza)

a. 2025 NS update

- i. Brooke Beleza (bbeleza@softball.ca) is the main point of contact for AGM material
- ii. Caroline solidified the Four Points by Sheraton in Halifax. It is \$159 a night for single and double occupancy

- iii. Parking is \$25 a day
- iv. As discussed previously Softball Canada is responsible for paying for one Delegate and the P/T is now responsible for the other
- v. Softball Canada staff/Board will be picked up from the airport while everyone else is responsible for their own transportation to and from

b. Workshop Descriptions

- i. **Please send in any workshop ideas you may have**
- ii. A RAMP workshop is currently an idea; we would most likely have someone from RAMP come in and present

5. Membership and RAMP

(Ballantyne/Branchaud)

- a. RAMP and Membership Working Group
 - i. RAMP as mechanisms to collect membership fees, or registration as a whole
 - ii. Angela is looking to put together group of 4- 6 people in advance of the AGM
 - iii. This group will explore RAMP and other membership platforms to find a solution that will work for everyone
 - iv. Please send Angela an email if you or someone on your board would like to be included in the process
 - v. Angela will be sending out an email to all including more detailed information

6. Coaching

(Softball BC)

- a. Locker - irregularities in documentation
 - i. Softball BC has been having issues with the Locker, some coaches have completed certification, but they are not showing up as certified or at the right level
 - ii. Softball Ontario expressed they have been dealing with similar issues
 - iii. If you are experiencing issues, contact Angela so she can contact a consultant on behalf of Softball Canada

7. Other Topics

(All)

a. Male Category Numbers

- i. In addition to the host deciding to continue with a Canadian Championship that has very few teams, SK thinks teams traveling far should have additional input on if the tournament should still run and if they are still interested in attending
- ii. All male Westerns have been cancelled
- iii. Softball Manitoba shared that their Men's Canada Games team may need to withdraw from the event due to wildfire evacuations