



**Provincial/Territorial Staff Call
Oct 23 - 11:30am EDT**

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (Branchaud)

- All P/T's Present except NWT

2. Canadian Championships / Canada Games (LeBlanc)

a. 2026 / 2027 bid updates

- 2026 Canadian Championships:
 - Bid pending (BC) for U15 Men's (Nov. 6)
 - Bid pending (BC) for U17 Men's (Nov. 6)
 - Men's & Women's Slo-Pitch still open for bids.
- 2027 Canadian Championships:
 - Bid pending (MB) for U15 Women's OR U17 Women's (Nov. 16)
 - Bid pending (AB) for Men's & Women's Slo-Pitch (Oct. 31)
- All bids will be reviewed by the Canadian Championship Committee

b. CSG Age Discussion – 2029

- Current plan is to keep the age categories the same: U19 (2010 or later) for Women and U20 (2009 or later) for Men
- Feedback received from several provinces to consider changing the age category on the Women's side to a younger division — open discussion to take place at the AGM.
- Softball Canada will follow the same process as previously established for over-age athletes; details will be presented at the AGM.

3. Facebook Page Update (LeBlanc)

- A new Softball Canada Facebook page has been created following the previous account ban
- New Page: **Softball Canada – CASA**
- All P/Ts are encouraged to follow and share the page to help rebuild our following

4. AGM

(Branchaud/Beleza)

a. Agenda/Workshops

- A Presidents' Forum will take place Thursday at 10:00 AM (not listed in the agenda).

b. Motions/Rules

- As mentioned earlier, the Motions & Rules have been re-numbered for organizational purposes

c. Elections

- Four candidates running for three open positions.
- Larissa Franklin is running as Athlete Representative. If not elected, the position will convert to a Director-at-Large role

d. Seating Plan Volunteer

- Softball Canada will work on the Hall of Fame Banquet seating plan with a P/T volunteer

e. Scholarships Fundraising

- We are running a raffle to raise funds for the scholarships, and currently have three prizes available:
 1. Two Air Canada tickets – Anywhere in North America
 2. Custom Rawlings glove
 3. Rawlings prize package
- Tickets: \$10 each or 3 for \$20 — via e-transfer or cash (see Angela)
- Draw to take place after the Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday

f. 2026 AGM Update

- NWT is unable to host the 2026 AGM
- Softball Canada seeking another host P/T. If no P/T is available, the meeting will be held virtually

5. Membership and RAMP

(Ballantyne)

- A survey was sent out to all P/T's
- A Google Sheet was also distributed to all P/T's for registration updates

6. Coaching

(Ballantyne)

a. Increase in Fees (Effective January 2026)

- Foundations of Coaching Softball 1 is increasing to \$20
- Foundations of Coaching Softball 2 is increasing to \$25

- Coaching guides were previously free, there is now a \$10 download fee starting Jan 1, 2026
- Beginning January 1, 2026, we will begin invoicing for all clinic participants. As printed materials are no longer being distributed, this policy will apply to all attendees without exception.

b. Making Ethical Decisions

- MED training and evaluation will be combined into one eLearning module in The Locker; in-person or facilitated delivery will no longer be available (except in rare cases).
- The current online evaluation will be discontinued on March 31, 2026.
- Coaches who have already completed both MED training and evaluation do not need to redo the module.
- Coaches who completed training but have not completed the evaluation must finish the current evaluation by March 31, 2026, or they will be required to take the new full eLearning module (no additional cost).
- Coaches who only completed the online MED evaluation prior to April 1, 2026, and still require training will need to take the new module at the regular cost.
- All new coaches starting April 1, 2026, will complete MED exclusively through the new eLearning module in The Locker.

c. Support to Sport (S2S) Program

- The CAC runs a program called **Support to Sport (S2S) Contribution Program**.
- The purpose is to provide financial support to NSOs to assist with their coach-education and certification responsibilities under the national coaching framework (the National Coaching Certification Program or NCCP).
- Essentially, this funding helps NSOs develop, deliver, and maintain high-quality coach education, certification, and related supports (via the CAC/NCCP system).

7. DEI - Anti Racism Training – Nov 27 1PM EST

(Ballantyne)

- On November 27th at 1PM EST a 1.5 hour Anti Racism Training will be offered to:
 - Board Members
 - DEI Committee
 - Softball Canada staff
 - Two staff representatives per P/T

- Topic include:
 - Barriers to sport access
 - Support resources for those experiencing racism
 - Impacts of racism in sport

8. Other Topics

(All)

Staffing Updates

Softball BC

- Welcoming Shaquille Gilbert (Umpires & Championships Director) starting Nov. 3, 2025
- Adding new Sport Development staff late November

Softball SK

- New Executive Director: Jacqueline Eiwanger effective Nov. 1, 2025
- New Administrative Assistant starting Nov. 1, 2025
- Currently seeking a new Program Coordinator

Softball MB

- Retirement of Don Klym effective Jan. 1, 2026

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