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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Softball Canada would like to wish you all the best for the holiday season. Please be advised that our office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd.

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

The Softball Canada Congress and Annual General Meeting were held November 10-12 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Over 100 delegates from Provincial and Territorial Softball Associations were in attendance, with a good mix of long-time softball administrators and some new faces who were eager to learn about Softball Canada's programs. Workshops featured Softball Canada's staff as well as four guest speakers who were invited to lead their own workshops, including Bryan Merrett from the Centre for Ethics in Sport; Steve Indig from the Sport Law & Strategy Group; David Corelli from TrojanOne; and Jeff Whipple, a member of Softball Canada's Officiating Development Committee.

To kickoff the meetings, Softball Canada President Kevin Quinn and CEO Hugh Mitchener updated those in attendance on the International Softball Federation Congress, which was held in October. This included discussion about a possible joint Olympic bid with baseball and the announcement that Whitehorse will host the 2014 ISF Junior Men's World Championship and Saskatoon will host the 2015 ISF Men's World Championship. Mitchener also gave an update on activities related to Softball Canada's Strategic Plan. Other workshops covered several areas of Softball Canada's operations, such as its Canadian Championships, Domestic Programs (Learn to Play, CANpitch, etc.), Coaching, Long-Term Player Development, Competition Review, and Officiating, as well as new Softball Canada initiatives such as club accreditation (presented by Bryan Merrett) and a National Membership Database.

Other fantastic workshops held during the congress were "Ethics in softball and sports" and "Developing Effective Governance" (presented by Steve Indig), "Revenue Generation and Sponsorship" (presented by David Corelli), and "Web/Video Conferencing" (presented by Jeff Whipple). These additional workshops were extremely well received by Softball Canada's delegates.

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At the Hall of Fame and Awards banquet, Austin Brown (Tara, ON) and Shannon Galea (Oshawa, ON) were announced as the recipients of the Ethel Boyce Achievement Award (\$1,000 bursary), while Myles Coldwell (Gay's River, NS) and Kayla Richards (Stellarton, NS) were presented with the Claude Deschamps Memorial Award (\$1,000 bursary). The Home Run Sports Coach of the Year Award was presented to Jamie Wentworth (Enfield, NS), the Home Run Sports Umpire of the Year Award to Keith Pender (St. John's, NL) and the Rose Hodgson Volunteer of the Year Award (presented by MKI Travel and Conference Management) was awarded to Sherry Maher (Petty Harbour, NL). Following the award presentations, five new members were inducted to the Softball Canada Hall of Fame: Bill Barron (Builder – Newfoundland & Labrador); Tom Doucette (Coach – Nova Scotia); Todd King (Athlete – Nova Scotia); Tim Macumber (Athlete – Nova Scotia); and Bob Stanton (Builder – New Brunswick).



Left to right: Todd King; Bill Barron; Tom Doucette; Bob Stanton; Tim Macumber
Photo courtesy of Lance Lee

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RE-ELECTIONS

At the 2011 Softball Canada Annual General Meeting, five positions were up for election on the Board of Directors. Larry Gould (Burtts Corner, NB), Ryan DeBelsler (Airdrie, AB), Lynda Turton (Port Colborne, ON), and Robb Andison (Whitehorse, YK) were all re-elected as directors, while Kevin Quinn (Charlottetown, PEI) was re-elected as President of Softball Canada. Congratulations to all! Each of you has been integral in helping develop the sport of softball in our country!



Left to right: Ryan DeBelsler; Kevin Quinn; Lynda Turton; Larry Gould; Robb Andison; Donald R. MacDonald; Kaila Holtz; Lisa Down; Hugh Mitchener

Photo courtesy of Lance Lee

2017 Canada Summer Games Sport Selection **MEN'S SOFTBALL IS BACK!**

The Canada Games Council has released the results of their 2017 Summer Games selection process. Both Women's and Men's softball were selected for the Games. Final ratification of the selected sports is subject to an appeal period which ends January 7th. If there are no appeals the list will stand. If there are appeals then the list is subject to the result of those appeals. The 2017 Summer Games are scheduled to be played in the Province of Manitoba and the proposed age category for both Men and Women will be U21.

The 2013 Canada Summer Games will be hosted in Sherbrooke, QC and U21 Women's softball will be played at two venues during the first week of the Games.

NATIONAL TEAMS

Canada finishes 5th at ISF IX Junior Women`s World Championship

After winning six straight games following a first-game loss to the United States, the Canadian Junior Women's National Team dropped two hard-fought games in the playoff round as they earned a fifth place finish at the ISF IX Junior Women's World Championship, which was held in Cape Town, South Africa from December 7-17, 2011. Canada finished the preliminary round in second place in Pool A with a 6-1 record, giving them double-life in the playoff round. However, the red and white lost a tough 7-1 game against Japan (1st in Pool B) in a game where Japan scored six runs with two outs, and had runners on base in each of the seven innings but was not able to score them in a 2-1 heartbreaking loss to Chinese Taipei (3rd in Pool B). Chinese Taipei would go on to defeat Australia to advance to the medal round, but lost to the United States as they earned the bronze medal. The United States went on to defeat Japan 4-1 in the gold medal game.



ISF JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - RESULTS

ISF IX Junior Women`s World Championship

(Cape Town, South Africa)

Date	Game	Result
December 8	Canada vs. USA	L 11-4
December 9	Canada vs. Botswana	W 7-0
December 10	Canada vs. Puerto Rico	W 7-0
December 11	Canada vs. New Zealand	W 7-1
December 12	Canada vs. South Africa	W 7-0
December 13	Canada vs. China	W 12-3
December 14	Canada vs. Czech Republic	W 11-1
December 15	Playoffs: Canada vs. Japan	L 7-1
December 16	Playoffs: Canada vs. Chinese Taipei	L 2-1

2012 MEN'S DEVELOPMENTAL TEAM

Softball Canada is pleased to announce the list of players who have been invited to compete at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) International Men's Fast Pitch tournament with the Canadian Men's Development Team. The event will take place from January 26 to 29, 2012 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

At last year's AAU tournament, the Canadian Development Team swept its round-robin games and kept rolling by winning four playoff games before losing 9-5 in the gold medal game against Chicago/New York.

The athletes selected to the 2012 Development Team are:

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| 1. Tyson Barkman (Abbotsford, BC) | 9. Derek Mayson (North Vancouver, BC) |
| 2. Ryan Boland (St. John's NL) | 10. Brennan Pokoyoway (Saskatoon, SK) |
| 3. Jeff Ellsworth (St. Lawrence, PEI) | 11. Mathieu Roy (Saint-Gervais, QC) |
| 4. Blair Ezekiel (Harbour Main, NL) | 12. Jason Sanford (Durham, NS) |
| 5. Jason Hill (St. John's, NL) | 13. Don Scott (Stratford, ON) |
| 6. Adam Hiller (Elmira, ON) | 14. Jeremy Tracy (Waterville, NB) |
| 7. Brandon Horn (Waterloo, ON) | 15. Ben Wideman (Elmira, ON) |
| 8. Mark Johnson (Glencoe, ON) | 16. Brady Woods (Stonewall, MB) |

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Don Bates (Saskatoon, SK)

Assistant Coach: Glenn Boles (St. Catharines, ON)

Assistant Coach: Les Howey (Conception Bay, NL)

Athletic Therapist: Adam Davies (Ottawa, ON)

Assistant Coach: John Stuart (Vancouver, BC)

Jeff Ellsworth and Derek Mayson are veterans of the Men's National Team program, and helped Canada win a Bronze medal at the 2009 ISF Men's World Championship in Saskatoon, SK. In addition, Tyson Barkman and Mathieu Roy are former Junior Men's National Team members, earning a Bronze medal at the 2005 ISF Junior Men's World Championship in Summerside, PEI.

"This Development Team roster features many new faces as we begin our preparations for the 2012 Pan American Qualifier and the ISF World Championship to be held in March, 2013" said Harvey Stevenson, Operations Manager for Softball Canada's National Teams. "The AAU Tournament will allow our younger players to experience international softball and how it feels to represent Canada in a highly competitive event."

AAU Men's International Fastpitch Tournament (Lake Buena Vista, FL)

Date	Game	Time
January 26	Canada vs. Caguas (Puerto Rico)	3:00pm EST
	Canada vs. Cutro (New York)	7:00pm EST
January 27	Canada vs. Los Venezolanos (Venezuela)	3:00pm EST
January 28	Playoff Round	TBD
January 29	Playoff Round	TBD

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IN THE NEWS...

- The Truro Daily News published an article on 2011 Softball Canada Hall of Fame inductees Tom Doucette (Coach) and Tim Macumber (Athlete) prior to their induction on November 12th: <http://www.trurodaily.com/Sports/2011-11-09/article-2800850/From-ball-to-the-hall/1>
- The Owen Sound Times published an article on the return of the Canadian Championships to Owen Sound in 2012: <http://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=3370237>

FEATURED WORTH BALL

The Worth 12" Red Dot is the Official Ball of Softball Canada's Women's Canadian Fast Pitch Championships (U14, U16, U18, U21 and Senior categories). The 12" Red Dot has 88 stitches and a Pro Leather cover. This ball is recommended for league play for all female categories above the age of 12.



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U21 Womens Divisions
U18 Womens Divisions
U16 Girls Divisions
U14 Girls Divisions



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Featuring 120 Stitches
.47 COR, 375 LBS

Official Ball of
Senior Mens Divisions
U21 Mens Divisions
U18 Mens Divisions
U16 Boys Divisions
U14 Boys Divisions



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UMPIRING

Announcing versus Calling

By Frank Omoe



How many times have you heard a player or coach refer to an umpire as sounding “sure of himself?” Has a player or coach ever come up to you and say, “Your partner’s brand new, isn’t he? I can tell by his voice.” How often have you worked with a partner who you would describe as sounding “calm, cool and collected” and you were glad you were working with her? Have there been times when your partner makes loud, selling calls on everything? Or just the opposite, is always quiet, or, worse, sounds like she doesn’t care? Have you ever been close enough to overhear fans comment, “Wow, he was really into that call?” or, “What did he say – was it a ball or a strike?”

What everyone was referring to, even though they may not have called it the same name, was what is known as the umpire’s “Presence on the Diamond.” “Presence” is the quality demonstrated by an umpire that inspires confidence, trust and respect among the players, coaches, fans and other umpires. We could fill a book with what contributes to an umpire’s “presence.” From the way one carries oneself on the diamond, to being approachable, to showing proper mechanics and crisp signals, there are a myriad of things that give an umpire “presence.” This article will deal with how an umpire can enhance his or her “presence” on the diamond through proper use of the voice – specifically knowing when and how to “announce” and when and how to make a “call”.

So, what do we mean when we talk about “announcing vs. calling?” Let’s look at “announcing” first. “Announcing” takes place when the umpire informs the participants and fans of an “administrative” decision or confirms the obvious. Examples of administrative decisions include: calling “time” after the play has ended so the umpire can return to his/her starting position (especially in Slo-Pitch) or when “time” is requested by a team, or when restarting play by announcing “Play Ball,” etc. “Announcing” administrative decisions requires little or no judgment by the umpire. It is a simple statement of fact.

Obvious plays are ones that are seen by everyone in the ballpark and could be called the same, without hesitation, by any member of either team or by any fan.

Examples of announcing to “confirm the obvious” include: the verbal announcements of “safe” or “out” when a play is nowhere near being close, or announcing “foul ball” when the ball goes straight back to the screen or is obviously foul by a long way. You can announce a “dead ball” on a pitch that obviously hits the batter or goes off the batter’s foot after being hit by the bat. Swinging strikes or a pitch right down the heart of the plate can also be announced. Again, the umpire needs to display little or no judgment to make the announcement – rather the umpire is “confirming the obvious” of what everyone saw. The umpire announces the administrative decision or confirms the obvious by using a normal tone of voice. No “emphasis” is required by the voice. The volume used should be sufficient for those needing to hear it.

What is “calling?” “Calling” takes place when the umpire needs to convince the participants and fans that the decision or judgment rendered was correct. The situation may not be seen in the same way by everyone. Therefore, the umpire has to make a “call.” Here are a few examples of when a “call” is required: any close play, “catch” or “no catch,” obstruction or interference, illegal pitches, lead offs,

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foul balls very close to a line or pole, a close pitch not swung at (especially strike three). In all of those situations, it is important that the umpire makes use of the voice to emphasize that he/she saw the play and “got it right.” The voice gets louder and deeper yet remains controlled – always controlled. Players, coaches and fans can get and sound excited. Despite varying the loudness and pitch of our voice to fit the situation when making a “call,” it is critical that we, as umpires, do not sound excited – convincing, yes; excited, no.

I’ve listed only a few examples of situations requiring an “announcement” or a “call”. Just for fun, by yourself or, even better, at a clinic or at the local watering hole after the game is over, see how many different situations you can think of that could demonstrate when to make an “announcement” or a “call” (or some that could be either, depending on...).

Knowing and showing the difference between “announcing” and “calling” are key contributors to players, coaches, fans and other umpires having confidence, trust and respect for an umpire – the umpire who has “presence” on the diamond.

Level IV National Umpire Clinic to Continue Online Delivery

After successfully piloting a web-based delivery model for the Level IV clinic of Softball Canada’s National Umpire Certification Program, the Officiating Development Committee intends to make this a permanent fixture of its certification program, beginning with another clinic to be delivered in the Spring of 2012.

The Level IV clinic format traditionally involves inviting participants to a central location for a full weekend, with about ten to twelve hours devoted to clinic time over a day and a half. Participants must cover their own registration, travel and hotel expenses. With an average of a single clinic held somewhere in the country every year, these costs can place a heavy burden on aspiring officials.

Using the Adobe Connect virtual classroom platform, officials can now participate – both as instructors and participants – from the comfort of their own home. The schedule is broken up into five, 2 to 2 ½ hour sessions delivered over five consecutive Sundays, allowing umpires to maintain flexibility in their home life as well. Just like a face-to-face environment, the virtual classroom allows lecture format as well as large and small group discussions and permits students to share what they have learned.

On top of the financial benefits for students, the web-based delivery shifts the economics of holding the clinic as well. Normally only cost effective with a minimum of twelve participants, the new clinic model is now feasible with as few as six participants, who can be spread across the country. Last year seven umpires, ranging from Nova Scotia to Alberta, “attended” the clinic. This also helps to build our national umpiring community, allowing umpires to get to know one another prior to possibly working a Canadian Championship together.

The Level IV certification clinic is a national level certification designed to prepare officials to work our elite (U-21 Men and Senior Men / Women fast pitch and Senior Men’s Slo-Pitch) levels of Canadian Championships. The Level IV clinic content is focused on the psychology of officiating and advanced game management techniques. Upon completion of the clinic, participants are required to complete the Level IV certification through a successful evaluation at a U-18 (Men or Women) or U-21 (Women’s) fast pitch or Senior Women’s Slo-Pitch Canadian Championship.

Details on dates and registration for the Spring 2012 clinic will follow below. For more information please contact Donna Ozarko at dozarko@softball.ca.

On-Line Level IV Umpires Certification Clinic to be held in Spring 2012

Softball Canada is pleased to announce that an on-line Level IV National Umpires Certification Clinic will once again be held in the spring of 2012. The clinic dates are tentatively set for five Sunday’s in March and April. Each of the five two-hour sessions, led by experienced Softball Canada instructors, will focus on the psychology of officiating, advanced game management techniques and mechanics and much more.

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To be eligible to participate, candidates must be a fully certified Level III umpire for at least two years and receive a positive endorsement from their provincial or territorial organization. Successful completion of the Level IV clinic results in Level IV Theory certification. A subsequent successful evaluation at a U-19 (M or F) or U-23* (F) Fast Pitch or Senior Women's Slo-Pitch Canadian Championship will lead to full Level IV certification.

*Note: U19 will change to U18 effective 2012 and U23 will change to U21 effective 2012.

Clinic Details:

- Registration fee is \$175 and includes a Level IV manual, access to the Adobe Connect virtual classroom platform and all other resources.
- Participants will require access to a computer (Windows or Mac) with high-speed Internet connectivity, a mic/headset and a webcam to participate.
- Each of the five sessions of the online Level IV clinic will be held beginning at 12 noon Eastern (9am Pacific)
- Tentative clinic dates: March 18, 25 and April 1, 15 and 22.

To register please complete the attached form and send it, along with payment of the fee, to the address on the form. Registration will be limited to 12 participants with preference given to candidates from more remote areas of the country.

Please note that submission of a completed registration form and fees does not guarantee acceptance into the clinic. Candidates will be advised upon their reception into the on-line clinic.

The registration deadline for the Spring 2012 online Level IV umpires clinic is February 24th, 2012. For more information or to register please contact Donna Ozarko at dozarko@softball.ca.

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March 28-30, 2013 Hamilton, Ontario:

**SOFTBALL CANA-
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RETURNS!

The preparation has started, the hotel is being selected, our logo is ready and our organizing committee is set. As your host, rest assured the Ontario crew will do the utmost to make the Hamilton Blue Convention a first rate officiating event.

Softball Ontario and its officials would like to extend the invitation to all Softball Canada Officials and their partners to the 2013 Blue Convention from March 28th-30th in exciting downtown Hamilton, Ontario. As a great sports city,

Hamilton embraces a wide variety of professional and semi-professional sporting activities. They have hosted world championships in hockey, curling, cycling, lacrosse and celebrated marathons. It's a city that knows how to entertain, attract, and celebrate their athletes and officials. You will not be disappointed with what the city has to offer.

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2012 LIV CERTIFICATION PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

NAME	Gender (M/F)	RES. () PHONE
ADDRESS (NO. AND STREET NAME)	CITY	BUS. () PHONE
PROV./TERR.	POSTAL CODE	FAX () EMAIL

SOFTBALL CANADA UMPIRE NUMBER: _____ **YEARS REGISTERED:** _____

PRESENTLY CERTIFIED:

FP	NO	YES	LEVEL		SP	NO	YES	LEVEL
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM INFORMATION — FAST PITCH			
FP LEVEL	YEAR	CLINIC LOCATION	INSTRUCTORS
I FP			
II FP			
III FP			
NATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM INFORMATION — SLO-PITCH			
SP LEVEL	YEAR	CLINIC LOCATION	INSTRUCTORS
I SP			
II SP			
III SP			

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE (WORKING UMPIRE)				
	TOURNAMENT	YEAR	LOCATION	NAME OF UIC
1				
2				
3				
CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP EXPERIENCE (WORKING UMPIRE)				
	TOURNAMENT	YEAR	LOCATION	NAME OF UIC
1				
2				
3				

Applicant's Signature	P/T Umpire in Chief's Signature
Clinic: _____ Location (City, Prov)	_____ Date

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Past Conventions that were held in New Brunswick, British Columbia, Quebec, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Kitchener, and Toronto have set the standard for the 2013 event and we look to provide the same strength and notoriety in Hamilton!

What you will find at the Convention

- Renewed/New acquaintances
- Seminar presentations
- Legendary Personalities
- International officials
- Companion package
- Indicator Club Banquet
- Great accommodations
- Host Hospitality

You can count on the Hamilton Blue Convention to once again exceed your expectations as Cris and Mitch, along with the 2013 Softball Canada Blue Convention Organizing Committee, will make this Blue Convention one to remember!

The umpiring fraternity in Ontario is ramping up the preparations for the convention and will be online in the next month with our interactive and informative website. There have been vast discussions and debate regarding presentations, speakers, rule interpretation forums, ISF personal, promotional items, hospitality events, entertainment, and companion ventures. Feel free to send in your feedback and ideas via the website contact.

Blue Convention 2013 apparel and paraphernalia will be available through our site and on your Softball Exam (Ontario) application.

The Blue Convention Logo was created through strong input and guidance of our Ontario officials with special mention to our newly appointed ISF Official and past Blue Convention presenter (and newly appointed Blue Convention Finance Committee chair) Steve Doyle.

You can count on the Softball Ontario umpires and the 2013 Softball Canada Blue convention Organizing Committee to provide all officials and their guests across the nation and abroad an outstanding 2013 Blue Convention. Under the leadership of Cristine Fader and Mitch Zuk, the vision of the 2013 Convention is to provide a venue that will progress and evaluate the state of officiating while encouraging the collegial atmosphere that can always be found on the blue team.

Save the date and make your preparations to attend the 2013 Blue Convention. Keep your eyes peeled for news updates on our progress and what we have in store for Blue Easter.

All the best to you and your families over the holiday season. Cris and Mitch

LEARN TO PLAY



Having Fun with Softball in the Fall!!

By: Jacqueline Eiwanger

Softball Saskatchewan had another successful Introduction to Excellence Camp this August & September!

Four years ago, Softball Saskatchewan started the Introduction to Excellence Camps to further develop our players and coaches by providing them an opportunity to increase their skill level. This is accomplished by extending their softball season, introducing the players, coaches and parents to the Sport Science and Medicine Consultants; introducing them to outside instructors, this teaches them new skills or reinforces previous taught methods. This camp follows the Softball Canada Long-Term Player Development Guide in the Training to Train (T2T) Stage.

The Camp is open to all players in the U12 & U14 age groups. The players are randomly placed on teams with other players from all over Saskatchewan. We try to separate the age groups so the players can see how they are developing compared to their teammate from another community. Randomly placing the players may initially pull the players out of their comfort zone, but by the end of the camp they have made 11 new friends from all over Saskatchewan. That new friendship outweighs the initial discomfort!

The 1st camp is usually the 3rd weekend in August and is open to anyone wanting a combination of Skill Development (six hours of fundamentals taught by Softball Saskatchewan instructors), Sport Science (two hours of Exercise Physiology (Dynamic Warm Up) & nutrition) and two scrimmages. All players at the camp also receive a camp T-shirt. Softball Saskatchewan instructors then select two teams from each age group (96 players) to be invited to a 2nd camp to be held on the 2nd weekend in September. At that camp, players are again placed randomly on teams, to enhance their softball experience and total player development! The 2nd camp consists of six hours of Skill Development (strategies & positional play), two hours of Sport Science (Mental preparation & Exercise Physiology (injury prevention & care)) and two scrimmages to showcase their skills. Additional instructors are also brought into this camp for Pitching & Hitting sessions.

We had another successful year with 250 players (girls & boys), 51 coaches, 12 instructors and six sport science consultant's participant this past year.

As everyone knows – Softball is on the rise in Saskatchewan!!

Jacqueline Eiwanger is the Technical Director of Softball Saskatchewan. If you would like more information about softball in Saskatchewan, go to www.softball.sk.ca or contact Jacqueline at jac@softball.sk.ca

FUTURE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

U14 Girl's Jamboree	Bid Pending	Aug. 15-19
U16 Girl's	Bid Pending	Aug. 8-12
U18 Women's	Montreal, QC	Aug. 12-19
U18 Men's	Fredericton, NB	Aug. 6-12
U21 Women's	Truro, NS	Aug. 1-5
U21 Men's	Bid Pending	Aug. 6-12
Senior Women's	Jarvis, ON	Aug. 8-12
Senior Men's	Bid Pending	Aug. 28-Sep. 2
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Dorchester, ON	Men: TBD Women: TBD

We are now accepting bids for all 2013 Canadian Championships. For more information, contact Mike Branchaud at mbranchaud@softball.ca or 613-523-3386 x 3103

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- Tax receipts
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- Canadian Championships
- Slo-Pitch
- Canada Games/Male equivalent
- University/College initiatives
- Competition review follow-up, national implementation and associated rule changes
- Technical standards

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- Ball Approval Program

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- After Learn to Play (curriculum guides, skills tests, school programs)
- CanPitch
- Adapted softball - Wheelchair/Blind/Special Olympics
- Future initiatives



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