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Women's National Teams EVALUATION CAMPS

Softball Canada's Women's National Team Program will kick off its summer schedule this month with a series of Evaluation Camps for both the Junior and Senior Women's National Teams. Following their respective selection processes, both teams will be named early in July and compete in separate divisions of the Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship (July 9-17 in Surrey, BC). Over 65 of the top Canadian players are registered for the Senior Evaluation Camps, while the Junior Evaluation Camp will feature nearly 100 players.

Registration is closed for all camps.

Senior WNT Evaluation Camp in Brampton, Ontario

Date	Time	Diamonds	Location
Thursday, June 16	12:00pm-4:00pm	#1 #2	Brampton Fairgrounds
Friday, June 17	8:00am-12:00pm	#1 #2	Brampton Fairgrounds

Invitees Posted

	6:00pm-8:30pm	#1	Brampton Fairgrounds
Saturday, June 18	9:30am-11:30pm	#1 #2	Brampton Fairgrounds
	11:30am-4:30pm	#1	Brampton Fairgrounds
Sunday, June 19	9:00am-12:00pm	#1	Brampton Fairgrounds

*The first two sessions will consist of fitness and positional testing. Following the second session, Softball Canada will post a list of athletes invited to participate in the remaining sessions of the evaluation camp.

Junior WNT Evaluation Camp in Brampton, Ontario

Date	Time	Diamonds	Location
Thursday, June 16	5:00pm-9:00pm	#1 #2	Brampton Fairgrounds
Friday, June 17	12:30pm-4:30pm	#1 #2	Brampton Fairgrounds

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Invitees Posted

	6:30pm-9:00pm	#2		Brampton Fairgrounds
Saturday, June 18	1:00pm-4:00pm	#2		Brampton Fairgrounds
	6:00pm-9:00pm	#1	#2	Brampton Fairgrounds
Sunday, June 19	9:00am-12:00pm	#2		Brampton Fairgrounds

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Senior WNT Evaluation Camp in Surrey, British Columbia

Date	Time	Diamonds		Location
Saturday, June 25	3:00pm-7:00pm	#1	#2	Cloverdale
Sunday, June 26	8:30am-12:00pm	#1	#2	Cloverdale

Invitees Posted

	2:00pm-4:30pm	#1	#2	
Monday, June 27	9:30am-12:30pm	#1	#2	Softball City
	1:30pm-4:00pm	#1		
Tuesday, June 28	9:00am-12:00pm	#1	#2	Softball City

*The first two sessions will consist of fitness and positional testing. Following the second session, Softball Canada will post a list of athletes invited to participate in the remaining sessions of the evaluation camp.

Junior WNT Evaluation Camp in Surrey, British Columbia

Date	Time	Diamonds		Location
Friday, July 1	2:00pm-6:00pm	#1	#2	Cloverdale
Saturday, July 2	8:30am-12:30pm	#1	#2	Cloverdale

Invitees Posted

	2:30pm-5:30pm	#1	#2	Cloverdale
Sunday, July 3	9:00am-12:00pm	#1	#2	Cloverdale
	2:00pm-5:00pm	#1	#2	Cloverdale
Monday, July 4	9:00am-1:00pm	#1	#2	Cloverdale

*The first two sessions will consist of fitness and positional testing. Following the second session, Softball Canada will post a list of athletes invited to participate in the remaining sessions of the evaluation camp.

Following the Junior and Senior Evaluation Camps, the respective coaching staff will invite between 25 and 28 players to attend a Final Selection Camp before naming their rosters for the Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship.

- The Senior WNT Final Selection Camp will take place in Whitehorse, YK from June 29 to July 7.
- The Junior WNT Final Selection Camp will take place in Burnaby, BC from July 5 to July 10.

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2011 Senior WNT Competition Schedule

July 9-17, 2011 Canadian Open Faspitch WOMEN'S International Championship, Surrey, BC

July 21-25, 2011 World Cup of Softball VI, Oklahoma City, OK

October 17-23, 2011 XVI Pan American Games, Guadalajara, MX

2011 Junior WNT Competition Schedule

July 11-17, 2011 Canadian Open Faspitch GOLD International Championship (U19), Surrey, BC

December 6-17, 2011 ISF IX Junior Women's World Championship, Cape Town, ZA



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DID YOU KNOW?

- Last month, two-time Olympian Erin Cumpstone (Saskatoon, SK) led a coaching session for players in Lloydminster, BC. In the article, Cumpstone emphasizes the skills related to catching and the fun and enjoyment softball players experience: <http://www.meridianbooster.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=3121169>
- The Kelowna Capital News recently published an interesting article on athletes with disabilities, featuring a softball athlete who will represent Kelowna at the Special Olympics this summer in Athens, Greece: http://www.bclocalnews.com/okanagan_similkameen/kelownacapitalnews/news/121414189.html
- The softball season has now started in many areas of the country, and eager softball players have hit the fields. The Star Phoenix explains several initiatives that the Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association will be doing this summer: <http://www.thestarphoenix.com/sports/fields+finally+allow+start+softball+season/4716186/story.html>

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FEATURED WORTH BALL

The Worth 10" Sof-Dot is the Official Softball of Softball Canada's Learn to Play Program. It has a Level 1 RIF (Reduced Injury Factor), which means that the ball is soft enough to be used by children aged 5-10 years old. The 10" size allows young children to be able to grip the ball with their smaller hands, and also steers them in the right direction to progress to the 11" and 12" balls as they grow.



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60 QUEBEC FASTPITCH PLAYERS ATTEND DAVE PAETKAU CLINIC

Submitted by: Jean Yves Doucet

On May 6-8, 2011, Senior Women's National Team Assistant Coach Dave Paetkau instructed a technical hitting clinic at La Découverte High School in Saint-Léonard-d'Aston, QC. 60 male and female players, divided into two groups (beginners and advanced) benefitted from useful tips provided by the player who won a World Championship gold medal and has travelled to 24 countries and 30 American states to teach and play his favourite sport of softball. Paetkau, the owner of a softball academy and a personal instructor for many NCAA players, provided valuable advice to the young Quebec players who appreciated the clinic very much.

GIVING BACK TO THE GAME

Two former National Directors of Umpires with Softball Canada are trying a new challenge. Wayne Brown and Bob Stanton are Co-Chairing the 2011 Pepsi U19 Men's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship to be hosted in their home city of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Wayne and Bob have not forgotten their umpiring roots. They have facilitated a new initiative to honour and recognize the achievements of the past and present Level V's and Provincial/Territorial Umpire-in-Chiefs in Canada. "We will be honouring those umpires and administrators whose achievements are truly amazing and noteworthy" said Brown. This initiative will also contribute to leaving a physical legacy, with installation of new lights and other amenities, in addition to a financial legacy for the Fredericton Boys Fast Pitch Association. Both men feel this is one way they can give back to the game that they have been involved with during their lifetime. This first ever initiative to be facilitated at a Canadian Championship has secured support from across Canada. You can bet the working umpiring crew will be royally treated under the direction of two umpire Co-Chairs.

Wayne Brown retired 6 years ago, while Bob Stanton is currently the Director of Umpires with the International Softball Federation.

CALL FOR CANPITCH Committee Applications

Would you like to contribute to the development of Softball Canada's successful and innovative pitching development program? The CANpitch Program is available to all athletes between 8-16 years old who want to learn or improve the fundamental skills of windmill pitching. Softball Canada hopes to expose more young athletes to pitching, develop fundamentally sound pitchers and, over time, improve the level of softball competition across Canada.

Softball Canada is currently accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the CANpitch Committee. If you are interested please submit a cover letter and resume (including: coaching, pitching, playing and any other applicable experiences) to Angela Ballantyne (aballantyne@softball.ca) by Monday, July 25th.

For more information contact Angela Ballantyne at Softball Canada (aballantyne@softball.ca or 613-523-3386, x-3107).

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2013 CANADA SUMMER GAMES UPDATE

The 2013 Canada Games Sherbrooke organizing committee has now officially confirmed that softball has been changed back to week 1 for the 2013 Games.

Additionally, the venue for softball has been moved from Parc Quintal to Parc Desranleau and Parc Bureau. The two venues are only 2.6 km apart. This move was required due to a conflict with a large festival that uses the Parc Quintal grounds. The original plan was for the festival to be moved to a later date, different location or different city, but those negotiations between the 2013 Host Society and the festival organizers did not work out.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

The following teams have committed to participate in the 2011 Slo Pitch Canadian Championships:

Men:

British Columbia – BC Royals
Alberta – The Oilmen
Manitoba – Manitoba Legends
Manitoba – Home Run Sports Manitoba Jesters
Ontario – Tings/HR Sports Orioles
Ontario – Boombah Yardmen
Ontario – Homerun Sports/Miken Brewins
Ontario – Host Team TBD
Québec – Team Combat/Pharmapar/Transat
Québec – Olympiques Métal/Publicité DR
Québec – Red Lite
New Brunswick – Moncton Boombah Cobras

Women:

British Columbia – Adrenaline
Alberta – Calgary Impact
Northwest Territories – Team NWT
Manitoba – Diamond Dozen
Ontario – Higgins Pro Team
Ontario – Sportzone Lady Gryphons
Ontario – Ambrose/Easton
Ontario – Host Team TDB

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CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2011

U14 Girls Jamboree	Vaughan, ON	Aug. 17-21
U16 Girls	Winnipeg, MB	Aug. 17-21
U19 Women	Winnipeg, MB	Aug. 14-21
U19 Men	Fredericton, NB	Aug. 8-14
U23 Women's	Windsor, ON	Aug. 10-14
U23 Men's	Napanee, ON	Aug. 8-14
Senior Women's	Montreal, QC	Aug. 3-7
Senior Men's	Owen Sound, ON	Aug. 28-Sep. 4
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Dorchester, ON	Men Aug. 7-13 Women Aug. 9-13

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CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2012

U14 Girl's Jamboree	Open	TBD
U16 Girl's	Open	TBD
U18 Women's	Montreal, QC	TBD
U18 Men's	Fredericton, NB	TBD
U21 Women's	Open	TBD
U21 Men's	Open	TBD
Senior Women's	Jarvis, ON	Aug. 8-12
Senior Men's	Open	TBD
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Dorchester, ON	Men: TBD Women: TBD

If you are interested in bidding on any of the open Championships, please contact Mike Branchaud, Manager of Canadian Championships and Domestic Services, at mbranchaud@softball.ca or 613-523-3386 ext 3103. Please note that all bids must be approved by your local Provincial/Territorial office.

LEARN TO PLAY - ALBERTA



The Learn to Play Program continues to grow in popularity across the province of Alberta. Over the past few years our overall numbers in the LTP program have increased from year to year and 2011 will be no different.

We continue to reach out to new communities and schools to promote the program in hopes of educating parents/coaches/teachers and to spark interest in the kids. On top of school workshops our efforts have been very successful in reaching out to communities and holding LTP orientation/clinics.

So far this year we reached approximately 1,400 kids province wide with our school program and information workshops. The goal is to get out to the schools prior to the start of the season so it could quite possibly spark the interest of some of the kids in time for them to register within their local community.

The LTP workshops and orientations we do are mainly used to educate association boards, parents and coaches. These have been great as the people who attend seem to have a better understanding of the program and the purpose behind the program as well. Coaches and parents seem to come away from these workshops with a lot of enthusiasm and can't wait to get started.

The Learn to Play Program continues to grow in popularity and remains a vital part of Softball Alberta and our members across the province. We are extremely happy with how the season has started and we look forward to building another successful year!

For more information on the Learn to Play Program in Alberta or to find out what else is happening in Alberta contact Jackie Desilets, Program Director, at jackie@softballalberta.ca or check out our website www.softballalberta.ca



Hosting a Slo-Pitch Tournament?

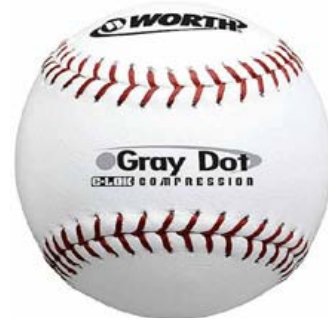
Slo-Pitch Canada is looking to support up to five Slo-Pitch events across Canada. If you are operating a recreational tournament, you are eligible to apply for one of five special Slo-Pitch Canada Tournament Packages. Each package contains:



50 Red Slo-Pitch Canada t-shirts
2 Dozen Worth Softballs
Scorebook

\$1,000 value, yours for \$250

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For more information and to apply, please complete the following form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Team/Organization Name: _____

Event: _____

Location: _____ Facility Name: _____

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Are you affiliated with your Provincial/Territorial Association? YES / NO

Please send completed form to Mike Branchaud (mbranchaud@softball.ca)
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- Annual General Meeting organization

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- 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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- Men's and Women's Teams program management
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- Ball Approval Program

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



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