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## SENIOR MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

### - Pan American Qualifier Roster

Softball Canada recently announced the Senior Men's National Team roster which will compete at the VIII Pan American Softball Championship. The event will take place in Hermosillo, Mexico from November 18-26, 2011 and will serve as a qualifier for the ISF XIII Men's World Championship, to be held in Auckland, New Zealand in 2013.

"Keeping with the National Team youth movement unveiled at the 2011 AAU Tournament in Florida, this team features four veterans from the 2009 ISF Worlds roster supported by a strong cast of young players" stated Senior Men's National Team Head Coach Don Bates. "With team captain Ryan Wolfe absent from this event, Jeff Ellsworth will act as team captain in Hermosillo."

The athletes who have been selected by the coaching staff to represent Canada at the 2011 Pan American Championship in Hermosillo, Mexico from November 18-26 are:

#### Athletes

Ryan Boland (St. John's, NL)  
Sean Cleary (Harbour Main, NL)  
Jeff Ellsworth (St. Lawrence, PEI)  
Blair Ezekiel (Harbour Main, NL)  
Brad Ezekiel (Harbour Main, NL)  
Jason Hill (St. John's NL)  
Brandon Horn (Waterloo, ON)  
Mark Johnson (Glencoe, ON)  
Derek Mayson (North Vancouver, BC)  
Mathieu Roy (St. Gervais, QC)  
Jason Sanford (Durham, NS)  
Kevin Schellenberg (Squamish, BC)  
Andy Skelton (Newmarket, ON)  
Jeremy Tracy (Waterville, NB)  
Sean Whitten (Calgary, AB)  
Ben Wideman (Elmira, ON)  
Brady Woods (Stonewall, MB)

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## Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Don Bates (Saskatoon, SK)  
Assistant Coach: Les Howey (Conception Bay South, NL)  
Assistant Coach: John Stuart (Vancouver, BC)  
Athletic Therapist: Adam Davies (Ottawa, ON)  
Operations Manager: Harvey Stevenson (Saanichton, BC)

## Softball Canada will also send umpire

Andrew Gallant (Moncton, NB) to the event.

"We are looking forward to the Pan American Championship" said Bates. "Our roster features some great veteran leaders including Jeff Ellsworth, Sean Whitten, Kevin Schellenberg, and Derek Mayson. The team was selected to bring a balance of speed, power, and defense. Playing this Pan American Championship in Mexico will provide valuable international experience for our younger players".

# XVI PAN AMERICAN GAMES

## Team Canada (Senior Women) Schedule

(Guadalajara, Mexico)

Date	Game	Time
October 17	Canada vs. Puerto Rico	5:00pm EDT
October 18	Canada vs. Venezuela	5:00pm EDT
	Canada vs. Cuba	7:30pm EDT
October 19	Canada vs. Argentina	9:30am EDT
	Canada vs. Mexico	10:00pm EDT
October 20	Canada vs. USA	3:00pm EDT
October 21	Canada vs. Dominican Republic	12:30pm EDT
October 22	Playoff Round	TBD
October 23	Medal Round	TBD

### Softball Canada Supplier Pool Partners



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# ISF IX JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## Team Canada (Junior Women) Schedule

(Cape Town, South Africa)

Date	Game	Time
December 8	Canada vs. USA	12:30pm EST
December 9	Canada vs. Botswana	5:00am EST
December 10	Canada vs. Puerto Rico	10:30am EST
December 11	Canada vs. New Zealand	5:30am EST
December 12	Canada vs. South Africa	12:30pm EST
December 13	Canada vs. China	5:00am EST
December 14	Canada vs. Czech Republic	5:30am EST
December 15	Playoff Round	TBD
December 16	Playoff Round	TBD
December 17	Medal Round	TBD

## WHAT'S NEW ON THE SOFTBALL CANADA WEBSITE?

**Between the Lines:** The Summer 2011 Edition of Between the Lines, Softball Canada's Officials publication, has been added to the website.

**2011 Congress and Annual General Meeting Information:** Forms for the 2011 Softball Canada Congress and AGM in Halifax, NS are available on the website.

**Women's National Team Rosters:** The rosters for the Junior and Senior Women's National teams, who will be competing in their respective events this Fall, have been added.

**Women's National Team Selection and Carding Criteria:** The 2012 Women's National Team Selection and Carding Criteria have both been posted on the Softball Canada website under the Women's National Team section.

**Men's National Team Pool:** The Senior Men's National Team Athlete Pool has been updated.

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## FEATURED WORTH BALL

The Worth 11" Red Dot PX11RYLC is not used in any of Softball Canada's Canadian Championships, but it is the ball of choice for youth and recreational leagues. The 11" ball has exactly the same specifications as the 12" Red Dot (.47 COR, 375lbs compression, 88 stitches), so it is an easy transition once the players' hands grow enough to handle the 12" ball.



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MIDGET BOYS

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12" Optic Red Dot  
SENIOR WOMEN  
JUNIOR WOMEN  
MIDGET GIRLS  
BANTAM GIRLS  
PREMIER GIRLS

**Red Dot**  
11" Optic Red Dot  
SQUIRT BOYS  
SQUIRT GIRLS

**Sof-Dot**  
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# LEARN TO PLAY IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The sport of softball is growing quicker than the grass is on the fields in the Northwest Territories. In Yellowknife the season started in May when over a hundred enthusiasts slid into the season by participating in a two day clinic in the new field house. There were smiling faces as young as four and intrigued youth as old as 17 looking to improve their softball skills.

Summer often means that families depart for long summer vacations, but that did not stop the hundreds of children and youth that filled the fields across the territories. The Learn to Play program is widely recognized with schools and communities inquiring on how they can develop the sport amongst the individuals in their community. Learn to Play clinics were run in Hay River, Inuvik, Aklavik and Yellowknife. Also, softball has been enjoyed by many community summer camp participants throughout the Territory. Despite the fact that the days are starting to get shorter, requests for instruction and clinics are still coming in!

Not only did children and youth get to enjoy the Learn to Play program, but a modified program was run for adults in Yellowknife, prior to the start of the season. As volunteers were cleaning up the fields getting ready to start the season, they were also pulling out their bats and gloves to teach new individuals and novice players some of the basic components of the game. This not only encouraged them to participate, but also provided the opportunity to teach some basic fundamentals to ensure safety for both new and returning participants.

Softball is growing North of 60 in all age categories and this can be attributed to the Learn to Play program. Although the season may be coming to an end, it is just the beginning of a new set of goals and plans for the 2012 softball season!

**Softball Canada is looking for volunteer teams to participate in a pilot of a**

## SKILLS TESTING PROGRAM!

Aligned with Softball Canada's Long Term Player Development Model, Softball Canada is currently developing a skills testing program for male and female athletes aged U12 – U16. The program includes both fitness and softball skills tests.

This pilot program will encourage athletes to expand their personal softball specific and fitness skills.

If your team would like to participate and test your teams skills please contact:

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# FUTURE

## CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2012

UI4 Girl's Jamboree	Open	TBD
UI6 Girl's	Bid pending	August 21 - 25
UI6 Boy's	Open	TBD
UI8 Women's	Montreal, QC	August 12 - 19
UI8 Men's	Fredericton, NB	August 6 - 12
U21 Women's	Bid pending	August 1 - 5
U21 Men's	Bid pending	TBD
Senior Women's	Jarvis, ON	Aug. 8-12
Senior Men's	Bid pending	TBD
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Dorchester, ON	Men: TBD Women: TBD

### 2013

UI4 Girl's Jamboree	Open	TBD
UI6 Girl's	Open	TBD
UI6 Boy's	Open	TBD
UI8 Women's	Open	TBD
UI8 Men's	Open	TBD
U21 Women's	Open	TBD
U21 Men's	Bid pending	TBD
Senior Women's	Open	TBD
Senior Men's	Open	TBD
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Open	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](mailto:mbranchaud@softball.ca) or 613-523-3386 ext 3103. Please note that all bids must be approved by your local Provincial/Territorial office.



## Dartfish Special offer for Local Softball Associations

Softball Ontario would like to bring the game of softball to the next level with the use of video analysis. Video analysis is a procedure in which a videotaped softball skill is analyzed using a frame-by-frame inspection of footage. Dartfish is the world's best software program which assists in the analysis by allowing a Softball Coach to:



- Highlight key points of interest by selecting and noting key moments within the skill
- Add audio comments, text and drawing to selected key positions
- Play reference video with key positions and notations to compare with other videos
- Synchronize two different videos to play together
- Publish videos, key positions, drawings and annotations and voice over



Softball trail



Side-by-Side Comparison



Video Overlay



4 Video Comparison

Softball Coaches will be able to take a video clip of a Pitcher, Hitter or Fielder (or a softball player doing any softball skill) and analyze it and be able to return the clip to the player with detailed analysis format called a Media Book.

Dartfish Software is a tremendous tool for any Softball Coach wanting the help themselves and their players learn through the use of video technology. This program allows an easy transfer of footage from the video camera to a personal computer. Dartfish allows a Coach to play a clip of a skill in regular speed, any number of slow motion speeds and it can advance a clip by clip frame.

Beyond that, a Coach will have the ability to look at two video clips side-by-side or top-and-bottom, or up to 4 different video clips at the same time. Plus, a Coach can draw lines on the screen, or magnify a certain part of a clip and even add a trail of softballs to visually track the motion.

How the Software works:

- 1) A Softball Coach would use a video camera and film their athlete
- 2) Record each athlete's footage to a video tape/dvd or connect the video camera to a personal computer
- 3) Once each video was received, the user would then create a video library
- 4) Compare swings, pitching and fielding mechanics to previous clips and reference clips
- 5) Deliver the analysis to players, parents and fans

### Please send Order Form to Softball Ontario:

Description	Quantity	Price per Unit	HST per Unit	Total
Dartfish TeamPro v5.5 Software (HST 13%)		\$1075.00	\$139.75	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b>				

- C.O.D. Orders Not Accepted. Remittance in Full Must Accompany Order.
- All Sales Final. No Refund or Exchanges.

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 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- University/College initiatives
- Competition review follow-up, national implementation and associated rule changes
- Technical standards

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- CanPitch
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