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2013 ISF XIII Men's World Championship

The Canadian Men's National Team will compete at the ISF XIII Men's World Championship in Auckland, New Zealand from March 1 to 10, 2013. The tournament will feature sixteen (16) teams vying for the Gold medal.

Team Canada won the Bronze medal at the previous World Championship held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 2009, with Australia claiming the Gold medal and New Zealand earning Silver. Prior to Australia's Gold medal win in 2009, New Zealand was the three-time defending champions, winning the event in 2004 (Christchurch, New Zealand), 2000 (East London, South Africa) and 1996 (Midland, Michigan). Team Canada last won Gold at the event in 1992 (Manila, Philippines).

The athletes who will represent Canada at the ISF XIII Men's World Championship in Auckland, New Zealand are:

Athletes

- #42 Bryan Abrey (Richmond, BC)
- #51 Ryan Boland (St. John's, NL)
- #44 Sean Cleary (Harbour Main, NL)
- #19 Jeff Ellsworth (St. Lawrence, PEI)
- #22 Brad Ezekiel (Harbour Main, NL)
- #14 Ian Fehrman (Townsend, ON)
- #10 Jason Hill (St. John's, NL)
- #17 Brandon Horn (Waterloo, ON)
- #30 Paul Koert (Brooklyn, ON)
- #33 Stephen Mullaey (Freshwater, NL)
- #15 Mathieu Roy (St. Gervais, QC)
- #8 Jason Sanford (Durham, NS)
- #6 Kevin Schellenberg (Squamish, BC)
- #20 Don Scott (Stratford, ON)
- #9 Andy Skelton (Scarborough, ON)
- #28 Sean Whitten (Calgary, AB)
- #77 Ryan Wolfe (Melbourne, ON)

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Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Don Bates (Saskatoon, SK)
Assistant Coach: Les Howey (Conception Bay, NL)
Assistant Coach: John Stuart (Langley, BC)
Athletic Therapist: Adam Davies (Ottawa, ON)
Team Leader: Larry Gould (Burtts Corner, NB)
Manager – National Teams: Mike Branchaud (Ottawa, ON)

Umpires

Mark Gough (NB)
Mitch Zuk (ON)

Sixteen (16) teams will participate at the event, which will be split into two pools for round-robin play. Each team will play seven games against the other teams in their pool, with the top four teams from each pool advancing to the playoff round. The pool breakdown (determined by the 2009 World Championship standings) will be:

Pool A

Australia
United States
Venezuela
Great Britain
Czech Republic
South Africa
Indonesia
Samoa

Pool B

New Zealand
Canada
Japan
Argentina
Philippines
Mexico
Colombia
Netherlands



Team Canada Schedule (game times converted to Eastern Standard Time)

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February 28: Canada vs. Argentina (9:30pm EST)
March 1: Canada vs. Philippines (11:00pm EST)

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March 2: Canada vs. Mexico (5:00pm EST)
March 4: Canada vs. New Zealand (12:30am EST)
March 4: Canada vs. Japan (11:00pm EST)
March 5: Canada vs. Colombia (10:00pm EST)
March 6: Canada vs. Netherlands (10:00pm EST)
March 7: Playoff Round
March 8: Playoff Round
March 9: Medal Round

Websites

ISF XIII Men's World Championship: <http://www.softball2013.com>
International Softball Federation: <http://www.isfsoftball.org/>
Softball Canada: <http://www.softball.ca>

Facebook

ISF XIII Junior Women's World Championship: <https://www.facebook.com/WSC2013>
International Softball Federation: <https://www.facebook.com/ISFsoftball>
Softball Canada: <https://www.facebook.com/SoftballCanadaNSO>

Twitter

ISF XIII Men's World Championship: <http://twitter.com/WSC2013>
International Softball Federation: <http://www.twitter.com/ISFSoftball>
Softball Canada: <http://twitter.com/SoftballCanada>

2013 Canadian Junior and Senior Women's National Team Regional Evaluation Camps

Softball Canada is pleased to announce the following Regional Evaluation Camps for the 2013 Junior and Senior Women's National Teams:

Evaluation Camp #1:

- When: Thursday, May 23rd to Sunday, May 26th
- Times:
 - Thursday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm
 - Friday: 9:30am to 12:30pm; 2:00pm to 5:00pm
 - Saturday: 9:30am to 12:30pm; and 2:00pm to 5:00pm
 - Sunday: 9:30am to 1:30pm
- Where: Cloverdale Athletic Park, Cloverdale, British Columbia
- Note: In case of inclement weather, we will attempt to secure indoor facilities. Important: Following the Friday morning session, a list will be posted of the athletes invited to participate in the remaining sessions of the camp.

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Evaluation Camp #2:

- When: Thursday June 13th – Sunday June 16th
- Time:
 - Thursday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm
 - Friday: 9:30am to 12:30pm; 2:00pm to 5:00pm
 - Saturday: 9:30am to 12:30pm; and 2:00pm to 5:00pm
 - Sunday: 9:30am to 1:30pm
- Where: Brampton Fairgrounds, Brampton, Ontario
- Note: In case of inclement weather, we will attempt to secure indoor facilities.
- Important: Following the Friday morning session, a list will be posted of the athletes invited to participate in the remaining sessions of the camp.

*Please note the camps will have Junior and Senior players combined in one camp. Athletes must be born in 1995 or earlier. 1996 birth year athletes may be invited by invitation only. Exceptions to this will be at the discretion of the head coaches of the Junior and Senior National Teams. The cost to attend a Regional Evaluation Camp is \$95.00. Each player must fill out an Evaluation Camp Registration Form and return it to Softball Canada's Head Office by February 15th, 2013

Online Registration Form: http://softball.ca/main.asp?page_url=/womens_national_reg.asp?

Registration Form (Word): <http://www.softball.ca/files/2013WNTRegistrationForm.doc>

Registration Form (PDF): <http://www.softball.ca/files/2013WNTRegistrationForm.pdf>

Changes to Softball Canada's


BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are pleased to advise you, on behalf of the Softball Canada Board of Directors, that we have appointed Al Harrison to fill the vacant position on the Board.


Many of you will know Al, who has been a long time volunteer with Softball Ontario and the OASA. Al has also supervised a number of Canadian Championships and has been active as a Coach and Manager at the local, provincial and national levels.

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Senior Women's National Team Schedule

 Women's National Team Schedule		
Date	Event	Location
May 23-26, 2013	Regional Evaluation Camp	Cloverdale, BC
June 13-16, 2013	Regional Evaluation Camp	Brampton, ON
July 11-14, 2013	US World Cup of Softball VIII	TBD
July 16-22, 2013	Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship	Surrey, BC
August 8-17, 2013	Women's Pan American Championship	San Juan, Puerto Rico

Junior Women's National Team Schedule

 Junior Women's National Team Schedule		
Date	Event	Location
May 23-26, 2013	Regional Evaluation Camp	Cloverdale, BC
June 13-16, 2013	Regional Evaluation Camp	Brampton, ON
June 17-21, 2013	Final Selection Camp	Brampton, ON
June 22-30, 2013	Team Preparation	Brampton, ON
July 1-7, 2013	ISF X Jr. Women's World Championship	Brampton, ON

Softball Canada Supplier Pool Partners



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LeBlanc adds Canada Summer Games Duties

With Mike Branchaud taking on additional responsibilities with Softball Canada's National Teams Program, Manager of Marketing and Communications Gilles LeBlanc has taken over Mike's previous duties as National Sport Organization (NSO) contact for the Canada Summer Games and the 2013 U21 Men's International Championship. LeBlanc was softball's Sport Information Officer at the 2009 Canada Summer Games in PEI, a position he will also have at the 2013 Canada Summer Games in Sherbrooke, QC.

NEWS FROM THE BLUE CONVENTION

For all updates, events and workshops – stay tuned to the official Blue Convention website:

<http://www.softballcanadablueconvention.com/>

BLUE CONVENTION 2013 Thursday, March 28, 2013 – Sunday, March 31, 2013 Hamilton, Ontario

The official 2013 Blue Convention website is now up and running. Stay tuned to the website for news and updates: <http://softballcanadablueconvention.com/>

The official Blue Convention Hotel is the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center

150 King Street East, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 1B2 CANADA

Direct weblink:

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/hamilton/yhmcp/hoteldetail?groupCode=UBU>

You can book through the central reservations line by calling Tel: 905-528-3451 and mention Code "Umpire Blue Convention – Softball Canada" OR on-line group code "UBU".

A reminder – reservations must be booked prior to the March 5th, 2013 cut-off date to guarantee the rate and a room. Guaranteed Room Rate of \$105.00



REGISTRATION FORM
BLUE CONVENTION 2013
Thursday, March 28, 2013 – Sunday, March 31, 2013
Hamilton, Ontario

Please Fill Out All Sections and Include the registration fee for the workshops.
 Softball Canada accepts Certified Cheque, Money Order, Visa, Master Card or American Express.
 Payable to - Softball Canada

Name: _____ Gender (Check one): M F
 Address: _____ City: _____
 Prov./Terr.: _____ Postal Code: _____
 H - Telephone: _____ W - Telephone: _____
 Fax: _____ Email : _____
 Certification Level : _____
 Shirt Size: S FP L SP XL XXL

Registration: \$135 includes participation in your selection of workshops and the Blue Convention 2013 Golf Shirt and Pin, plus a welcome package.

You can download a copy of the Pre-convention package from the Softball Canada website by January 1st, 2013. The package will contain the schedule, workshop selection form. The workshops are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. NOTE: Workshops will be presented in English with only the materials translated into French.

You can also order a Canadian Indicator Club Banquet ticket at \$60.00 each. The banquet will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2013. Would you be interested in purchasing extra golf shirts at a cost of \$40.00 each?

Yes No **How Many:** 1 2 3 4 5 **Shirt Size:** S M L XL XXL

Please Include Payment for Extra Shirts with Registration Fee (Indicate Size)

_____	EARLY BIRD Registration Fee (before January 1, 2013)	<u>\$135.00</u>
_____	Registration Fee (after January 1, 2013)	<u>\$155.00</u>
_____	Registration Fee and Level 4 Clinic	<u>\$250.00</u>
_____	Registration Fee and I/E Clinic	<u>\$250.00</u>
_____	Additional Golf Shirts (@\$40.00 each)	Add _____
_____	Banquet Ticket (@\$60 each)	Add _____
	Total Enclosed	_____

Please check one: Certified Cheque Money Order Visa Master Card American Express RECEIPT REQUIRED

Cardholder Name _____
 Card Number _____
 Signature _____ Expiry Date _____

Deadline for Registration is March 1, 2013
Any refunds issued after February 1, 2013 will be subject to a \$50 Administration fee.

To Be Returned To:
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 Tel: 613-523-3386, ext. 3101 - Fax: 613-523-5761 - dozarko@softball.ca

FUTURE

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

2013

U14 Girl's Jamboree	Montreal, QC	Aug. 14-18
U16 Girl's	O'Leary, PEI	Aug. 7-11
U16 Boy's	Gander, NL	Aug. 7-11
U18 Women's	Charlottetown, PEI	Aug. 12-18
U18 Men's	St-Leonard-d'Aston, QC	Aug. 5-11
U21 Women's	Leduc, AB	July 24-28
U21 Men's	Owen Sound, ON	Aug. 5-11
Senior Women's	Guelph, On	Aug 14-18
Senior Men's	Stratford, ON	Aug. 27-Sept. 1
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Leduc, AB	Men: Aug. 10-16 Women: Aug. 12-16

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U14 Girl's Jamboree	Open	TBD
U16 Girl's	Stratford, ON	Aug. 13-17
U16 Boy's	Open	TBD
U18 Women's	Saskatoon, SK	Aug. 4-10
U18 Men's	Open	TBD
U21 Women's	Open	TBD
U21 Men's	Irma, AB	Aug. 11-17
Senior Women's	Open	TBD
Senior Men's	Charlottetown, PEI	TBD
Senior Men's and Women's SP	Sherbrooke, QC	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.

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Softball Canada Hall of Fame



2013 Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for athletes, coaches, officials, builders and teams for induction into Softball Canada's Hall of Fame are being accepted until April 1, 2013. A maximum of five (5) new members will be chosen to be inducted on Saturday, November 16th during Softball Canada's Annual General Meeting in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. This year's inductees will be from the Central region; Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories. The criteria for acceptance and nomination forms are available at <http://www.softball.ca/page.asp?id=233>. All applications must be approved by their respective Provincial/Territorial association.

Featured Worth Ball



The Worth 12" K-Master is the Official Ball of Softball Canada's Men's Canadian Fast Pitch Championships (U18, U21 and Senior categories). The optic (yellow) ball has replaced the traditional white ball to differentiate from baseball and also to make the ball easier to see. As opposed to the Red Dot used in the female division which has 88 stitches, the 12" K-Master has 120 stitches which give the male pitchers more grip. The K-Master also features a Poly-X Core.

We value our partnership with Softball Canada, and have continued to work together to put the best softballs on the diamond year after year. In Canada, Worth softballs are designed for each specific age category to make sure consistency is used at all levels of play. The Worth brand is proud to be known as the softball brand in this country and we will continue to lead the industry in knowledge and technology. Worth: Performance through technology - visit us @ www.worthsports.com



PK2RYLC
12" Optic Red Dot
Awaris Hot Seam
.47 COR, 375 LBS

Official Ball of
Senior Womens Divisions
U21 Womens Divisions
U20 Womens Divisions
U16 Girls Divisions
U14 Girls Divisions



C120YCC
12" K-Master
Awaris 120 Stitches
.47 COR, 375 LBS

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



PX11RYLC
11" Optic Red Dot
Awaris Hot Seam
.47 COR, 375 LBS

Official Ball of
U23 Boys Divisions
U22 Boys Divisions



SR10RYSC
10" Optic Soft Dot
Awaris Spongy Core
RIF Level 1

Official Ball of
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Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Winners

Softball Canada is pleased to announce that David Bourne (Port Dover, ON) and Tom Doucette (Middle Musquodobit, NS) have joined a very exclusive club amongst Commonwealth countries as they are recipients of a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal. The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Medal was created to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne on February 6th, 1952. The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians. The last time the Diamond Jubilee medals were presented was during Queen Victoria's reign in 1867. During the year of celebrations, 60,000 deserving Canadians will be recognized. This commemorative medal is a tangible and lasting way to pay tribute to those Canadians whose achievements have benefited their fellow citizens, their community, their organization and the country. It provides an opportunity to look back and recognize those who have made softball what it is today.

Softball Canada nominated Dave and Tom for this award because they have been instrumental in the development and delivery of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) and made a significant contribution to coaching development not only within their own province but also nationally. A total of 49 individuals were awarded this medal in partnership with the Coaching Association of Canada.

Softball Canada wishes to congratulate Tom and Dave for their commitment and dedication to softball in Canada. They are truly deserving of this recognition.

CHANGE YOUR GAME! PETRO-CANADA SPORT LEADERSHIP SPORTIF PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE ON COACH.CA

The 2012 Petro-Canada Sport Leadership sportif was one of the largest-ever and featured some truly passionate, motivating, game-changing speakers. The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) is happy to provide many of their presentations on coach.ca for those of you that were unable to attend.

PDF versions of all presentations that were submitted to CAC have now been posted to coach.ca here: <http://www.coach.ca/petro-canada-sport-leadership-sportif-s13419&language=en>

Please feel free to share this link and download anything you wish!

2014 International Softball Coaches Symposium

Softball Canada is pleased to announce that Softball Ontario will be the co-host of the 2014 International Softball Coaches Symposium (ISCS). Come learn from the best! If you want to help your athletes perform to their capabilities don't miss out on this professional development opportunity! To be placed on an email distribution list for updates about the symposium, please contact:

Lise Jubinville

Softball Canada

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Web Site: www.softball.ca



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For more information about the 2014 International Softball Coaches Symposium regularly visit Softball Canada's web site (www.softball.ca).

Softball Canada hosting a pilot of the new Competition – Development Clinic

DESCRIPTION

Softball's Competition - Development Clinic is the workshop that replaces Level 3 Technical in the old NCCP. This context focuses on coaches working with athletes who are in the Train to Train and Train to Compete stages of Softball's Long-Term Player Development model. These athletes/teams are competing at the U16, U18, U21 and Senior Canadian Championships, at the Canada Summers Games or U21 Men's International Championship and at Junior World Championships. This context is also the minimum requirement for coaches to apply for National Team coaching positions. The training workshops involve both softball-specific training modules offered over two weekends of training and generic multi-sport modules offered through the designated provincial/territorial organization responsible for NCCP training.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Coaches who have the following NCCP training or certification are eligible to participate:

- Level 2 certified or higher in old Levels NCCP in Softball
- Softball Competition – Introduction Trained in new NCCP
- Softball Competition – Introduction Certified in new NCCP

Coaches with no or little prior NCCP training or certification may be eligible to participate. Please contact Lise Jubinville at Softball Canada (contact info below) to discuss prior to applying. The following criteria will be considered:

- Current or former National Team player
- Coaches with extensive coaching experience in elite softball at the national level.
- Player with extensive playing experience at the national level or international level.

APPLICATION

To apply to participate in Softball Canada's Competition – Development training pilot, please complete the attached application form and email or fax it to Lise Jubinville at Softball Canada (contact info below). Successful applicants will be notified ASAP after receipt of application form.

SOFTBALL-SPECIFIC TRAINING

What: Softball Canada is piloting the softball-specific training portion of our Competition – Development context. The softball-specific training for the Competition – Development context consists of two weekends of training. Due to the nature of a pilot, coaches are required to attend **both** scheduled weekends of training (no absences). Completion of the softball-specific training for the Competition – Development will give the coach an NCCP status of Competition – Development In-Training status. The coach will then need to complete the generic multi-sport modules to receive the Competition – Development Trained status.

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Participants will be directed on how to complete the evaluation process to receive the Competition – Development Certified status during the training workshop.

When:

- **Weekend #1 – February 22-24, 2013**
 - The topics to be covered in the first training weekend are: Performance and practice planning, skill analysis, mental preparation, team building, advanced hitting, baserunning, leadership and coaching philosophy, and advanced strategy.
- **Weekend #2 – March 22-24, 2013**
 - The topics to be covered in the second training weekend are: Scouting and game plans, throwing, fielding (infielders and outfielders), catching, performance and practice planning, player selection and evaluation, pitching, rules, advanced game management, and preparing for a major competition.

Note: *Due to the nature of a pilot, Softball Canada reserves the right to move content from one training weekend to the other and/or modify topics.*

Where: Sport Alliance of Ontario Building (3 Concorde Gate, North York, ON M3C 3N7)

Course Fee: \$400.00 (covers both weekends of training, coach workbooks and Technical Manual)

Note: *Ontario Softball Coaches can have their participation in Softball's Competition – Development pilot funded by the Quest for Gold (Q4G) Enhanced Coaching Program. The Quest for Gold grant provides an education bursary for higher levels of professional development and training up to a maximum of \$400 per application will be available to cover up to 70% of course registration fees and travel subsidy combined. A travel subsidy of \$200 is available for coaches travelling more than 250 km each way to attend NCCP training (e.g. 500kms round trip). The total allocation for Coach Bursaries for April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 is \$100,000. It is recommended to apply as soon as possible to ensure funding is available. For more information about the Q4G Enhanced Coaching Program or to download the bursary applications, travel subsidy, please visit the Coaching Association of Ontario website at www.coachesontario.ca.*

MULTI-SPORT TRAINING

Coaches must complete six generic multi-sport modules which are offered through the provincial/territorial organization that is responsible for coaching education in their respective province/territory. These modules are generic sport modules and coaches from a variety of sports may be in attendance. These courses are modular and are offered individually. In some cases, there are home study options for each of the modules available for coaches who cannot attend the face to face training workshops. The 6 multi-sport modules are:

- **Coaching and Leading Effectively (10 hours, 1.5 days)**
 - After taking this module you will be able to:
 - Promote a positive image of sport, and model it to athletes and those supporting their performance
 - Deliver clear messages and explanations when communicating with athletes and their supporters;
 - Identify opportunities to interact with all athletes and use feedback to improve and correct performance and behaviour.

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- **Leading Drug Free Sport (3.5 hours)**
 - After taking this module you will be able to:
 - Fully understand and explain the consequences of using banned substances in sport
 - Educate athletes about drug-testing protocols at major competitions;
 - Encourage athletes to safeguard their sport values and take greater responsibility for their personal actions;
 - Apply the NCCP Ethical Decision-Making Model to your coaching as it relates to keeping your sport and athletes drug-free
- **Managing Conflict (4.5 hours)**
 - The Managing Conflict module will allow you to:
 - Identify common sources of conflict in sport;
 - Determine which individuals or groups are most likely to find themselves in situations involving conflict;
 - Learn important skills that will help you prevent and solve conflict resulting from misinformation, miscommunication or misunderstanding;
 - Develop skills that will empower you to listen and speak effectively in conflict situations while maintaining positive relationships with athletes, parents, officials and other coaches
- **Performance Psychology (7 hours)**
 - Completing Psychology of Performance will allow you to:
 - Help athletes learn to manage distractions and use visualization techniques to prepare themselves technically and tactically for training and competition;
 - Learn how to work with athletes or teams to identify performance and process goals related to their ability to focus on performance;
 - Learn debriefing skills that can be used to help athletes assess their performance in both training and competition.
- **Developing Athletic Abilities (9 hours + 2 hour pre-task)**
 - After completing the Developing Athletic Abilities module, you will:
 - Be able to implement general and sport-specific training protocols and methods to effectively develop or maintain the athletic abilities necessary for your sport;
 - Know how to apply training principles and variables to training methods that build fitness, endurance, strength, speed and sport-specific conditioning;
 - Be able to select and adapt testing and training protocols and methods for athletes training from 6 – 9 to 9 – 12 times per week.
- **Prevention and Recovery (7.5 hours)**
 - After taking Prevention and Recovery you will have the knowledge needed to:
 - Identify common injuries in your sport and develop appropriate prevention and recovery strategies to keep your athletes injury-free during training and competition;
 - Offer valuable information and guidance on hydration, nutrition and sleep as they relate to injury prevention;
 - Choose skills and drills that help athletes perform appropriate warm-ups and cool-downs;
 - Develop functional evaluations for an athlete's return to play;
 - Implement recovery and regeneration techniques to help an athlete maintain or return to optimal performance post injury.

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NOTE: If not already completed through previous NCCP training, the completion of Make Ethical Decisions (MED) training and the associated online evaluation for the Competition – Development context is required for certification.

It is recommended that the multi-sport modules be completed before a coach attends the softball-specific Competition-Development training workshops but it is not required. However, they are required for certification. These elements can be completed at any time and are offered in all provinces/territories. For information on attending a multi-sport module or completing the modules by home study, contact the provincial/territorial organization responsible for coaching education in your respective province/territory.

EVALUATION

To achieve Competition – Development Certified status, a coach will need to successfully complete the evaluation process for Competition Development which will include:

- Softball-Specific Competition – Development Evaluation:
 - Submission of a Coaching Portfolio with completion of various tasks
 - On-Field Evaluation of a practice
 - On-Field Evaluation of a game
 - Completion of the Softball Canada Level 1 Umpire Exam with 70% or better
- On-line evaluations offered by the Coaching Association of Canada of:
 - Make Ethical Decisions for the Competition – Development context
 - Managing Conflict
 - Leading Drug Free Sport

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information or to ask questions about the Softball Competition – Development Clinic pilot, please contact:

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Softball Canada

Manager – LTPD & Coaching Services

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www.softball.ca

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PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM – Page 2

Describe your playing experiences (softball and other sports):

Describe any other experiences that would support you as a suitable participant for this training opportunity:

Note: Add pages as needed

Methods of Payment:

Cost is \$400 for two training weekends. Methods of payment available are: Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

Please check one: Visa MasterCard American Express

Cardholder Name:

Credit Card Number:

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Cardholder's Signature:

Check if Receipt Requested:

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LONG-TERM PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

2013 Canadian Sport for Life Summit

The 2013 CS4L National Summit was held at the Hilton Lac-Leamy Hotel in Gatineau, QC on January 30-31, 2013. The CS4L National Summit brings together leaders who work to enhance the quality of sport and physical activity in Canada. For those not able to attend the summit, you will be able to find copies of most of the presentations given on the CS4L website (www.canadiansportforlife.ca) in the “View Resources” section. Keep checking back as it does take some time to post these documents.

CPRA and CS4L Launch “Building Enhanced Collaboration Between Recreation and Sport”

Ottawa, ON – The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) and Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) are pleased to announce the release of a document that advances the discussion on recreation and sport.

Building Enhanced Collaboration Between Recreation and Sport reflects the needs, interests and breadth of the municipal recreation sector. It outlines the broad roles of municipal recreation in supporting sport. It examines the key shifts in sport policy, the nature of the sport and recreation partnership, common challenges/opportunities within this partnership and the key areas in which collaborative approaches can take place.

This document continues to build on past discussions, and identifies specific roles that a national, provincial, and or municipal recreation organization can do in order to enhance meaningful sport opportunities for the citizens in Canada.

“This is a great step towards increased collaboration between leaders in recreation and sport, which was visible even in the drafting of the document. I look forward to sport and recreation working together across Canada to improve the quality of sport and physical activity,” said Richard Way, Project Lead for CS4L.

“It is encouraging to see the recreation and the sport sectors collaborating on this initiative and working towards respective sectoral goals,” said Jennifer Reynolds, President of CPRA.

The paper was a paper written by Don Hunter in collaboration with the CPRA Task Force.

Building Enhanced Collaboration Between Recreation and Sport is available for download at www.cpra.ca or www.canadiansportforlife.ca.

For more information contact:

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Cathy Jo Noble
CPRA
info@cpra.ca

Ontario Softball Associations Rewarded for using Learn to Play Program in 2012!

In 2012, Softball Ontario asked local softball associations, “Is your Softball Association utilizing Softball Canada’s Learn to Play Program?” and “Are you intrigued by the Learn to Play Program and looking to implement it into your Softball Association for the 2012 softball season?” Our aim was to reward our local associations for being on the cutting edge of Long Term Player Development at the FUNDamentals and Learning to Train stages.



To achieve our goal, Softball Ontario offered FREE Learn to Play Prize Packs for Softball Associations who used the Learn to Play Program during the 2012 Softball Season. Softball Associations were able to request the free prize packs, which contained some great prizes for players and coaches within their Association, from the Softball Ontario office.

A huge supporter of the Learn to Play Program, Softball Ontario believes that Associations utilizing the Learn to Play Program provide their players with the best developmental program available. Associations who utilize the Learn to Play Program also received additional points towards their Softball Association Fundamental Excellence (SAFE) STAR Rating!

Learn to Play Prize Packs were available in each of the following categories:

- For Associations who have established a Learn to Play Division in their House League
- For Associations who utilize the Learn to Play Program in all their Team Practices
- For Associations who are holding a “Learn to Play” Bring a Friend Day to promote interest in Softball
- For Associations who are holding a “Learn to Play” Softball Jamboree for kids aged 6-10

The Learn to Play Prize Packs included many items that could be distributed to the local association’s players or event participants, including:

- Softball Canada Learn to Play Hats
- Softball Canada Learn to Play T-Shirts
- Softball Canada Learn to Play Pencils
- Softball Canada Learn to Play Posters
- Play Softball Magnets



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- Softball Ontario Tattoos
- And much more!

Depending on the type of Learn to Play Event, Associations also qualified to receive a free softball glove, a set of throw-down bases, and a Learn to Play DVD!

The Learn to Play Prize Packs were available on a first-come, first-served basis, and were only available to Softball Associations who are utilizing the Learn to Play Program within their Softball Association.

Softball Associations were also reminded to reward their volunteers who were running their Learn to Play Program! Learn to Play Program Coordinators, Leaders and Convenors were eligible to be nominated for Softball Ontario's Long Term Player Development Champion Award!

A total of six (6) Softball Associations took advantage of the Learn to Play Prize Packs in the pilot year, reaching 439 players in the Learn to Play Program. Successful events included Richmond Hill Minor Softball Association's Year End Learn to Play Event:

"Our Learn to Play end of season Jamboree went very well and the kids (and parents) had a great time with the skills competition. Every player got a Learn to Play Frisbee, pencil, and a tattoo. The Learn to Play T-shirts, wrist bands and ball caps that you also provided were handed out to the player of each team for being the Most Improved, Most Enthusiastic and Most Sportsman Like. Thank you again for providing all the LTP promo giveaways. "

~ Ken Uyesugi, President of Richmond Hill Minor Softball Association

Softball Ontario will continue to offer the Learn to Play Prize Packs for the 2013 season, so Ontario Softball Associations can contact Lisa Crompton at lcrompton@softballontario.ca for a request form!





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50 Slo-Pitch Canada t-shirts
2 Dozen Worth Softballs
Scorebook
Added Bonus from Combat Sports: 5 backpacks and 5 t-shirts
\$1,200 Value, yours for \$250

Note: Package does NOT include insurance



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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Team/Organization Name: _____

Event: _____

Location: _____ **Facility Name:** _____

Start date: _____ **End date:** _____

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

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