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## Men's and Women's Softball Selected to 2015 Pan American Games Program

Softball Canada is extremely pleased to announce that both Men's and Women's softball have been added to program for the 2015 Pan American Games, which will take place from July 10-26, 2015 in Toronto, Ontario. The Men's and Women's softball events will each feature six teams with 15 player rosters. Exact scheduling and venue details will be announced at a later date.

Men's softball first appeared at the 1979 Pan American Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Canada went on to win all seven gold medals awarded at Pan Am Games culminating with the 2003 Pan American Games. Men's softball was not selected to the 2007 and 2011 Pan American Games and will now make its return in 2015.

"I am happy that softball made it back into the Pan Am Games and very excited to have the opportunity to play in Toronto in front of family, friends and many of the Toronto area fans" said Men's National Team player Andy Skelton. "Softball has been a big part of the Toronto community and for it to host an international competition will pull many people that have been involved at many levels to provide a truly amazing environment to play in."

In addition to Men's softball being added to the event, Women's softball will also continue to be a part of the Pan American Games program in 2015. The Canadian team has won four consecutive silver medals at the event (2011, 2007, 2003 and 1999) and has won seven medals overall, including a gold medal in 1983.

"It is a privilege for softball to have the opportunity to once again be part of the Pan American Games" said Women's National Team pitcher Jenna Caira. "I am extremely proud and fortunate to be part of such an event, where I, as well as many other athletes can be supported by family, friends and a great community. Toronto is a world class city and a great place to compete at one's best ability, as it has always contributed to the well-being and success of the players on and off the playing field. I anxiously look forward to the opportunity to represent my city, my country as well as the fantastic sport of softball."

Softball Canada has been working diligently to help raise awareness for Men's softball and its' inclusion in high-profile multisport events, and is delighted with the recent announcements of Men's softball being added to the program for both the 2017 Canada Summer Games and now the 2015 Pan American Games.

"The reinstatement of Men's softball to the Pan Am Games program is a result we have been working towards for several years now" stated Softball Canada President Kevin Quinn. "Softball Canada truly appreciates the hard work of all involved, including the 2015 Pan Am Host Committee and the Pan American Sport Organisation (PASO), who have worked diligently to get our men back in the Pan Am Games. We are truly pleased with the support the Host Committee has afforded us in our quest. We look forward to working with the Host Committee in producing a top quality product for the Games."

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### 2013 ISF XIII Men's World Championship – Results

After finishing first in Pool B after the preliminary round, the Canadian Men's National Team lost both of its playoff games to finish fifth at the ISF XIII Men's World Championship. Canada got off to a good start at the tournament by defeating Argentina 2-1 in nine innings in its first preliminary round game after tying the game in the top of the seventh. The red and white followed that up with a 10-0 win over the Philippines and a 6-0 win against Mexico, followed by a 9-7 thriller over New Zealand in eight innings to take control of Pool B. After the important win over New Zealand, Canada lost 4-1 to Japan after a four-run inning in the bottom of the sixth by the Japanese, but bounced back with a pair of run rule victories of 8-0 over Colombia and 7-0 over the Netherlands to finish first place in Pool B with a 6-1 record.

In the first crossover playoff game against Venezuela, the Canadian offence ran in to some tough pitching as Venezuela limited them to only two hits in a 3-1 victory, propelling Venezuela into the medal round while Canada dropped one of their two lives. Needing a pair of wins to reach the medal round, Canada's offence was held to three hits and Argentina scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth as they eliminated Canada with a 2-1 win.

Argentina went on to lose 2-0 to Australia to finish fourth, and Australia won the Bronze after losing 2-0 to Venezuela. The host team from New Zealand went on to win the Gold medal on home soil by defeating Venezuela 4-1 in the Championship game.



#### ISF XIII Men's World Championship (Auckland, New Zealand)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Result</u>
March 1	Canada vs. Argentina	W 2-1 (9 inn.)
March 2	Canada vs. Philippines	W 10-0 (4 inn.)
March 3	Canada vs. Mexico	W 6-0
March 4	Canada vs. New Zealand	W 9-7 (8 inn.)
March 5	Canada vs. Japan	L 4-1
March 6	Canada vs. Colombia	W 8-0 (5 inn.)
March 7	Canada vs. Netherlands	W 7-0 (5 inn.)
March 8	Playoff: Canada vs. Venezuela	L 3-1
March 9	Playoff: Canada vs. Argentina	L 2-1

### Chris Jones to Enter Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame

Softball Canada would like to congratulate Men's National Team alumni Chris Jones (Oshawa, ON), who will be inducted to the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at the GM Centre in Oshawa. Jones played for the Canadian Senior Men's National Team from 1994 to 2004, playing in three World Championships (Silver in 1996 and 2004, 4<sup>th</sup> in 2000) and winning two Pan American Games gold medals (1995 and 1999).

Link: <http://www.durhamregion.com/sports/article/1573092--two-more-generals-join-oshawa-sports-hall-of-fame>

### **Tom Doucette Retires from Junior Men's National Team Program**

Softball Canada announces that Tom Doucette (Middle Musquodoboit, NS) has decided to retire from his position as Head Coach of the Junior Men's National Team Program. Following the 2012 ISF Junior Men's World Championship last November, Tom has decided to retire from the program. He led the Canadian Junior Men's National Team to a fourth place finish at the event.

Doucette has left a lasting impression on the Junior Men's National Team program, winning a bronze medal as an assistant coach at the 2005 ISF Junior Men's World Championship followed by a silver medal as a head coach at the following event held in 2009. Canada lost the Gold medal game by a score of 2-1 in extra innings against Australia that year. Prior to joining the program, he coached in four Canada Summer Games (Boy's in 1989, 1993 and 1997; Girl's in 2001).

"When you think of people who are truly a class act, then Tom Doucette will always come to mind" stated Softball Canada President Kevin Quinn. "Tom has left a lasting impression on hundreds of players and coaches across our country for many, many years. The consummate gentleman, Tom was always willing to share his knowledge without any fear that those he shared it with might know more than he did at some point. As a coach myself I learned more from Tom Doucette than any other coach I have met. We were competitors for many years, but more importantly, we were also good friends. I wish Tom the very best in a well deserved retirement."

In addition to his exceptional work with the Junior Men's National Team, Doucette has also been instrumental in the development of coaching in Canada as a member of Softball Canada's Coaching Development Committee since 1997. He is a Master Learning Facilitator and Master Evaluator, and has organized numerous clinics to train coaches and Learning Facilitators in his home province of Nova Scotia and across Canada. He was recently recognized for his contributions as a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

"I have greatly enjoyed my tenure with the Junior Men's National Team" stated Doucette. "I have had the chance to mentor some tremendous coaches, and am very confident that the future of the program will be in very good hands. I feel like this was a good time for me to step back and open the path for other coaches to represent our Junior Men's National Team."

Softball Canada would like to thank Tom for his many contributions to the Junior Men's National Team Program over the past several years.

### **ISF Junior Women's World Championship – Website**

The 2013 ISF X Junior Women's World Championship will take place from July 1-7, 2013 in Brampton, Ontario. For more information on tickets, hotels and the event visit the official website at [www.jwwc2013.com](http://www.jwwc2013.com).

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## Junior Women's World Championship 2013 seedings


### Section A

USA  
Canada  
New Zealand  
Czech Republic  
Puerto Rico  
Great Britain  
Korea  
Venezuela


### Section B

Japan  
Australia  
Brazil  
China  
Botswana  
Netherlands  
Singapore  
Mexico

## 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

## 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	Oklahoma City, OK
July 16-22, 2013	Canadian Open Fastpitch International Championship	Surrey, BC
August 8-17, 2013	Women's Pan American Championship	San Juan, Puerto Rico

## 2013 Canadian Slo-Pitch Border Battle Roster

Softball Canada is very pleased to release the list of players who have been invited to represent Canada at the fifth edition of the Men's Slo-Pitch Border Battle, which will take place in Oklahoma City this summer. The Canadian team will play a series of exhibition games in Oklahoma City before playing Team USA in a one-game showdown on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The team will also gather in May at an event to be determined.

At the inaugural Border Battle in 2009, the United States defeated Canada by a score of 30-23. The following year, Canada bounced back with a thrilling 30-29 victory before USA dominated the third game by a score of 25-3 in 2011. Last summer, Canada jumped out to a 18-4 lead, but the Americans responded with a 20 run inning and went on to take the 32-21 victory.

The 2013 Canadian Border Battle Team was selected by a panel of Slo-Pitch experts from across the country, and performance at provincial, national and international events was used as one of the major contributors to the selections. While some objective criteria were used to invite the team, it was also recognized that there was a significant subjective element. These elements included such factors as performance, experience, positional requirements, leadership and team cohesion. To be eligible to be invited, the athletes had to be members in good standing of Softball Canada as well as being Canadian citizens, or have a Permanent Resident card.

The coaching staff from last year's team will return for the 2013 edition of the Border Battle. Grant Garrett (Georgetown, ON), coach of the three-time defending Canadian Slo-Pitch Champions Tings Moving / Home Run Sports Orioles, and Stephane Chapdelaine (Longueuil, QC) from the 2012 Canadian Slo-Pitch Championship silver medalists Phamrapar/Worth/Red Lite will lead the Canadian team for the fifth edition of the Slo-Pitch Border Battle.

"The 2013 Border Battle Team is very strong in all aspects of the Slo-Pitch game" stated Mike Branchaud, Manager of National Teams for Softball Canada. "In order to compete with Team USA, we have to score runs and play sound defensively. We feel that with this team we can hit for singles and use our homeruns effectively."

The following athletes have been identified to represent Canada at the 2013 Slo-Pitch Border Battle:

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Alain Blais (Maple, ON)            | 9. Jason Gallichen (Langley, BC)        |
| 2. Dave Boldt (St. Thomas, ON)        | 10. Jeff Gare (London, ON)              |
| 3. Todd Cadenhead (Vaughan, ON)       | <b>11. Shawn Germain (St. Paul, AB)</b> |
| 4. Luc Chauvette (Trois-Rivières, QC) | 12. James Kelly (Amherstburg, ON)       |
| 5. Claude Chiasson (Ste-Julie, QC)    | <b>13. Ron Nadalin (Woodstock, ON)</b>  |
| 6. Jeff Falardeau (Welland, ON)       | 14. Chris Parr (Chilliwack, BC)         |
| 7. Francois Henry (St-Hyacinthe, QC)  | 15. Ryan Wood (Barrie, ON)              |
| 8. Mike Hook (Milton, ON)             | 16. Jeff Zanolli (Taber, AB)            |

\***Bold denotes new players.**

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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" 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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### **Blue Convention message from Mitch Zuk**

Just a month until the Softball Canada umpiring fraternity meets in Hamilton, Ontario. Blue Convention: Good to Great is almost ready to go. It's going to be great!

The Softball Ontario Blue Convention committee has organized a great convention, complete with professional comedian and professional Level 5 Slo-pitch Karaoke DJ, Jeff Klooster on Friday March 29 in our Hospitality Room. We are very appreciative of the support Softball Ontario has given us. The Friday night Hospitality room will be alive with lots of fun and great food. It will be the perfect atmosphere to celebrate our love of umpiring and fellow umpires. The hotel has great amenities, including a great fitness area, an outstanding recently renovated restaurant and lounge (with discounted prices for Blue Convention participants), and discounted rooms.

The Officials Development Committee of Softball Canada has put together a great array of seminars, presenters, and speakers to take your umpiring skills from good to great, certainly to the next level. Brian Van Os will be announcing our guest speaker for the banquet so keep your eye on this site and look for the announcement in the days to come. Dave Yeast, the NCAA National Co-ordinator of Umpires will be present and our keynote, kick-off speaker. Have look at the following blog to get a sense of what a great guy Dave is and his immense knowledge of umpiring and ability to connect with listeners:  
<http://blogs.eastonbaseball.com/collegebaseballtoday/2009/04/08/qa-with-umpire>.

We are privileged to have him speak to us. Donna at the Softball Canada office is organizing the seminar details and registration details. Keep those registrations coming. The Softball Canada Blue Convention is a marquee event in any umpires development. Not only will you learn a lot, you'll be treated royally! Please encourage umpires and partners from your zone to attend the convention. Those who have attended past conventions know how wonderful and meaningful the convention is. Many share fond memories, eagerly waiting for and anticipating the next Blue Convention (where might that be?) Tim Whitelaw will take care of all your travel needs and ensure you get to and from your destination promptly, of course with some great welcoming stories along the way! His group of volunteers are ready to go.

Deb Mills has organized a great companion package. Already over 20 partners have registered! Glen Whitwell and Dave Mills are working to ensure you receive great local shopping and eating deals within the vicinity of the hotel. Hamilton is a great city, full of energy, passion, and friendly people. Mark Trepanier, our Facilities Co-ordinator from wonderful Ottawa, is accommodating all the needs for our presenters and speakers and has all our presentation rooms well organized for your comfort and participation. Finally, Steve Doyle (the creator of our convention logo), ensures that you (we) are getting the best financial deals possible by overseeing our spending and accounting.

Sal Gara, an Ontario FP Level 5 and Co-ordinator of Softball Ontario's Junior Development program has organized a great Junior Development Workshop. One look at the line-up of guest instructors Sal has acquired, will want you participating, despite your age and umpiring knowledge. Encourage our youth! Many local organizations and agencies will financially support them. We know of one local softball association that is sending 12 of their youth umpires to the Blue Convention 2013 Junior Development Workshop!

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Arrange your travel and consider taking advantage of the Westjet travel discount. To receive the 10% discount call Westjet at 1-888-493-7853 and quote the following code: CC7669. If you are a group of 10 travelling on Westjet contact them at the above number for a group rate.

Blue Convention 2013: Good to Great will be a remarkable experience for all.

On behalf of our Softball Ontario organizing committee please feel free to contact anyone of us and we will ensure your query is addressed. There is no need to worry about any aspect of attending the convention. We are only an email away and ready to serve you. Please contact any one of us at:

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### Blue Convention Update

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

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

**\*\*\*REMINDER to also book your accommodation BEFORE March 5 for the special rate\*\*\***

**The official Blue Convention Hotel is the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center  
150 King Street East, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 1B2 CANADA Tel: 905-528-3451**

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 cut-off date to guarantee the rate and a room. Guaranteed Room Rate of \$105.00

<http://softballcanadablueconvention.com/index.php/registration>

### Softball Canada Launches Player Development Website



Softball Canada is pleased to announce that the new Player Development website [www.tripleplaysoftball.ca](http://www.tripleplaysoftball.ca) has launched. This website is designed for athletes in the Learning to Train, Training to Train and Training to Compete stages of the Long Term Player Development model, their coaches and their parents.

Two of the main website features are an Online Rewards Program and a Skills Improvement Program. There are more than 100 rewards available that range from Character Development to Participation in National Championships. As players are awarded badges from their coaches they will be added to the players online softball resume. Additionally, there is a Skills Improvement Program. The Skills Improvement Program is meant to be delivered two or more times per season, in order to track the athlete's progress in hitting, fielding, pitching, fitness, and catching throughout the season. Results are to be submitted to Softball Canada in order to develop National Standards in each of these areas.

Additional website content will include:

- Drills of the week
- Profiles of National Team athletes
- Inspiring stories from the Softball Community
- Upcoming softball events
- Coaching Resources
- Performance Tips
- Tips for Softball Parents
- Contests and much more

Log on to [www.tripleplaysoftball.ca](http://www.tripleplaysoftball.ca) to create your account, and start improving your game!

For more information please contact Mary Cahill at [mcahill@softball.ca](mailto:mcahill@softball.ca)

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## COACHING

### Traumatic Brain Injury/Concussion e-Learning Module

The Coaching Association of Canada will be launching an e-Learning module on the topic of concussions in the next month. For the first two months, this e-learning module will be offered for free to coaches. After this time, there will be a small fee to access this training. This training will be tracked as professional development within the Locker (NCCP database) and count towards a coach's maintenance of their certification. Check the Coaching Association of Canada's web site ([www.coach.ca](http://www.coach.ca)) for the official announcement or visit Softball Canada's web site ([www.softball.ca](http://www.softball.ca)) regularly for the announcement.

### COACHES PLAN - The magazine every coach needs to succeed (Coming early March)

Coaches PLAN is a **free** digital magazine published quarterly through a partnership between the Coaches of Canada and the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC). Coaches PLAN is the ultimate resource for Canadian coaches. Published four times each year, you'll find inside every issue of Coaches PLAN the following:

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### **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:

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

## **LONG-TERM PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

### **2013 Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) 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 can find copies of the presentations given on the CS4L website ([www.canadiansportforlife.ca](http://www.canadiansportforlife.ca)) in the "View Resources" section.

### **Canadian Sport for Life Launches Mental Fitness for Long -Term Athlete Development**

Victoria, B.C. – Canadian Sport for Life is excited to add "Mental Fitness for Long-Term Athlete Development" to its growing list of pan-sport resources. The document, written by a team of experts led by Karen MacNeill, Ph.D., explains that mental fitness is just as necessary for success in sport as physical fitness or technical comprehension. The messages and activities highlighted in the article align with Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) and address how athletes, coaches, and parents can aid the mental development of athletes at each stage of LTAD.

Success in sport requires athletes to push their physical limits of endurance, power, speed, and strength. Athletes must be technically sound and tactically aware in order to achieve best results. As determined in "Mental Fitness for Long-Term Athlete Development," so too must these athletes train and push themselves in the areas of focus, composure, and determination. The article states that 40 to 90 percent of success in high-performance sports is accounted for by mental factors, and that these mental factors must be trained and tested throughout an athlete's career.

The resource outlines expected outcomes of mental training, which has many facets: stress management, self-talk, goal-setting, and focusing distraction control among others. "Mental Fitness for Long-Term Athlete Development" frames the various mental fitness activities athletes should practice for each LTAD stage, clearly stating whether the activity targets the pre-performance, performance, or post-performance phase. "Mental Fitness for Long-Term Athlete Development" is available electronically for download at [www.canadiansportforlife.ca](http://www.canadiansportforlife.ca).

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Canadian Sport for Life and Long-Term Athlete Development Canadian Sport for Life is a movement to improve the quality of sport and physical activity in Canada. CS4L links sport, education, recreation, and health and aligns community, provincial, and national programming. Long-Term Athlete Development is a seven-stage training, competition and recovery pathway guiding an individual's experience in sport and physical activity from infancy through all phases of adulthood. CS4L, with LTAD, represents a paradigm shift in the way Canadians lead and deliver sport and physical activity in Canada.

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### **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](http://www.cpra.ca) or [www.canadiansportforlife.ca](http://www.canadiansportforlife.ca).

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### **Softball Canada Supplier Pool Partners**



### Women in Sport Encouragement Fund

On February 11, 2013, the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS) announced the 12 recipients of the Women in Sport Encouragement (WISE) Fund grants, designed to support female participation and leadership at all levels, as well as recognize and encourage organizations currently offering and/or creating new sport programs targeted to girls and women. **Karin Lofstrom**, CAAWS Executive Director, said “this year's winners are making a difference in their communities and helping girls and women find a true love of sport.” This year's recipients include ten organizations (two of which were softball organizations), one coach and one official.

#### Oakville Girls Softball Association – Oakville, ON

Sport: Softball

Supported by: Softball Canada



The Oakville Girls Softball Association is an all-female community sport program that has been providing female-centric sport and leadership development opportunities since 1995 for girls aged 4 - 20. They continually focus on advancing our athletes, youth mentors, junior umpires and adult coaches. With the WISE Fund OGSA will develop and host a junior umpire development program to prepare and provide female junior umpires with leadership opportunities Through the development of the Junior Umpire Program OGSA will provide a free certification training for young/team girls, imparting respect and encouraging fair play by abiding by the rules which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

#### Okotoks Minor Ball Association – Okotoks, AB

Sport: Softball

Supported by: Softball Canada



Okotoks Minor Ball Association is divided into two sides, baseball and softball. While baseball continues to grow rather quickly, the softball side often gets overshadowed with a focus on the boys inside the organization. Okotoks Minor Ball Association would like to start emphasizing the importance of softball, the girls that are currently playing and the girls that could be involved. With the WISE Fund they will hold three open house sessions in the world class training facility, home of the WMBL Okotoks Dawgs. These sessions will be free to anyone interested in coming and experiencing softball for the first time and to those looking to gain more experience. The Dawgs coaches will be hired to provide a skilled and high quality experience for the girls so that their excitement for the sport of softball will continue to grow for the upcoming season commencing in May 2013.

For detailed bios of all the grant recipients, visit:

[http://caaws.ca/e/grants/wise/winners/recipients\\_13.cfm](http://caaws.ca/e/grants/wise/winners/recipients_13.cfm)



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# **SOFTBALL CANADA**

## **STAFF CONTACTS**

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- General Management
- Board and Provincial/Territorial Liaison
- Strategic and Operational Planning
- Financial Management
- Policy Development
- Liaison with external funding partners (Sport Canada, COC)
- International Liaison and Hosting

**Manager – LTPD/Coaching Services – Lise Jubinville –** [ljubinville@softball.ca](mailto:ljubinville@softball.ca)  
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- Long Term Player Development
- Coaching

**Manager – Officials/Publications Services – Donna Ozarko –** [dozarko@softball.ca](mailto:dozarko@softball.ca)  
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- Officials
- Blue Convention
- Newsletters (Around the Horn, Between the Lines)
- Rule Book
- Volunteer recognition
- Publications

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- Budget preparation
- Financial Monitoring/reports
- Accounts receivables/payables
- Tax receipts
- National Teams financial reporting to external funding bodies
- Annual General Meeting organization

**Manager - National Teams/Canadian Championships**  
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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

## AROUND the HORN

### Manager – Marketing/Communications Services – Gilles LeBlanc –

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- Revenue Generation
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- Development of promotional programs
- Media Relations
- Web site
- Hall of Fame and awards
- Ball Approval Program

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- Learn to Play
- Player Development
- CANpitch
- Adapted softball (Wheelchair, Blind, Special Olympics)
- Future initiatives

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- Receptionist and administrative duties
- Resource orders
- Membership database and event registration
- Logistical support for meetings
- Assist in the development of resource materials



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