Move to approve Rule Change Proposals 1-13, 20, 22-24, 26-29, 32-33, 35, 37-40, 42-46 in one slate vote

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| **Moved by:** Jackie Dugger (BOD) | **Seconded by:** Ryan DeBelser (AB) |

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| **PROPOSAL 1** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:** 2024 |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH | X | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 1 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **2** | **Number:** | **F** | **Letter:** | **f** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New  |
| **CHANGE:** | *Page 39 SP**after a warning by the Plate Umpire, any one of these Rules is willfully violated, except if the pitcher continues to repeatedly violate a pitching Rule the pitcher will be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game and shall be declared an illegal pitcher;* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022) |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 2** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 1 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **4** | **Number:** | **c** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 40 SP/ 123 FP**c) If an incorrect runner is placed on second base, they shall be called out if a proper appeal is made by the defensive team after a pitch (legal or illegal) or play and is upheld. A proper appeal may be made at any time the incorrect runner is on base. If the offensive team places the correct runner on base before a proper appeal is made, there is no penalty.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)This new rule will impose a penalty for a team that places the wrong temporary runner at second base in a tiebreaker situation.  |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 3** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 1 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **6** | **Number:** | **a** | **Letter:** | **iv** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Addition |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 40 SP/123 FP* *iv) at any time, an incorrect runner is on base in a tiebreaker Inning or as a temporary runner for the catcher or pitcher of record.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)  |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 4** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 1 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **6** | **Number:** | **E** | **Letter:** | **x** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 41 SP (1.2.6dx) /124 FP**x) the use of an incorrect runner on second base in a tiebreaker inning or as a temporary runner for the catcher or pitcher of record.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022) |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 5** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 2 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **5** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New |
| **CHANGE:** | P 44 SP/ 126 FP**2.1.5 COACHES’ BOX:** The area in foul territory on the first base and third base side of the playing field in which the offensive coaches must position themselves (see Appendix 1-F for dimensions). |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Adds definition of Coaches’ Box |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 6** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 2 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **10** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 44 SP / 127 FP**2.1.10 MITT:** A mitt consists of a solid piece for finger placement, no finger slots and a deeper pocket than a glove. A glove has separated finger slots on the outside and back (see Appendix 4 Glove Specifications). |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook. Adds definitions for types of gloves. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 7** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 2 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **13** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New |
| **CHANGE:** | P 44 SP / 127 FP**2.1.13 ON-DECK CIRCLE:** The area to which the on-deck batter is restricted while waiting their turn at bat (see Appendix 1- F for location and dimensions) |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Adds definition of On Deck Circle |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 8** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 2 | **Section:** | **5** | **Letter:** | **1** | **Number:** | **a.** | **Letter:** | **ii** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision |
| **CHANGE:** | P 47 SP / 130 FPii) Caps, visors and headbands are optional for female players, and players are free to choose which of these they wish to wear. Each must be of the same color and style of the team uniform colors. Plastic or hard visors are not allowed. |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping – Rewording of current rule |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 9** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 2 | **Section:** | **5** | **Letter:** | **1** | **Number:** | **b** | **Letter:** | **ii** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 47 SP / 130 FPii) A player may wear one or two warming sleeves (compression sleeves) provided that each is the same one solid color that is a team uniform color and that the color matches all other undershirts worn by any player on that team. |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adopts new WBSC Rule (2022)Aligns with current interpretation used at Canadian Championships.to allow a player to choose to wear only one compression sleeve |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 10** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **8** | **Number:** | **h.** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 53 SP (3.2.6h) / 136 FPh) An ineligible player may not return to the game as a player. |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Clarifies current rule |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 11** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **9** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 49 SP / 132 FP3.1.9 UNREPORTED SUBSTITUTION: An unreported substitution occurs when a player enters the game without being reported to the responsible umpire as:a) a substitute; b) a player eligible to enter, return to or stay in the game under the provisions of the replacement player rule; c) a declared ineligible playerd) an illegal re-entry |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Adds definition  |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 12** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **12** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 50 SP / 132 FP**3.1.12 INELIGIBLE REPLACEMENT PLAYER** An Ineligible Replacement Player is a player who may not enter the game to replace a Withdrawn Player. An Ineligible Replacement Player is one who: a) has been removed from the game by the umpire for a Rule violation; b) is in the current line-up; **c. An ineligible replacement player entering the game is considered an illegal re-entry.***d) SC: an injured/ill player removed from the game (U17 and below).* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.This clearly states that the use of an Ineligible Replacement Player is treated as an Illegal Re-Entry which it already is per 3.2.8 c). |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 13** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **19** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New |
| **CHANGE:** | P 50 SP / 133 FP**3.1.19 ROSTER:** The list of all players eligible to be entered on a team’s line-up card. |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Adds definition of Roster |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

Move to approve Rule Change Proposals 14-17, 19, 21 and 25 in one slate vote as amended to FP only

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| **Moved by:** Gary MacDonald (SK) | **Seconded by:** Jeff Ellsworth (PE) |

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| **PROPOSAL 14** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | X | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **22** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New |
| **CHANGE:** | ~~P 51 SP /~~ 133 FP**3.1.22 TEMPORARY RUNNER** added as 3.1.23: A player who may run for the catcher or pitcher of record who is on base with two outs. |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adopts new WBSC Rule (2022) Allows the use of the temporary runner for both the catcher and pitcher. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only** |

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| **PROPOSAL 15** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | X | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **3** | **Number:** | **e** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision |
| **CHANGE:** | ~~P 52 SP /~~ 134 FPAll starting players, including the DP and the FLEX, may be substituted or re-enter the line-up once and must remain in the same batting position whenever they are in the line-up. *A violation of this rule is considered an illegal re-entry.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping: Confirms a violation is considered an illegal re-entry |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only** |

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| **PROPOSAL 16** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | X | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **4** | **Number:** | **A** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | ~~P 52 SP /~~ 135 FPA DP may bat for any defensive player *who is designated as the FLEX.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping: Confirms that the DP may only bat for the FLEX |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only** |

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| **PROPOSAL 17** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | X | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **4** | **Number:** | **b.** | **Letter:** | **iv** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Addition |
| **CHANGE:** | *~~P 52 SP /~~ 135 FP* *iv) A team’s line-up may revert to 10 players by a player:*1. *entering a substitute into the FLEX position; or*
2. *re-entering the original starting FLEX, but only once.*
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| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with new addition to WBSC Rulebook.Clarifies that teams may enter a substitute directly into the FLEX position without having to enter the original FLEX |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only** |

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| **PROPOSAL 18** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** **Softball Saskatchewan**  |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | X | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **4** | **Number:** | **B** | **Letter:** | **i** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | **Addition** |
| **CHANGE:** | P 52 SP / 134 FPIf the DP plays defense for a player other than the Flex Player, that player continues to bat, is identified as the OPO and the change must be reported to the plate umpire at Canadian Championships. |
| **RATIONALE:**  | If this change is not reported to the umpire, defensive stats cannot be recorded accurately. This designation of the OPO was requested by the scorekeepers so they could determine which players were playing defense. |
| Final Recommendations: **Withdrawn** |

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| **PROPOSAL 19** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | X | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **5** | **Number:** | **c/d** | **Letter:** | **iii** |
| **CHANGE IS:** |  Addition / Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | *~~P 53 SP /~~ 135 FP**c) iii) A team’s line-up may revert to 10 players by a player:* *1. entering a substitute into the FLEX position; or* *2. re-entering the original starting FLEX, but only once.**d) A FLEX who enters the game on offence for a player other than the DP is considered an Illegal re-entry* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with new addition to WBSC Rulebook.Clarifies that teams may enter a substitute directly into the FLEX position without having to enter the original FLEX and the limits on the FLEX as a substitute. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only** |

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| **PROPOSAL 20** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **6** | **Number:** | **d.** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New / Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 53 SP / 135 FP*1. *A team representative must notify the plate umpire of all line-up card changes. A proper appeal of the failure to do so that is upheld shall result in that player being declared an unreported substitution.*
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| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping: Clarifies with better wording. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 21** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | X | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **8** | **Number:** | **a.** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision |
| **CHANGE:** | *~~P 53 SP (3.2.6a) /~~ 136 FP**a) A substitute named on the line-up card may take the place of any player in the line-up. Multiple substitutions may be made for a player that is listed in the starting line-up, but no substitute may return to the game after being substituted (removed from the game), except as a replacement player. A substitute who re-enters the game as a player is an illegal re-entry.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping: Clarifies existing rule and application. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only** |

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| **PROPOSAL 22** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **8** | **Number:** | **d**  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New /Deletion / Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 53 SP 3.2.6d / 136 FPREVISE: d) Any substitute who has entered the game but has not been reported to the umpire becomes an *unreported substitution.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping: Clarifies protocols around substitutions  |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 23** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **8** | **Number:** | **h.** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 53 SP (3.2.6) / 136 FPADD*h) An ineligible player may not return to the game as a player.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping: Clarifies that a player deemed ineligible cannot return to the game in any capacity |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 24** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 3 | **Section:** | **3** | **Letter:** | **a / b** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 54 SP / 136 FP1. *An appeal must be made by a manager, coach or player before an umpire may consider and make a decision on:*
	* 1. *an unreported substitution;*
		2. *an illegal re-entry; or*
		3. *an ineligible player.*
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| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping: Clarifies the protocols on appeal situations |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 25** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | X | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 4 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **9** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New |
| **CHANGE:** | ~~P 60 SP ( 4.1.6) /~~ 143 FP*4.1.9 SLINGSHOT PITCH: A pitch where the pitcher drops their pitching arm to the side and the rear before starting a quick slingshot action and accelerating with their forward motion. To be a legal pitch, the pitcher must release the ball on the first forward motion past the hip and not make a full revolution of the pitching arm. A slingshot pitch is legal in fastpitch but not in modified pitch.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Adds definition of Slingshot Pitch |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended to FP only** |

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| **PROPOSAL 26** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 4 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **2** | **Number:** | **b.** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 61 SP / 144 FP**b) From the dugout a manager, coach or player reports a substitution to the responsible umpire and after making that substitution crosses the foul line to talk to the pitcher or any fielder.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping: Rewords to clarify that a coach / manager who reports a change prior to crossing the foul line does not count as a charged conference |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 27** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH | X | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 4 | **Section:** | **3** | **Letter:** | **2** | **Number:** | **b** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 62**Under the supervision and control of an umpire, a resin bag may be used to dry the hands and must be kept on the ground behind the pitcher’s plate within the pitching circle when not in use. During**inclement weather or wet field conditions and with an umpire’s permission, the resin bag may be placed in the pitcher’s back pocket.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022) |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 28** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by: Board of Directors / ODC** |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH | X | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **34** | **Number:** | **vi** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Addition |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 70**The delivery of the wrong size ball to the batter (Co-ed Only).* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022)Practice currently in place in Softball Canada play. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 29** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | x |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **4** | **Letter:** | **2** | **Number:** | **c.** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision |
| **CHANGE:** | P 75 SP / 160 FPFast Pitch*c) No person may erase the batter’s box lines at any time in the pre-game meeting or during the game.*Slo-Pitch*c) No person may erase the batter’s area lines at any time in the pre-game meeting or during the game.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Prohibits participants from deliberately erasing lines of the batter’s box or batter’s area |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

Move to approve Rule Change Proposals 30 and 31 in one slate vote (as amended)

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| **Moved by:** Jackie Dugger (BOD) | **Seconded by:** Ryan DeBelser (BOD) |

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| **PROPOSAL 30** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH | X | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **4** | **Letter:** | **3** | **Number:** | **a** | **Letter:** | **viii** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | NEW |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 75**When at any time a defensive team member erases the lines of a batter’s ~~box~~ area, a ball will be called on the next scheduled offensive team batter or the offensive team batter currently at bat. A pitch does not have to be thrown. When at any time an offensive team member erases the lines of a batter’s ~~box~~ area, a strike will be called on the next scheduled offensive team batter or the offensive team batter currently at bat. A pitch does not have to be thrown.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022) |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended** |

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| **PROPOSAL 31** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | x |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **4** | **Letter:** | **3** | **Number:** | **b.** | **Letter:** | **Iv(fp) / x (sp)** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 76 SP / 160 FP* *FP -iv)* *SP – x) When at any time a defensive team member erases the lines of a batter’s ~~box~~ area, a ball will be called on the next scheduled offensive team batter or the offensive team batter currently at bat. A pitch does not have to be thrown. When at any time an offensive team member erases the lines of a batter’s ~~box~~ area, a strike will be called on the next scheduled offensive team batter or the offensive team batter currently at bat. A pitch does not have to be thrown.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adopts WBSC RuleThis rule will prevent participants from deliberately erasing the lines of the batter's box or batter’s areaNote that this rule inadvertently was included in our 2022-23 rule book. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended** |

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| **PROPOSAL 32** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH | X | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **4** | **Letter:** | **3** | **Number:** | **b** | **Letter:** | **ix 2** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | NEW |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 76**When the coach or non-playing team member erases the lines, a strike will be called on the next scheduled batter (or their substitute) in the line-up. A pitch does not have to be thrown;* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022) |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 33** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH | X | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **5** | **Letter:** | **a** | **Number:** | **iii** | **Letter:** | **3** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New  |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 77**Anytime that they must legally advance to first base, unless they are injured and must receive treatment, while the ball is dead;* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022) |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 34** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH | X | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **5** | **Letter:** | **C** | **Number:** | **i** | **Letter:** | **2** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 77**a fly ball that a defensive player, in the judgment of the Umpire, is able to catch. The ball is declared dead. Runners are awarded the bases they would have obtained, in the umpire’s judgement, had the interference not occurred.*  |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adoption of new WBSC Rule (2022) |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended – amendment to be 5.5.2 c** |

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| **PROPOSAL 35** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **10** | **Letter:** | **4** | **Number:** | **g.** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Addition / Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 87 SP / 173 FP g. when they are hit by a live, fair and untouched batted ball while in contact with their base, unless they intentionally interfere with the ball or a fielder making a play. The ball is dead or remains live, depending on the position of the fielder closest to the base *at the time the ball contacts the runner:*1. *the ball remains live if the fielder closest to the base is positioned ahead of the base;*
2. *the ball becomes dead if the fielder is behind the base.*
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| **RATIONALE:**  | Adopted from WBSC Rulebook.Clarifies that the status of the batted ball will depend on the position of the closest fielder. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 36** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | Appendix | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **A** | **Number:** | **9** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** |  Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | *P96 SP / 182FP**9. A bat must that has any exposed rivets, pins, rough or sharp edges or any exterior fastener that would be or present a hazard is an illegal bat. A bat must be free of burrs and cracks.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adopted from WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping: Reworded to clarify |
| Final Recommendations: **Withdrawn** |

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| **PROPOSAL 37** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | Appendix | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **A** | **Number:** | **10** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New / Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 96 SP / 182 FP10. A non-wooden bat must not have a wooden handle. |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adopted from WBSC Rulebook.Clarifies that non-wooden bats may not have a wooden handle. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 38** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | Appendix | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** | **A** | **Number:** | **12** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 96 SP / 182 FP**12. A bat that is non-wooden and not made of one-piece construction with the barrel end closed, must have a rubber or vinyl plastic or other material insert that is approved by the WBSC Equipment Standards Commission, USA Softball, or USSSA (SP Only) and is firmly secured at the large end of the bat.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Housekeeping: Reworded to replace “metal” with “non-wooden” |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 39** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by: Softball Saskatchewan** |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | x | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | **3** | **Section:** | **2** | **Number:** | **4** | **Letter:** | **d** |  |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 135 3.2.4.d. *SC:* The use of the Designated Player and FLEX Player is *ONLY* permitted at U15 and above age categories. |
| **RATIONALE:**  | The current rule does not permit the use of the DP/FLEX in the U15 age category and below. This change would extend the use of the DP/FLEX to U15 (and above) categories.*Please note that this rule was omitted during the adoption of the new rules format and is not included in the current printed rule book. However, it continues to be a Softball Canada rule and will be included in the 2024-25 rule book.* |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 40** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Softball Québec |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | x | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule** | 4 | **Section:** | **2** | **Letter:** |  | **Number:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **A and effect** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision |
| **CHANGE:** | P 1434.2.1 CHARGED DEFENSIVE CONFERENCE a) A defensive team has only three (3) charged defensive conferences in a seven-inning game. **i. Five (5) charged conferences for U15 category**…EFFECT Rule 4.2.1 a) For the fourth **(sixth for U15)** and each additional charged defensive conference in a seven-inning game or for any charged defensive conference in excess of one per inning in an extra-inning game, the pitcher in the game during the conference is declared an illegal pitcher who may not pitch again for the remainder of the game but may play another fielding position. |
| **RATIONALE:**  | With the change to the WBSC book and the change in age categories, this rule was removed from the rule book.It is believed that 5 defensive conferences should be allowed for U15. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **Moved by:** Diego LaManna (QC) | **Seconded by:** Dave Feener (NL) |

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| **PROPOSAL 41** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Softball Québec |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | x | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **RULE:** | 4 | **Section:** | **3** | **Letter:** |  | **Number:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **e** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision |
| **CHANGE:** | P 145The pitcher must, after taking the signal, bring their whole body to a full and complete stop with the ball in both hands in front of the body. The stepping (non-pivot) foot must be stationary at the start and during pause. The stepping (non-pivot) foot can only move forward with the start of the pitch. Any backward movement of the stepping non-pivot foot during or after the pause is an illegal action. This position must be held for not less than ~~two (2) seconds~~ **one (1) second** and not more than five (5) seconds before releasing the ball. Holding the ball in both hands to the side of the body is considered in front of the body. (MP only – This position must be held for not less than ~~two (2) seconds~~ **one (1) second** and not more than ten (10) seconds before releasing the ball) |
| **RATIONALE:**  | In the Canadian minor championships, 2 seconds are required, whereas in the higher-level Canadian championships (senior, both men's and women's), a 1-second pause is required.We believe that 2 seconds is too long and that a 1-second pause would greatly reduce the number of illegal pitches called when the pitcher takes absolutely no advantage of a reduced pause. |
| Final Recommendations: **Rejected** |
| **PROPOSAL 42** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | X | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 4 | **Section:** | **3** | **Letter:** | **3** | **Number:** | **b.** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Revision |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 147*1. *The pitcher may make only one revolution on a windmill pitch. The pitcher may drop their pitching arm to the side and rear before starting the windmill motion or the slingshot motion. The pitching arm may pass the hip twice on the windmill pitch, but only once on a slingshot pitch.*
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| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Clarifies legal delivery for fast pitch. |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 43** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | X | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 4 | **Section:** | **3** | **Letter:** | **5** | **Number:** | **b.** | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** |  Addition / Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 1471. *Under the supervision and control of an umpire, a resin bag may be used to dry the hands and must be kept on the ground behind the pitcher’s plate within the pitching circle when not in use. During inclement weather or wet field conditions and with an umpire’s permission, the resin bag may be placed in the pitcher’s back pocket.*
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| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Confirms common practice for inclement weather |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 44** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | x | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX | x | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **37** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New |
| **CHANGE:** | P 1565*.1.37 PICK-OFF PLAY: An attempt by the defensive team to put out a runner who is off their base as a result of a pitched ball.* |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Adds definition of Pick-off Play |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 45** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX |  | ALL | X |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **38** | **Number:** |  | **Letter:** |  |
| **CHANGE IS:** | NEW |
| **CHANGE:** | *P 156**5.1.38 PLAY: After a pitch and when the ball is live:*1. *a batter takes a pitch in the batter’s box, swings at or hits the pitch and runs to first base;*
2. *after the pitch leaves the pitcher’s hand a runner attempts to steal a base or advance on a batted ball (SC: FP Only); or*
3. *the defensive team attempts to put out a batter-runner or a runner.*
4. *A pitch is not a play*
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| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Adds definition |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **PROPOSAL 46** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | x | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX | x | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **4** | **Letter:** | **4** | **Number:** | **c.** | **Letter:** | **iii** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Addition / Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 162iii) Interferes with a play at home plate. If in the umpire’s judgement the batter’s action constitutes intentional interference, the runner attempting to score is also out; |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Aligns with WBSC Rulebook.Adds that intentional interference by a batter-runner would result in both the batter and runner being ruled out.  |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried** |

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| **Moved by:** Jeff Ellsworth (PE) | **Seconded by:** Hillary Pineau (NB) |

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| **PROPOSAL 47** |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR: 2024** |
| **Submitted by:** Board of Directors / ODC |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH | x | SLO-PITCH |  | ORTHODOX | x | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **10** | **Letter:** | **3** | **Number:** | **b** | **Letter:** | **3.iii.iv.iv** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | Addition / Revision  |
| **CHANGE:** | P 171ADDiii) they are legitimately off their base after a pitch, or as a result of a batter completing their turn at bat and, while the pitcher has the ball within the pitcher's circle, they do not immediately return to their base or attempt to advance to the next baseiv) once the runner returns to a base for any reason, they will be declared out if they leave said base. A runner will not be declared out if: 1. a play is made on them or another runner (a fake throw is considered a play) 2. the pitcher no longer has possession of the ball within the pitcher’s circle; or 3. The pitcher releases the ball by a pitch to the batterv) A base on balls or dropped third strike is treated the same as a batted ball. The batter-runner may continue past first base and is entitled to run towards second base as long as they do not stop at first base. If they stop after they round first base, they must immediately return to first base or immediately continue to second base.vi) The batter or batter-runner is declared out for intentionally interfering with a play at home plate in an attempt to prevent an obvious out on an advancing runner at the plate. The advancing runner is out and all other runners must return to the base held at the time of the pitch.  |
| **RATIONALE:**  | Adopt from WBSC Rulebook.These clarify several situations where a runner may be called out.  |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended** |

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| **Moved by:** Robb Andison (YK) | **Seconded by:** Hillary Pineau (NB) |

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| **LATE ADDITION** – Motion from the Floor |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:** 2024 |
| **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR:** | Batter’s Area |  |
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| **Submitted by:** ODC – Don Farr |
| **TYPE:** | FAST PITCH |  | SLO-PITCH | X | ORTHODOX |  | ALL |  |
| **Rule:** | 5 | **Section:** | **1** | **Letter:** | **4** | **Number:** | **SC** | **Letter:** | **2021** |
| **CHANGE IS:** | New / Addition / Deletion / Revision (Please highlight applicable) |
| **CHANGE:** | Current rule is to have both feet within the batter’s area (behind the line) upon contact with a ball hit fair or foul. Change would be to read: “The batter must start and finish their at bat with both feet **on or** behind the front batter’s ~~box~~ area line.The second sentence of the current rule would be taken out as the penalty would be covered in rule 5.4.1 a) iv |
| **RATIONALE:**  | When the rule was originally proposed in 2021 the intent was that the foot could not be fully over when contact was made. Having the current rule changed to reflect the requirement of having the front foot to still have contact with the line would have it with the same intent as rule 5.4.4 a) iv which states the batter is out if the foot is outside of the lines. The current rule was immediately contested by players at both provincial and Canadian championships, as it being enforced when any part of the foot broke the front line.  |
| Final Recommendations: **Carried as amended** |