

Bonivital Softball Association (BVSA)

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In September 2022 at the BVSA AGM, a new board was established.

At BVSA we believe the community clubs play an integral role in the development and facilitation of community activities such as softball. We want to continue to work together in the development, promotion, and facilitation of Softball within our communities.

BVSA aims to take the burden off all the volunteers that work tirelessly to make the sport successful for the children involved. To form one cohesive softball community. Many parents have commented, "Why is there East and West?". Or "Why is Southdale doing this and Dakota is doing that?" We are looking to streamline the sport and make it more consistent and fluid across the community clubs involved.

BVSA has implemented the following changes.

- Standardize registration fees that are charged by all community clubs. We would set this at set rate to be finalized by the board. An example would be registration of \$140 for Timbits, and \$210 for U10 and up.
 - A certain amount per player (eg \$35) would go back to the community club. Clubs can use this amount to cover their admin fees or any other fees.

If the set amount does not cover your extra fees, we can provide a list of registrants in your catchment for you to collect the extra fees from. Please advise BVSA if you will be collecting additional fees and we will notify registrants at the time of registration to expect that additional fees will be collected directly by the club.

- We would be looking to go to a model where all teams would wear BVSA branded uniforms and BVSA would manage all the equipment and uniforms.

This model is currently being utilized by several female sport organizations. This is due to the lower enrollment in female sports compared to some male sports. This would take stress off the community clubs as they would no longer have to deal with the upkeep and retrieving of uniforms or equipment at the end of the season.

BVSA has also formed a relationship with Winnipeg Lightning as they are now the AAA organization in our area. We are working towards aligning the uniform colors for all our teams. Moving towards BVSA branded uniforms would allow us to do that.

Along with looking after equipment and jerseys, the BVSA would be responsible for

- holding clinics,
- evaluating players,
- forming teams,
- assigning teams equipment and uniforms
- Gym time assignments when diamonds are yet not ready
- Diamond assignments
- handling of umpire fees and softball Manitoba fees
- Coach recruitment and training (including background checks and certifications)

- Formation of the AA program

These changes include the important role that we see our community clubs providing the BVSA, such as

- Possible equipment storage and/or softball equipment already in storage that can be used by BVSA to continue supporting community families.
- Promotion on their websites of registration dates, clinic dates, AGM meetings
- Collaboration of maintaining diamonds
- Provide the opportunity to have a CC representative to sit on the BVSA board.

Ultimately our goal is to streamline the processes and to make things easier on everyone involved. To create an environment where the sport will thrive, and where the kids have fun!

Thank you,

Lucy Chura, President