



CHANGES COMING IN 2022 ORSA SEASON updated March 2:

2021 ORSA AGM Motions Passed **plus some explanations**

1. Teams registering to play in the ORSA playdowns must have all Coaching staff and a parent of each player to have taken the Respect in Sport Program and provide their number on the certificate. **This link will allow you to create an account and access the course(s): [Respect in Sport \(softball.ca\)](https://www.respectinsport.ca) . Select the course you want (Parents with player participating: "PARENTS", coaches, Executive and others: "ACTIVITY LEADERS)**
2. In 2022 2 Coaches to be certified FOCS 1 and FOCS 2 for each team that registers to play in the ORSA playdowns (FOCS = Foundations Of Coaching Softball **The following link will let you create an account and access the courses [Foundations of Coaching Softball](#). (Note that these are minimum requirement/entry level courses If the coach already has taken Community Softball Clinic or higher, these are not required)**
 - **FOCS 1 fee \$10, FOCS 2 \$15, each module takes 1 – ½ hour to complete**
3. In 2023 All Coaching Staff to be certified FOCS 1 and FOCS 2 for each team that registers to play in the ORSA playdowns
4. To Eliminate Mileage-- Players play for their closest centre and releases Must be obtained and sent in with the certificates. This rule will be reviewed in 2022.
5. Tournament Style Playoffs if number of teams warrant it and hosts are available for 2022 (depending on restrictions)
6. That Andy Triest be elected President of the ORSA
7. That Ken Sherk be elected 1st Vice President of the ORSA
8. That Robyn Miller be elected 2nd Vice President of the ORSA

SOFTBALL CANADA AGE AND PITCHING DISTANCE CHART starting 2022

MALE				
Category	Age (prior to January 1st of current year)	Ball	pitching	Baselines
U11	Under 11	11"	35'	45'
U13	Under 13	11"	38'	55'
U15	Under 15	12"	42'	60'
U17	Under 17	12"	46'	60'
U20	Under 20	12"	46'	60'
U23	Under 23	12"	46'	60'

FEMALE				
Category	Age (prior to January 1st of current year)	Ball	pitching	Baselines
U11	Under 11	11"	35'	45'
U13	Under 13	11"	38'	55'
U15	Under 15	12"	40'	60'
U17	Under 17	12"	43'	60'
U19	Under 19	12"	43'	60'
U23	Under 23	12"	43'	60'

CHANGE TO PURCHASING INSURANCE

Softball Ontario is developing a new registration system. Once in place:

1. Each player, coach, executive member etc that an association wanted to be covered by insurance would use the new system to register.
2. There would be an insurance/maintenance fee (approximately \$15) everyone would pay at the time of registering.
3. Associations, teams etc would have the ability to access this new system to tie players etc to a team roster etc.

NOTE: RE PURCHASING INSURANCE FROM ORSA

- **FOR 2022 SEASON, INSURANCE WILL BE THE SAME ARRANGEMENT AS IN THE PAST (SEE "Guide for purchasing insurance, registering teams" ON ORSA WEBSITE)**
- **STARTING IN 2023, THE ABOVE MENTIONED REGISTRATION SYSTEM WILL COME INTO EFFECT FOR ORSA. (MORE INFO WILL COME BEFORE THEN)**

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact Andy Triest (tfootalltriest@hotmail.com), Carl Littlejohns (clittlejohnsorsa@live.ca) or any board member.