

2019 RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The following resolutions are put forward to the membership for approval, and if accepted will take effect January 1, 2020. Note, the following 2 motions will need to 100 percent approval from the Board of Directors to be brought to the floor for discussion. Following that, 51 percent will be needed for the motion to be carried.

Motion 8 brought forward following the Hot Stove Session, November 2, 2019

To allow Metal Bats at 15U AAA

WHEREAS: Baseball Manitoba currently stipulates that Wood Bats must be used for the 15U AAA Category.

AND WHEREAS: many players between the ages of 14-15 are not physically mature enough to properly handle a wood bat, causing a decrease in success, confidence and overall development,

AND WHEREAS: these players, who are not physically mature enough to handle a wood bat develop bad habits and a defensive mindset at the plate with a wood bat, resulting in poor, weak swings in an effort to make contact and not get sore hands or break the bat – costing families money to purchase new ones.

AND WHEREAS: these new metal bats are controlled to react much like a wood bat, making player safety a significant priority,

AND WHEREAS: metal bats have a larger “sweet spot” increasing players success and confidence,

AND WHEREAS: metal bats do not break, reducing the cost to players and families and giving teams and associations the option to return to using team bats.

AND WHEREAS: players swinging with more success become more confident and produce good habits by promoting aggressive swings, without fear of bats breaking or hurting their hands,

AND WHEREAS: hitting in baseball is the most exciting part of the game, it is what most players look forward to the most. It is also the most difficult part of the game, where failure is already at a very high level for young players,

AND WHEREAS: elite players from Manitoba graduate into college programs, where metal bats are used. We do not graduate players into Professional programs where wood bats are used,

AND WHEREAS: Many Provincial Team Coaches and Player Development Personnel in Manitoba believe that allowing these players to use metal bats will improve the overall game at this level by putting more well hit baseballs in play, forcing pitchers to pitch better; hit spots, learn off-speed pitches and execute pitches more effectively and fielders to be prepared for more hard hit balls on a regular basis.

BE IT RESOLVED: Metal Bats, with BBCORE OR USSSA (BPF 1.1.5) Certification be acceptable for 15U AAA players in 2020.

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Motion 9 brought forward following the Hot Stove Session, November 2, 2019

To allow Metal Bats at 18U A, AA and AAA

WHEREAS: Baseball Manitoba currently stipulates that Wood Bats must be used for the 18U (A, AA and AAA) Categories.

AND WHEREAS: many players between the ages of 16-18 are not physically mature enough to properly handle a wood bat, causing a decrease in success, confidence and overall development,

AND WHEREAS: these players, who are not physically mature enough to handle a wood bat develop bad habits and a defensive mindset at the plate with a wood bat, resulting in poor, weak swings in an effort to make contact and not get sore hands or break the bat – costing families money to purchase new ones.

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BE IT RESOLVED: Metal Bats, with BBCORE OR USSSA (BPF 1.1.5) Certification be acceptable for 18U (A, AA and AAA) players in 2020.

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