



July 6, 2020

UPDATE OF SANCTIONING CLUBS FOR INNING THREE OF THE R2P GUIDELINES

Dear Member,

July 1st, marked the date when clubs started to consider applying for sanctioning through Softball BC, to move forward into the next phase of returning to play.

The process has been followed carefully and respectfully, and again, I commend all of our clubs and volunteers for complying with the process in place to ensure softball maintains an orderly and safe return to activities. We believe by following the sport sector guidelines this will ensure our sport and our members will be able to continue their return to activities through into 2021 without interruption.

The process we have implemented is intended to encourage each club, team and individual to proceed at a speed which they are comfortable with, while following the health requirements to minimize risk of transmission of the virus to others in our community. As part of that process, we realized it's important for a club to recognize which team or teams in their organization are ready to move forward and to continue to support those who are starting later or moving more slowly to a game environment. As a result, it was apparent that we were not following our protocols by asking that all teams in a club be ready to move to Inning Three status before that sanction would be approved. Therefore, clubs should request to move to Inning Three when they have identified a team as being ready to go to that next phase, and then the club should determine when other teams in their club are ready. This removes pressure for some to go faster than they may feel comfortable doing.

The process has been modified to include the appropriate coordinator for your district agreeing that the club has demonstrated they are ready to move forward into Inning Three, otherwise the steps are the same; the sanction request form can be downloaded from our website at <https://softball.bc.ca/softball-bc-return-to-play-guidelines-and-appendixes/> completed, by a signing officer of the club. Once we receive the form, and the sanction is approved, staff will send a sanction form showing approved for Inning Three. If the request is denied, I will follow up with the person who submitted the request to let them know it has been denied, and the reasons why. Clubs are then free to re-submit with the necessary information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rick Benson'.

Rick Benson, Executive Director