



New Softball Canada Logo is Unveiled!

On May 1st Softball Canada unveiled its new logo. What does that mean to me, the local working umpire or to me the umpire scheduled for a Provincial Championship or a Canadian Championship this season?

The old powder blue shirt and logo with navy pants will remain the primary uniform for 2017 Canadian Championships (so CC umpires will not have to purchase a whole new uniform set). The new Carolina Blue shirts (shown below) are added to the secondary uniform options along with the dark blue shirts and grey pants. Dark blue jerseys, hats and 1/4 zip jackets may be worn with either logo on a mixed basis.



Shirts with the new logo (Carolina Blue will be the primary shirt) will be mandatory in 2018 Canadian Championships.

Provincially, you will need to check with your PUIC and the Umpire Committee. Most provinces are following SC's lead and allowing for a 1 year phase in period (or longer) for provincial / territorial championships. Locally, you will probably be able to wear the existing shirt into the near future and replace them as needed.

The new jerseys (Dark Blue and Carolina Blue) are both significantly upgraded from previous versions. They are **Smitty** brand name, lighter weight, breathe more easily and are cooler.

By the Rules - Subs and Re-entries

Ahh....so, if the sub has completed their at bat and any running activity and the coach did not want to use the sub again then it would be fine to accept the sub then knowing that any future activity MUST come from the re-entry. You just can't accept a sub / re-entry for someone who the coach still wants to use as a batter/runner/defensive player.

So...you can't do this.

Coach: *"I want to substitute #3 for #10 and #10 will re-enter at the end of the half inning to play defense."*

But you can do this...

Coach: *"I want to sub # 3 for #10."*

Coach - (later after #3 has batted and completed any other activity, even if the half inning is not complete and team is still batting): *"I want to sub # 4 for # 11 and I will*

re-enter #10." (note: if it were to happen that they batted around the order #10 would have to bat as s/he has been officially re-entered into the game)

So, to make it short, you can **ONLY** take a sub if it is to take effect immediately. That does not mean the batter must bat immediately or play defense immediately, but the sub is officially in the lineup immediately (think double switch which is more common in baseball). Subs that do not take effect immediately cannot be accepted.

Don't think of it as subs in advance...it is subs now! Even if they are not to play (bat or defense) immediately, they are officially in the lineup immediately. Re-entries can only be taken when the coach wants to officially re-enter they player in the lineup. In short - all substitutions (subs and re-entries) can only be accepted if they are to take effect immediately.



[Giving or Preparing a Presentation Using Power Point?](#)The Use of Power Point in Presentations

Characteristics students don't like about PowerPoint slides

- Too many words on a slide – use the 6X6 rule (or less) – 6 lines of text with 6 words or less
- Clip art – over use makes the slide too busy- photos are better
- Movement (slide transitions or busy word animations)
- Templates with too many colours

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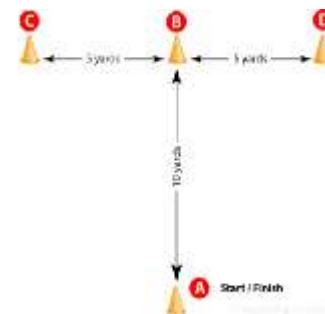
- Graphs increase understanding of content.
- Bulleted lists help them organize ideas.
- PowerPoint can help to structure presentations.
- Verbal explanations of pictures/graphs help more than written clarifications.

Students learn more when:

- Material is presented in short phrases rather than full paragraphs.
- The instructor talks about the information on the slide rather than having students read it on their own.
- Relevant pictures are used. Irrelevant pictures decrease learning compared to PowerPoint slides with no picture.
- They take notes (if the instructor is not talking). But if the instructor is lecturing, note-taking and listening decreased learning.
- They are given the PowerPoint slides before the class.

[The 4th WBSC Fitness Measurement for Level V Candidates at Men's and Women's FP and SP Canadian Championships](#)**The "T" Agility**

The T-Test is a test of agility and includes forward, lateral and backward running



Procedure: Set out four cones as illustrated in the diagram above (5 yards = 4.57 m, 10 yards = 9.14 m). The subject starts at cone A. On the command of the timer, the subject sprints to cone B and touches the base of the cone with their right hand. They then turn left and shuffle sideways to cone C, and also touches its base, this time with their left hand. Then shuffling sideways to the right to cone D and touching the base with the right hand. They then shuffle back to cone B touching with the left hand, and run backwards to cone A. The stopwatch is stopped as they pass cone A.

Males (seconds) Females (seconds)

Excellent	< 11.5	< 12.5
Good	11.5 to 12.5	12.5 to 13.5
Average	12.5 to 13.5	13.5 to 14.5
Poor	> 13.5	> 14.5

Scoring: The trial will not be counted if the subject crosses one foot in front of the other while shuffling, fails to touch the base of the cones, or fails to face forward throughout the test. Take the best time of three successful trials to the nearest 0.1 seconds. The table below shows scoring for adult umpires.

Comments: Ensure that the candidate faces forwards when shuffling and does not cross the feet over one another. For safety, a spotter should be positioned a few meters behind cone A to catch players in case they fall while running backward through the finish. The type of surface that is used should be consistent to ensure good test-retest reliability

