



JULY 7 – 15, 2018

TEAM INFORMATION PACKAGE



Greetings and Welcome to Prince Albert

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are very proud to be your host and hostesses for the 2018 WBSC Junior Men Softball World Championship. This championship will be the first World sporting event ever held in our City. We want to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all our directors, managers, and volunteers who have worked so hard over the last four years to bring the World to Prince Albert. Without their dedication and countless hours volunteering and attending meetings this would not have become a reality! Our volunteers are the best, so if you get a chance, let them know how much their efforts are appreciated.

Prince Albert has successfully hosted several provincial, western and Canadian Championships since 1996, and every time we do our best to improve the experience for the players, coaches, parents and fans. The profits realized from those past championships have been funnelled back into improvements of our softball facilities. In preparation for hosting the World Championship, ADFO/PAMSA in partnership with the City of Prince Albert along with some very generous donations from our sponsors, have created a new softball stadium and expanded an existing diamond resulting in a \$1.6 million improvement. These diamonds and our facilities are second to none in Canada and the City is well positioned to hosting any major event in the future.

We have been working on hosting this event since 2014 in an effort to ensure that everyone who visits our city enjoys their stay. Prince Albertans are some of the friendliest, most hospitable people around. Feel free to approach either of our Co-Chairs (Felix Casavant and Derek Smith), one of our committee members or any of our volunteers with any questions or concerns about the championship or about the area.

We have assigned each team with a host to make sure your experience is a memorable one. We will do our best to get you what you need or get you pointed in the right direction.

On the diamond, we anticipate some fierce competition between the teams. Off the diamond, take time to visit some of our local restaurants, local site seeing, and shopping.

Once Again, Welcome to Prince Albert and the 2018 WBSC Junior Men Softball World Championship. Enjoy your stay in Prince Albert, have some fun at the park and treasure your experience and memories on and off the ball field.

Chairmen,

Felix Casavant / Derek Smith



About Prince Albert



Prince Albert is a beautiful and historic city of 40,000 people, it is the 3rd largest city in the province, is located in the protected river valley of the “North Saskatchewan River.”

The city is centered in a position that takes advantage of rich agricultural land to the South and the growing industries of the North including mining, lumber, fishing, and tourism. Prince Albert National Park is located just 51 km north of the city and contains a huge wealth of lakes, forest, and wildlife. Prince Albert experiences a continental climate.

In the month of July, the average temperature is 18 degrees Celsius with an average high of 24.3 degrees Celsius.



Event Information

Team Liaison / Host Committee Contact Person

The main host committee contact for all teams participating is:

Derek Blais
2018 Worlds Operations Manager
1 (306) 953-4818
dblais@citypa.com

Tournament Schedule

July 7-11	Preliminary Round
July 12-15	Playoff/Placement Round
July 15	Championship Final

Pre-Tournament Exhibition Games

There are opportunities for countries to come to Canada early and play pre-tournament games against local teams as well as against other countries. Pre-tournament games will be held in communities in the Prince Albert area.

If your country is interested in participating in pre-tournament games, please contact Derek Blais.

Ticket Packages

All players and team officials will receive complimentary tournament passes for the entire event.

Extra ticket packages for families and guests can be purchased online at www.jrsoftballworlds2018.com

Early Bird Tournament passes **\$150** - buy before Dec 31, 2017!!

Regular Tournament passes **\$200**

Round Robin Day Pass **\$25**

Round Robin Day Pass after 5pm **\$15**

Championship Round Weekend Pass **\$75**

Championship Round Day Pass **\$30**

Championship Round Day Pass after 5pm **\$20**

All prices in CAD Dollars



Special Events

The Host Committee of the 2018 World Junior Men's Softball Championship want to make the experience for players, coaches and spectators while in Prince Albert a memorable one!

Opening Banquet

Friday, July 6th – 5:00 PM

All teams will be welcomed to our city, province and country at this event provided at no charge by the Host Committee!

There will be a great buffet meal, some light entertainment, greetings from key dignitaries and a chance to see all of the teams at the 2018 Worlds together in one room before the event starts the next day.

Everyone on the team roster including coaches, managers, training staff, etc. will be included in this event that will be a great kick off to the Championships.



Ches Leach Lounge

Canada Rocks, Eh!!!

Wednesday, July 11 – 8:00 PM

This event is for team officials, family, volunteers and spectators.

A Las Vegas-style show featuring performers who look and sound like some of Canada's greatest entertainers! "See and hear": Bryan Adams, Shania Twain, Nickelback, Bachman Turner Overdrive, Justin Bieber and more!

*** Tickets are \$25 CAD each and each team will be allocated a limited amount of tickets to this event to purchase for their delegation. A date will be determined when these tickets must be purchased by, before being released to the general public.





Technical Events

As part of the 2018 Junior Men's Softball World Championship, there will be opportunities for all countries to learn more about the technical and fundamental aspect of this great sport from coaches and executives of countries that are leaders and are willing to share knowledge to make the sport better world-wide.



Skills Instruction and Coaches Roundtable

In conjunction with the WBSC, Team Canada and Team USA Coaches and players will be available to share dills and technical information with all participating countries.

Sessions will be held to discuss key topics about the sport and how to make your athletes and teams better.

Topics may include: training, nutrition, building a practice, mental preparation, game play, traits to look for in an athlete and more.





Event Facilities

Max Power Ball Parks at Prime Ministers' Park



The host venue of the 2018 WBSC Junior Men's Softball World Championship will be the newly upgraded Max Power Ball Parks at Prime Ministers' Park.

This venue is a full service softball complex with two championship caliber softball diamonds and 2 practice diamonds.

The diamond dimensions for the championship fields are 250' in all fields.

Practice Facility - Crescent Acres Park

Team will practice a short five minute drive from Max Power Ball Parks a Crescent Acre Park.

Crescent Acres consists of three softball diamonds with the following dimensions of 225' in LF and RF and 250' in Centre Field.

Teams will have scheduled practice times at Crescent Acres prior to their games. Teams will be taken by bus from their hotel to their practice field then back to Max Power Ball Parks for their games.





Team Services

Team Hosts

Every team will be provided with a team host. The host is there to assist in making the tournament run as smoothly as possible for your country and will answer any questions that you may have about the city or the tournament. Hosts will be available at any time of the day to help your team with whatever is needed to allow the team officials and players to focus solely on softball.

Medical Services

Basic first aid will be provided on site at Prime Ministers' Park. There will also be sports related treatment such as wrapping and taping that can be provided. Many extra services will be available such as massages and chiropractic services. These extra services will require a booking and will have a cost associated with them. Any services requiring a player to be brought to a doctor, dentist, or hospital, will be at the cost of the team. It is the responsibility of each country to ensure that they have the proper medical insurance in case of an emergency.

Laundry Services

Laundry services will be made available to every team and will be coordinated through the team hosts.

Player Lounges

The Art Hauser Centre is a hockey arena that is located on site at Prime Ministers' Park. During the tournament, there will be an area made available for use of the players during the day. This area will provide a place to get away from any inclement weather or out of the sun. The area will be set up with some snacks and water bottles for the players to enjoy.

The organizing committee is working to arrange player lounges to be set up at each host hotel. These player lounges would provide an area which allows players to spend some free time together without being stuck in the hotel room the entire time. Player lounges at the hotels could also be used for team meetings.



Travelling to Canada

The legal requirements of traveling to Canada differ based on the country in which you reside. It is required for residents of some countries to obtain a visa in order to enter Canada, while residents of other countries are only required to obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). The United States of America is the only country in which an eTA and visa are not required. U.S citizens are required to have a valid U.S. passport to travel to Canada.

The link below contains a list of countries who are visa-exempt and those who are not. Residents of countries who are visa exempt must have a valid passport from their country and apply for an eTA. The countries that are not visa-exempt must apply for a visa in order to travel to Canada.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp>

If you are unsure about the documentation required to travel to Canada, following the link below and answering a few questions will tell you exactly what you need to travel.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

Along with ensuring that you have all the legal requirements to travel to Canada, it is the responsibility of each country to plan for their own travel and medical insurance.

Any questions that may arise related to traveling to Canada from your country of residence can be directed to your country's embassy located in Canada.

Below is a list of a few of the embassies/consulates located in Canada for further assistance:

Argentina
1 (613) 236-2351
ecana@cancilleria.gob.ar

Czech Republic
1 (613) 562-3875
ottawa@embassy.mzu.cz

Great Britain
1 (613) 237-1530
ukincanada@fco.gov.uk

Israel
1 (613) 567-6450
info@ottawa.mfa.gov.il

New Zealand
1 (613) 238-5991
info@nzhcottawa.org

Turkey
1 (613) 244-2470
embassy.ottawa@mfa.gov.tr

Australia
1 (613) 236-0841
dima-ottawa@dfat.gov.au

Denmark
1 (613) 562-1811
ottamb@um.dk

Hong Kong
1 (613) 789-3434
chinaemb_ca@mfa.gov.cn

Japan
1 (613) 241-8541
infocul@embjapan.ca

Singapore
1 (604) 685-2471
van@sgmfa.gov.sg

USA
1 (613) 238-5335

Botswana
1 (613) 596-0166
mbelanger1003@rogers.com

Dominican Republic
1 (613) 569-9893
webmaster@drembassy.org

Indonesia
1 (613) 724-1100
info@indonesia-ottawa.org

Mexico
1 (613) 233-8988
info@embamexcan.com

South Africa
1 (613) 744-0330
rsafrica@southafrica-canada.ca

Venezuela
1 (613) 235-5151
info.canada@misionvenezuela.org



Transportation

The Saskatoon International Airport (YXE) is a 1 hour and 15 Minute Drive to Prime Ministers' Park in Prince Albert.

Airlines that have international flights directly to Saskatoon include Delta Airlines, Air Transat, and Sunwing.

The majority of flights from abroad are likely to fly direct to Toronto, Calgary, or Vancouver and connect to Saskatoon.

The Host Committee is committed to providing bus transportation for all teams to/from the Saskatoon airport and for the duration of the event.

A shuttle service will also be provided for team officials, and any guests travelling to the ball park from the host hotels.

Along with the provided shuttle service, there are numerous forms of transportation within Prince Albert. Taxi service is available through Grey Cab, Checker Taxi, and Family Taxi.

There is also public transportation within the city that offers many different routes.

Vehicles may also be rented through companies such as Avis, Enterprise, Driving Force car rentals, and PA Northern Bus Lines offers rentals of 12 passenger vans.





Accommodations

Prince Albert is home to many great hotels that are pleased to partner with the tournament. All of the partner hotels are within a 10 minute drive from both the practice diamonds and the event site and will have free shuttle service running to and from the event site.

Hotel rooms will range in price from \$115.00 - \$145.00 CAD per night including a complimentary breakfast each day.

All team hotel reservations are to be completed through the local host committee and not directly with the hotels. Teams should contact Derek Blais when ready to begin discussing their hotel requirements.

Prince Albert Inn

- Wireless Internet Access
- Swimming Pool
- Fitness Centre
- Restaurant
- In-house Catering



Travelodge

- Wireless Internet Access
- Fitness Centre
- Restaurant
- Business Centre
- In-house Catering



Best Western Marquis Inn

- Wireless Internet Access
- Fitness Centre
- Restaurant





Ramada

- Wireless Internet Access
- Fitness Centre
- Restaurant
- Business Centre
- In-house Catering



Days Inn

- Wireless Internet Access
- Fitness Centre
- Pool



Quality Hotel & Conference Centre

- Wireless Internet Access
- Fitness Centre
- Swimming Pool
- Restaurant
- Business Centre
- In-house Catering



Super 8

- Wireless Internet Access
- Business Centre



Holiday Inn Express

- Wireless Internet Access





Meals

Prince Albert is home to large chain restaurants as well as small locally owned restaurants. It does not matter where you are from or what you are looking to eat, you will definitely find something that you enjoy. A complete list of places to eat in Prince Albert can be found on the Tourism website at the following link:

<http://www.princealberttourism.com/dining>

Team Hosts will be able to provide assistance in making team reservations at local restaurants for team meals.

Local Attractions

Prince Albert offers many activities and attractions to keep visitors of the Junior Men's World Softball Championship entertained when they are not at the ball park.



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Activities and attractions include:

- **Prince Albert National Park** (1 hour drive)
- **Elk Ridge Resort Zipline Tour**
- **Cooke Municipal Golf Course** (ranked 3rd in the province)
- **Kinsmen Water Park**
- **Minto Rec Centre** (Bowling Alleys and Arcade)
- **Alfred Jenkins Field House** (Indoor soccer fields, gym, climbing wall)
- **Diefenbaker House Museum**
- **Museum of Police & Corrections**
- **Prince Albert Historical Museum**
- **Mann Art Gallery**
- **Galaxy Cinemas**
- **Northern Lights Casino**

If you are interested in arranging a team building activity ahead of time, please contact Derek Blais for more information.