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**FAQ’S: U13/U15 A & B PROVINCIAL TIERING**

* What is the cost to enter?

*For the 2025 season, the entry fee will be $2400.00 for U13 and $2475 for U15.*

* What is covered in the entry fee?

*PTW entry fees include entries into 3 PTWs (6 games in each weekend) plus your Provincial Championship entry fee. It does not include any gate fees the host may charge.*

* What is the entry deadline?

*Entry deadline is March 15, 2025. The link to enter can be found here:* [*PROVINCIAL - Softball Alberta*](https://www.softballalberta.ca/forms/provincial/)*.*

* What is the roster deadline?

*Roster deadline is April 15, 2025. Roster form can be found here:* [*PROVINCIAL - Softball Alberta*](https://www.softballalberta.ca/forms/provincial/)*.*

* How many teams will advance to Provincial Championships after completion of the PTWs?

*Teams ranked 1 to 10 after the 3 PTWs will qualify for the A provincials, teams ranked 11 to 20 after the 3 PTWs will qualify for the B provincials. Teams ranking 21 or lower will be eliminated from Provincial play.*

* + - ***Softball Alberta has the right to adjust the tiering as required.***
* Do teams get their money back if they do not qualify for Provincials?

*Teams that do not qualify for Provincial Championships after the PTWs are completed will get their Provincial entry fee back only ($472.50 for U13, $551.25 for U15).*

* If we host the PTW, do we get a bye into Provincials?

*No, hosting a PTW does not grant any byes in either the PTW or the Provincial Championship.*

* Do teams have to attend all the tiering weekends? If we don’t, what is the result?

*Once entry into PTWs is completed by a team, they must compete in all their scheduled games in all 3 weekends. Teams failing to appear on the field or refusing to play a game as scheduled will result in a forfeit and are subject to a disciplinary meeting or it could result in elimination from any Provincial Championship weekend.*

* What rules are we playing by?

*PTWs will follow Softball Alberta Provincial Championship rules. Some rules have had to be modified to suit the number of teams/games, i.e. time limits on all games in all categories, games can end in ties, etc. There will be a Game Procedures & Rules summary document available very soon.*

* What happens in the case of rainouts or air quality delays?

*Make-up games are to be replayed based upon locations. For example, teams who are close in proximity can try to play during the week.* *Alternatively, an additional weekend may be used (Regional Qualifiers weekend).*

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*Softball Alberta will review standings based upon how many games have been completed over the 3-weekend series and adjust as determined.*

* Does Softball Alberta run the PTWs or do the Hosts?

*Softball Alberta would like the PTWs to be an event that we can partner with hosts on to provide great events for our participating teams.*

*Softball Alberta Responsibilities*

* + - *Team entry & roster collection*
    - *Draws*
    - *Umpire game fees & working with PTW Umpire in Chief(s)*
    - *Supervisors to facilitate each PTW (game procedures, coaches meeting)*

*Host Responsibilities*

* + - *Providing facilities (diamonds & maintenance, concession, washrooms)*
    - *Umpire meals*
    - *Liaisons with Softball Alberta*
* If we are hosting a PTW, can we charge a gate fee?

*Yes, the host may charge an individual gate fee collected on site at park entry or a team fee can be charged (a maximum of $200 per team).*

* Are transfers still needed for the U13/U15 levels?

***YES****, Player Transfer information can be found here:* [*TRANSFERS - Softball Alberta*](https://www.softballalberta.ca/forms/transfers/)*.*

* Can you pick up players if you do not have enough players for a PTW?

*Yes, Softball Alberta has developed an Affiliate Player process and form for this situation. This form will be available very soon.*

* If you have 9 teams moving on to Provincial Championships, but you have 2 teams tied for the last spot, what format will you use?

*There will be* ***no tie-breaker games****, teams will be ranked based on their standings at the completion of the Tiering Weekends. All ranking criteria will be laid out in the PTW Game Procedures & Rules (available soon).*

*Placements will be final (no appeals).*

* Will Softball Alberta keep these same weekends for the 2026 season?

*To be determined.*