

## 2025 AGM President's Report

2025 proved to be a very successful year for the sport of fastball in Delta. There are a lot of people to thank for these successes from the kids who play the game, to the parents who make it possible for the kids to play the game, to the coaches who teach the kids the game, to the umpires who officiate the game and finally to the people at this table who work very hard to continually try and improve the game for our kids. Thank-you, everyone!

### Highlights:

- DFA's membership has grown to the point that we are now the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest softball association in the Province!
- We are tied for the most registered coaches in the Province. What is most exciting about this is the number of young ladies who have made the transition from playing the game to coaching. This bodes very well for our sport going forward.
- For the first time, DFA was chosen as a host for the Canada Cup International Softball Tournament. I am proud to say that we absolutely nailed it and as a result, DFA is very much now on the softball map, not just in BC but around the world! The organizers are looking forward to having us back in 2026.
- For the first time since we merged into one association, we had not 1 but 2 teams win Provincial Gold! A huge congratulations to the players and coaches of Inferno 07B and Inferno 12A. What an awesome season by both!

### Not So Highlights:

- We continue to struggle to attract new umpires. We only had 26 of our own so our UIC continually had to borrow umpires from other associations.
- We are busting at the seams for adequate fields for our kids to play on.
- Costs continue to rise. DFA has done a good job mitigating the effect of cost increases but unfortunately will need to increase fees for the coming season.
- Too many gaps in our executive group means people struggle to efficiently do their volunteer job while also raising families, working their day jobs and trying to live life.

### Goals:

- Create a volunteer program such that we get more people involved to help take us to the next level
- Continue to try and spread out the work so that things are easier not juts for the people at this table but also for our membership.

- Work with other softball associations as well other sports in Delta to share best practices, get more facilities, provide more and better training for players and coaches and source cost savings where possible.
- Increase our registration in North Delta.
- Increase our umpire base to at least 35.