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# Annual League Update Meeting 2025

# Light Breakfast (9:30-10)



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# Meet your neighbour!

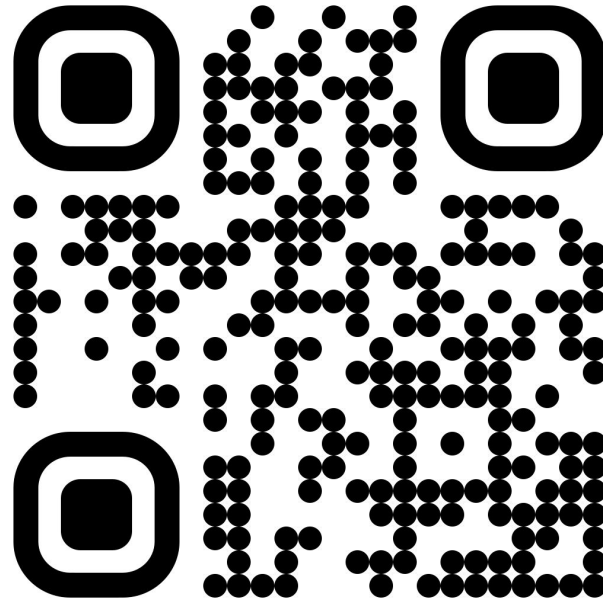
If you could have lunch with anyone in history. Who would it be and why?



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# Questions?

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# Agenda

1. 2025 Board of Directors and Executive Committee / Pastoral Advisor
2. League Vision and Mission
3. 2025 Theme
4. New Rules
5. Financials
6. *10 minute break*
7. Q&A / Prayer





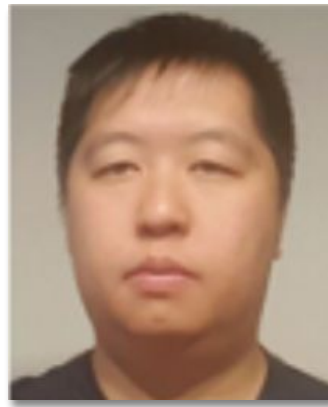
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**Brian Leung**  
( ETCBC )

**Chairperson & Executive Director,  
Interim Chair of Case Committee**



**Johnathan Lam**  
( ETCBC )

**Treasurer, Interim Director of  
Umpiring**



**Simeon Wong**  
( GCGCNY )

**Secretary & Director, IT,  
Communications Assistant**



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**Nathan Szeto**  
( ETCBC )

**Director, Information Systems,  
Communications Assistant**



**Huntley Lue**  
( Summit CC )

**Director, Media and Umpiring  
Assistant**





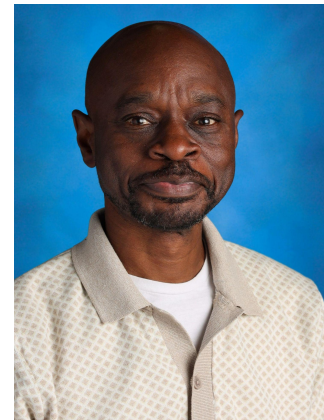
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**Caleb Yeung**  
( The Bridge )

**Director, Coaching**  
**(Currently on leave)**



**Patrick Symister**  
( CLC Ajax )

**Director, Governing**



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**Will Kwan**  
(TJCAC)

**Co-Director, Scheduling, Assistant to  
the Chair of CASE Committee**



**Hubert Tam**  
(SCommAC)

**Co-Director, Scheduling**



# Meet your 2022 Pastoral Advisor

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**Mike Wong**  
( Logos Baptist Church )  
(Currently on leave)



# HELP WANTED!

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- Web page and dashboard - front and back end
- Media Team - photographers, videographers
- Volunteers for Year End Banquet
- Umpiring - rules review and suggestions, playoff games



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# CCSA Vision and Mission

## Vision

To inspire participants to build communities and to grow through and in the game of softball according to Kingdom values in and beyond the CCSA.

## Mission

In partnership with local churches, we will build God's Kingdom through the game of softball by supporting recreation, outreach, fellowship and leadership development.



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# 2025 Theme: Restoring Unity, Reflecting Christ

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:12-15 (ESV)





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# 2025 New Rules

1. CCSA Rule 4-3-0 will read: “Each team is responsible for pitching to themselves. The pitcher must keep one foot on or behind the pitcher’s line, which is drawn by the umpire, at all times (minimum distance 40 feet). The pitcher must be within 1 m either side of the imaginary line from home plate to second. **Any batted ball which hits the pitcher before any fielder has had a chance to play shall be a dead ball and a pitch against the batter. If this occurs on the third pitch, the batter is out.** The pitcher must also make a concerted effort to avoid interfering with the play else interference could be called. **Any intentional action by the pitcher to catch or contact the ball is interference.”**



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# 2025 New Rules

1. Amend CCSA Rule 3-4-0 to read "Helmets are mandatory for batters, on-field on-deck batters, and base runners. In addition, pitchers **in all divisions** must wear either a helmet with an attached face cage, pitcher's mask, or fielder's mask. Team leaders are responsible to ensure their players are wearing helmets and/or masks as required."



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# 2025 New Rules

1. CCSA Rule 4-15-0 will read: “Substitute runners are limited only to injury substitutions and are allowed only after the previous play is over. Each team will have a maximum of **five (5)** such substitutions per game. Substitutions can only occur with any eligible player of the same sex, who is registered on the team with the league. Once a player has been used as a substitute runner, they cannot be used as substitute runner for the remainder of the game. The injured player need not necessarily be removed from the game (as this is not strictly considered a substitution).



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# 2025 New Rules (CASE)

- Teams who forfeit/default a regular season scheduled game prior to its start, whether originally scheduled or rescheduled after agreement, are subject to a \$100 penalty payable to the league within one (1) week of its offence. Exemptions to the penalty shall include disagreement in safety concerns or a double default scenario, subject to the league's final discretion.
- Failure to pay a penalty imposed may jeopardize the team's eligibility for playoffs and/or future registration.
- Funds will in some way be redirected back to the affected teams - Mechanism to be decided between CASE and Finance Committees



# 2024 Financials

Inquire with league for details.

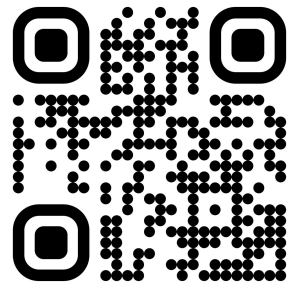
- 2025 Team Fee = \$700
- Two ways to pay
  - Interac etransfer to [ettransfer@ccsasoftball.net](mailto:ettransfer@ccsasoftball.net)
  - Credit card through dashboard (\$20 processing fee applies)





# 10 minute break

UPCOMING @ 11:30: Q&A and Prayer



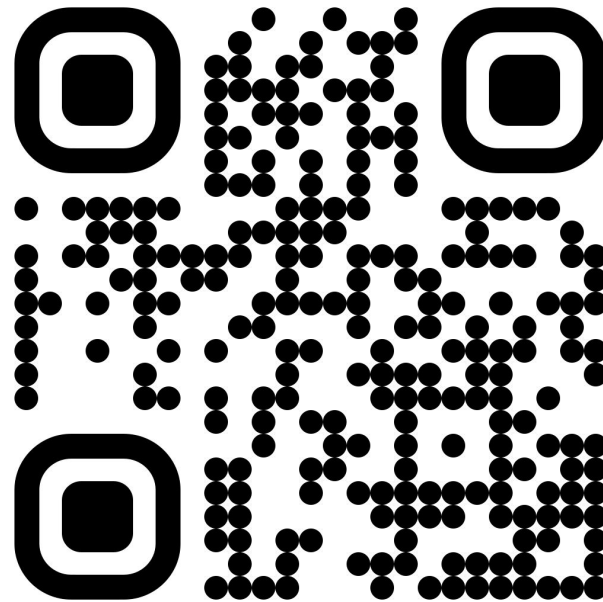
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# Questions from Social Media

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# Questions from Today

Question : Will there be an understanding that lightning is not our call. It is a hard rule that play stops, leave equipment, take car shelter, return to field in 15 mins.

A: Yes, umpires have the final say (in consultation with CCSA Umpiring dept. if needed) whether the game should be played or not? For proper protocol on How to manage thunder/lightning? **\*See slide 23 & 24: Questions from Year End Survey or via the CCSA website: <https://ccsasoftball.net/> under "This Season" tab dropdown to "game play".**

Question: CCSA considering auto rescheduling? Ex. Game cancelled due to weather -> League auto slots make up game for both teams.

A: Considered but not favourable since teams/players may not be available for the new date. Better for the two teams to work out a date themselves, then the only thing league needs to do is assign a diamond.



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# Questions from Today (continued)

Question: Does the league or have explored leveraging the league for discounts that we can take advantage of i.e. balls bats and helmets?

A: Although we do not directly sell equipment, [Eagle Beaver Sports](#) offers a 20% discount on softball equipment. Just mention that you are a part of CCSA with your church and team name point of point/ time of purchase.

Question: Is there a particular jersey and or equipment supplier the league has discounts with?

A: we do not directly sell jerseys; the following vendors have offered discounts.

- [The Print You Need](#) – Custom sublimation jerseys (\* \$22 with taxes included with shorts. (\$20 tax in for jersey only)
- You can ask, [Eagle Beaver Sports](#) if 20% discount applies to jersey sales, as they do offer sublimation jerseys as well. (pricing depends on type of jersey and detail on jerseys)



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# Questions from Today (count'd)

Question: Would we consider creating a league leaders chat to efficiently send information? But also, may be helpful when requesting umps, share best practices, prayer?

A: all team liaisons, leaders, umpires can be found on the CCSA dashboard under the leadership tab, as well CCSA send out a leadership contact list prior to the start of the season. Also, Leadership Development (Governing/ Coaching) Dept. intends to create a WhatsApp group **strictly for this purpose** prior to the start of the 2025 season, which will be deleted at the end of the CCSA JR/ SR regular seasons. Or email [governing@ccsasoftball.net](mailto:governing@ccsasoftball.net) or [patrick.symister@ccsasoftball.net](mailto:patrick.symister@ccsasoftball.net) for any assistance needed in this area

Question: Would it be possible to extend the time limit from 45 min to 1 hour for the umpire test (some questions require having to watch a video, which eats up time)?

A: Yes, CCSA Umpiring Dept. will be extending the testing time limit as there will be new rules and areas of focus that will be covered on this year umpiring test.



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# Questions from Today (count'd)

Question: I, the liaison, didn't get some of the league and team emails. Would it be possible if I get added into all emails that get sent to my church's teams?

A: Yes, all league communications, Important dates and deadlines are sent to all teams include all registered Liaisons and Supervising Pastors in our "Entire league" distribution list. We will ensure to use this distribution list for all major events and sign ups. Also, registered team leaders, coaches and church pastoral liaisons or can be found on the CCSA dashboard. CCSA also add events to our social media platforms.

Question: Would using a pitcher screen be a better option Vs a facemask?

A: Not right now, as there is potential for obstruction of play due to the size of the pitching nets. Pitching nets can be pricey (minimum \$150 per unit.) Then there is the question of do we have all teams use the same brand or type of net to ensure that games are on a "level playing field."



# Questions from Today (count'd)

Question: Does the \$100 only for games that are a default loss? Does rescheduled games also include \$100 (penalty)? A: Yes, Teams who forfeit /default a regular season scheduled game prior to its start, **whether originally scheduled or rescheduled after agreement, are subject to a \$100 penalty**. Keeping in mind that exceptions and final decisions is subject to the league's discretion.

Question: I must keep putting in a "one time code" to login every couple of days. Is that supposed to happen?

A: Yes, for the following reasons: 1. for Privacy / protection of our league member's information. 2. Pass wordless logins are now recommended in security best practice guidelines. 3. If we don't follow security best practices, we may be declined cybersecurity insurance or pay more for it. **\*See (slide 25) Questions from Year End survey.**

Question: What support is there for the executive team to prevent burnout / what can we as a league do to help? A: CSSA is always looking for volunteers (See slide 12 -Help wanted !!). As well as we are looking at adding potential new members (especially looking for female representation) to current CCSA Executive / BOD. And as always, your continued support in prayers.





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# Questions from Year End Survey

- Q: Weather? Who has the final say whether the game should play or not? Guidance for how to call games? How to handle thunder/lightning?
  - A: CCSA uses City of Toronto website as guidance for any full scale cancellations (very rare).
    - <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/parks-recreation/places-spaces/parks-recreation-service-alerts/sport-fields-stadium-diamond-closures-service-alerts/>
    - The umpire has the final say. All fields drain a bit differently. Field conditions are different from park to park. Toronto spans such a large area that we need local geographical determination. Be ready and have the appropriate equipment to play in a range of conditions! (i.e. hydration, cleats, sweaters, sunglasses, etc)
    - CCSA uses Softball Canada and CoT Parks and Recreation as guiding documents for weather and field conditions! <https://softball.ca/policies/inclementweather> ← will post this as a reminder on the ccsa.to site as a reference. Maybe ump test questions?! \*hint\*



# Questions from Year End Survey

**SOFTBALL CANADA**  
**SEVERE WEATHER POLICY**

SOFTBALL CANADA'S POLICY ON SEVERE WEATHER

**RESPONSIBILITIES**  
The Softball Canada Representative or designate, along with the umpire supervisors and crew, hold the responsibility of stopping a game in the event of severe weather.

**THUNDER ROARS = STOP**  
When thunder is heard, the game will be stopped. Players, coaches, umpires, and spectators should promptly find suitable shelter.

**FIND ADEQUATE SHELTER**  
The dugout does not suffice as proper shelter. Any frequently utilized structure is deemed safe. A vehicle with a hard metal roof and windows rolled up can offer a degree of safety.

**RESUMING THE ACTION**  
During Softball Canada events, the Softball Canada representative and umpires will wait a minimum of thirty (30) minutes after the final sound of thunder before returning to the field and continuing the game.

**GET EDUCATED**  
The Canadian Lightning Danger Map, designed by Environment Canada is available for review prior or during any events.  
[https://weather.gc.ca/lightning/index\\_e.html](https://weather.gc.ca/lightning/index_e.html)



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# Questions from Year End Survey

- Q: How do I decide what tier my team should play on?
  - A: If more than half your team can catch and throw a ball and can hit past the 150 feet line, choose Tier 1. Still not sure? Choose Tier 1.
- Q: Why do we have to submit scoresheets?!
  - A: Need record of game for any investigations and need record of those playing for insurance
- Q: Why does the league require email verification codes?
  - A: (1) Privacy / protection of our league member's information. (2) Passwordless logins are now recommended in security best practice guidelines. (3) If we don't follow security best practices, we may be declined cybersecurity insurance, or pay more for it. (4) We are working on implementing the option of passkeys & biometric logins to improve the user experience.



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# Questions from ALUM Registration

Q: Are the fees the same?

**A: Same as last year: \$700**

Q: Will the regular season and fall ball season games be posted online?

**A: Regular season games are posted on Dashboard. Fall ball games are emailed to participants.**

Q: Can the liaison receive all CCSA emails to all their church's teams? sometimes i even miss some announcement emails like year end sign up or gear up

A: Liaisons and Supervising Pastors are included in our "Entire league" distribution list. We will ensure to use this distribution list for all major events and sign ups.

Q: Will there be any new rules be added this season? Any rules that will be revised for the season?

**A: Hitting pitchers, mandatory protection for pitchers, substitute runners, penalties for defaults**



# Bonus Question

Q: Where will CCSA Year End Celebration be this year?

- Asian Cuisine
- Photo booth
- Dessert table
- Limited seating - 24 tables



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# Prayer

- Pray for our team leaders
  - For wisdom and a heart to serve
- Pray for our participants
  - They would experience Jesus through CCSA
- Pray for unity among churches
  - To exemplify what it means to love one another...

