



2008 SPA PLAYER SURVEY

January 14, 2009

In what age division did you last compete?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
50 and over	300	25.7%
55 and over	250	21.4%
60 and over	275	23.6%
65 and over	191	16.3%
70 and over	105	9.0%
75 and over	28	2.4%
80 and over	2	<1%
No Responses	14	1.2%
Total	1165	100%

SPA Actions Taken on This Item Due to Survey Results

Information only – No Action Required

How was the last team that you participated with classified?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Men - Major Plus	112	9.6%
Men - Major	240	20.6%
Men - AAA	389	33.3%
Men - AA	260	22.3%
Women - Gold	80	6.8%
Women - Silver	70	6.0%
No Responses	14	1.2%
Total	1165	100%

SPA Actions Taken on This Item Due to Survey Results

Information only – No Action Required

For 65 and over division only - Would you prefer play with 10 or 11 players on defense?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
10 defensive players	227	19.4%
11 defensive players	210	18.0%
Other	9	<1%
No Responses	719	61.7%
Total	1165	100%

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Response agrees with current SPA rule
No further action required



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How satisfied are you with the current SPA homerun rules: Major Plus - 7 Homeruns (then walk) + 1 up Major - 4 Homeruns (then walk) + 1 up AAA - 2 Homeruns (then out) AA - 1 Homerun (then out) (If dissatisfied please explain)

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Highly satisfied	270	23.1%
Somewhat satisfied	225	19.3%
Neutral	215	18.4%
Somewhat dissatisfied	137	11.7%
Highly dissatisfied	95	8.1%
No Responses	223	19.1%
Total	1165	100%

SPA Actions Taken on This Item Due to Survey Results

Current SPA homerun rules under review, pending Player Advisory Board, Senior Summit, and Playing Rules committee decisions.

In pool play how many runs should be allowed per inning?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting	Major Plus	Major	AAA	AA	Womens -Gold	Womens -Silver
5 runs per inning	59 7%	123 15%	283 34%	251 30%	59 7%	60 7%
7 runs per inning	117 22%	183 35%	132 25%	41 8%	23 4%	29 6%
9 runs per inning	139 63%	34 15%	13 6%	10 5%	13 6%	12 5%

SPA Actions Taken on This Item Due to Survey Results

SPA Rule changes agreed to and pending. These changes will bring SPA rules to be more in line with Survey results.

How many balls and strikes would you prefer the batter to come to the plate with?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Start with 1 ball and 1 strike	390	33.4%
Start with 0 balls and 0 strikes	687	58.9%
No Responses	88	7.5%
Total	1165	100%

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How would you react to the possibility of a rule change making a ball hit up the middle and hitting the pitcher an automatic out ?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Totally opposed	376	32.2%
Somewhat opposed	212	18.1%
Neutral	119	10.2%
Somewhat in favor	164	14.0%
Totally in favor	199	17.0%
No Responses	95	8.1%
Total	1165	100%

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No further action required

Which "pool play" time limit method would you prefer?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
55 Minutes - finish that inning and play one more	224	19.2%
60 Minutes - finish that inning and play one more	596	51.1%
65 Minutes - finish that inning and game over	201	17.2%
Other	52	4.4%
No Responses	92	7.8%
Total	1165	100%

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No further action required

Which "bracket play" time limit method would you prefer?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
No time limit - play 7 innings	511	43.8%
65 Minutes - finish that inning and play one more	398	34.1%
65 Minutes - finish that inning and game over	129	11.0%
Other	38	3.2%
No Responses	89	7.6%
Total	1165	100%

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In your opinion should a team be allowed to defend their Championship title once - without jeopardy of being automatically reclassified?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	743	63.7%
No	308	26.4%
No Responses	114	9.7%
Total	1165	100%

SPA Actions Taken on This Item Due to Survey Results

Survey Results being evaluated, pending Player Advisory Board, National Summit, and Rules Committee reviews.

How satisfied are you with the 1.20 BPF requirement for approved bats?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Highly satisfied	515	44.2%
Somewhat satisfied	238	20.4%
Neutral	218	18.7%
Somewhat dissatisfied	48	4.1%
Highly dissatisfied	28	2.4%
No Responses	118	10.1%
Total	1165	100%

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Response agrees with current SPA rule
No further action required

How many umpires are acceptable at a minimum for the following play?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting	One Umpire	Two Umpires
Pool Play	737 69%	332 31%
Bracket Play	140 13%	925 87%

SPA Actions Taken on This Item Due to Survey Results

SPA Umpire policies under evaluation, to bring more in line with Survey Results.