



SOFTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION
“A Fun & Rewarding Place to Play”

P.O. Box 1307
Mustang, OK 73064
2016

SPA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Women’s World 50 +, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ and 75 + Age
Divisions

HERITAGE PARK
CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055
NOVEMBER 3RD – NOVEMBER 6TH



- Three (3) Games in Pool Play 50 + – 75 +/Two (2) Pool Games 35+ - 45+
- Minimum of Two (2) Games in Double Elimination Play

S.P.A. Sanctioned Tournament

- All S.P.A. rules apply in the World Championships.
- All teams must be S.P.A. registered.

Softball Complex

- Heritage Park, Cullman, AL has five (5) beautiful, well manicured fields.
- Maps/Directions are available at www.softballspa.com
- Address: 1705 Lee Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055
- Field Conditions: The tournament committee reserves the right to change any game times, playing fields, or dates, or make any other changes to conduct the tournament.

Team Roster & Entry Fee

- The following items must be sent to the S.P.A. National Headquarters:
 - Teams official Roster, (On-Line Roster Only)
 - Official Team Entry Form & S.P.A. Team Registration Number
- Entry Fee to the S.P.A. World Championships is \$575.00 - \$600.00.
- Entry Fee payment: Check or online credit card at www.softballspa.com

Entry Fee Deadline: All entries must be "received" by S.P.A. No Later than October 21st. Do Not be Late! It is the responsibility of the team manager to insure that their entry fee has been received prior to the entry fee deadline. Do not assume that your entry fee has been received by S.P.A. A team manager who fails to receive a notice of receipt within a reasonable time will need to contact S.P.A. to insure your team is in the World Championships.

Mail to: S.P.A.

P.O. BOX 1307(405)376-7034 Phone
Mustang, OK 73064(405)376-7035 Fax

Refund Policy

No entry fees will be refunded after the entry deadline: October 21st. No Exceptions!

Softballs

Official S.P.A./Baden Balls will be used.

Bats

- All bats must have a factory/manufactured stamp of 1.21 BPF or less.
- All bats will be checked prior to each tournament game.
- Any illegal or altered bat will be confiscated for the duration of the tournament. Any player caught using an altered bat will be ejected from the game and possibly the tournament. The player may face additional suspensions based upon the violation.

Home Run Rule

All over the fence Home Runs will Count.

Run Limits Per Inning

5 Runs per inning.

Note: All Divisions Last inning and extra innings unlimited runs

Game Times

- There is a 1 hour time limit in Pool Play (Finishing that inning) plus one additional inning.

(2)

- There is a 1 hour and 15 minute time limit in all double elimination bracket games (Finishing that inning) plus one additional inning. There will be no time limits in Championship and "IF" games. Game time is forfeit time.

Run Rule

20 Runs after 4 innings.

15 Runs after 5 innings.

Special Tournament Awards Package

Team Awards: 1st – 3rd Place Awards.

Individuals: 1st Place

All-American Team

- All-American Team Awards

Player ID & Check-In

- Players are required to have their SPA Players Card available at all times at the park.
- Players must present their SPA Cards and driver's license to be checked prior to playing their first game and will be issued a wrist band at check-in to be eligible to participate. This wrist band must be worn the duration of the tournament. Wrist bands may not be cut and re-taped.
- Check in as a team.
- Players will sign the on-line roster when they check in.
- ALL PLAYERS WILL CHECK IN AT THE FIELD THEY PLAY BEFORE THE FIRST GAME!

Protests

- Regular protest fee of \$75 cash must be posted at time of protest.
- Player Eligibility Protest: The fee is \$75 per player being protested.
- If the protest is ruled in your favor, your money will be returned.
- Bat protest fee is \$450.00 (Non Refundable) at the time of the bat protest.

The Tournament Directors, sponsors, and hosts assume that all players are competing at their own risk, and will not be liable for any accidents or injuries. Entry into the tournament constitutes agreement to these conditions.

SPA reserves the right to classify/reclassify a team at any time including the World Championships. After pool play, based upon the overall offensive and defensive strength and skills of their team, a team may be moved to the upper division. Also, a team may request to be moved to the upper division only.

Tournament Event Schedule

Thursday 3 November

- 8:30 AM: Managers meeting at Heritage Park – All managers or a representative for ages 65+ through 75 plus must attend.
- 9 am Player check in begin
- 930 am Pool Play games begin

Friday 4 November

- 8:30 AM: Double Elimination Tournament Games begin for 65+ through 75 plus
- 8:30 AM: Managers meeting at Heritage Park – All managers or a representative for ages 50+ through 60 plus must attend.
- 9 am Player check in begin
- 930 am Pool Play Games begin
- 6 PM Country Music and Golden Oldies Social Event

Saturday 5 November

- 830 AM Double Elimination games continue
- Championship and awards ceremonies for 65+-75+ divisions

Sunday 30 August

- 830 am Tournament Championship Games
- Award presentations

All teams flying in for the tournament should schedule their returning flights after 6:00 pm Sunday to avoid a conflict with their Championship game.

HOTEL INFORMATION

- **Host Hotel** is the Hampton Inn. 6100 Alabama Highway 157, 35058. Phone (256)739-4444. \$118.00 plus tax. Free WI-FI, Complimentary Breakfast, Pool, Fitness Room and Coin Laundry.
- Econolodge: \$69.99 plus tax. Country RD 437. Phone: (256)734-2691.
- Sleep Inn: \$85.00 plus tax. SR 157, Phone: (256)734-6166.
- Days Inn: \$55.00 plus tax. 4th Street SW. Phone: (256)739-3800.
- Quality Inn: \$79.99 plus tax. SR 157 NW. Phone: (256)734-1240.
- Best Western: \$79.99 plus tax. Commerce Ave. NW Phone: (256)737-5009.
- La Quinta Inn: \$109.00 plus tax. Phone: (256)775-9500.



SOFTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION SPA WOMENS WORLD TEAM ENTRY FORM



(Please Circle)

Women's

Age Division & Team Classification:

35+/40+/ 45 Plus

50+/55+/ 60 Plus

65+/70+/ 75 Plus

Team Name: _____ S.P.A. Team Sanction # _____

Manager Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone #: Residence _____ Cell _____

Business: _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address: _____

Hotel _____ Telephone # _____

Number of Hotel Rooms _____

Team Check List

1. Mail in completed Team Entry Form
2. Submitted ON-LINE ROSTER NO EXCEPTIONS!
3. Mail in entry fee (Please make checks payable to SPA) Deadline October 21st

Mail to:SPAORon-line: www.softball.com

P.O. Box 1307 Team Entry Fee: \$575.00/\$600.00

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