



SOFTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION "a fun & rewarding place to play"

P.O. Box 1307 Mustang OK 73064



## **Capital Veterans Memorial Classic**

**Rueger Softball Complex**

**2801 S. Kansas Ave**

**Topeka, Kansas 66611**

**June 1-4 2017**

**Men's 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+ & 80+ Major Plus, Major, AAA, AA**

### **Playing Dates:**

**June 1-3, 2017 Men's 65+, 70+, 75+ & 80+ - AA, AAA, Major, Major Plus**

**June 2-4, 2017 Men's 60+ - AA, AAA, Major, Major Plus**

**June 3-4, 2017 Men's 50+ & 55+ - AA, AAA, Major, Major Plus**

**Entry Fee \$425 & Entries must to be received by S.P.A. NO LATER THAN May 17, 2017, and no refunds will be made after that date. It is the Managers responsibility to be sure the entry fee is in and on time to the S.P.A. Headquarters.**

**Mailing Address: SPA**

**P.O. Box 1307**

**Mustang, OK 73064**

**ALL VETERANS/ACTIVE MILITARY THAT ARE PLAYING IN THIS TOURNAMENT  
WILL BE RECOGNIZED AND RECEIVE A COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL! (SEE FORM  
BELOW)**

### **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

**Men's 60+ - 80+**

- **2 game pool play into double elimination bracket**
- **Elimination brackets can be broken down into Gold and Silver divisions depending on the skill level and number of teams.**

**Men 50+ - 55+:**

- **2 game pool play into double elimination.**
- **Double Elimination can be broken down into Platinum, Gold and Silver divisions depending on the number of teams.**

**POOL PLAY:** Games will be played with the 5 run per inning rule. The Home Run rule will be two (2) with no "one up (WALK) for all divisions.

**TIME LIMITS:** Pool Play: One (1) hour. Finish that inning plus one more inning.

**Bracket Play:** 1 hour and 15 minute time limit plus one more inning

**Championship game** will be played with no time limit.

**RUN RULE:** 20 Runs after 4 innings or 15 Runs after 5 innings.

**SEEDING PROCESS:**

The tournament directors have the authorization to place teams in each division based upon the overall strength and skill of the team, using the following criteria as a guideline: (Equalizer runs awarded are excluded and forfeit games will be games played average)

- **Win – Loss Record**
- **Head to head results (applies only when all teams play one another)**
- **Runs Allowed**
- **Run Differential**
- **Total Runs Scored**
- **Flip a Coin**

**The stronger teams will be placed in the Platinum and Gold Divisions.**

- **5 Runs per inning. Last declared inning open.**
- **Platinum division = 4 Home Runs – walk and/or 1 up.**
- **Gold division = 3 Home Runs and an out.**

**SILVER DIVISION**

**The weaker teams will be placed in the Silver Division.**

- **5 Runs per inning. Last declared inning open.**
- **1 Home Run – Out**

### **Five or Less Teams**

**If a tournament has five or less teams in an age division, the following rules will apply.**

- **All pool play games will be played by the Gold Rules.**
- **After pool play the tournament director may use either the Platinum, Gold or Silver Rule to play the Elimination Tournament. This will be decided by the caliber of teams.**

**The Tournament Director(s) will review all the game scores along with their personal observation of the teams in pool play. Based on this information, they will decide on what options to use in the tournament. This will be based on the quality of teams that are participating in the tournament. NOTE: When classifications are combined into single brackets, the lower classification runs per inning rules and the upper classification homerun rules will apply**

**RULES: S.P.A. 2017 Rule Book    All SPA rules will apply.**



**BALLS: .44 COR 375 Compression (Each team will receive 6 balls given each team in all divisions, additional balls available for purchase ½ DZ for \$25 and 1 DZ for \$50.00.**

**BATS: All bats must have a factory manufactured stamp of 1.21 BPF or less. Bats will be checked prior to each game. Illegal bats will be confiscated and held until the end of the tournament.**

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

**SPA Cards: SPA I.D. CARDS WILL BE CHECKED. All players participating in this tournament must have a current SPA player's card. You CAN NOT REGISTER for a player's card at the tournament. Player registration forms can be downloaded from the SPA website at [www.softballspa.com](http://www.softballspa.com). A player may also renew an expired card online.**

### **TEAM REGISTRATION:**

**All teams must be registered with SPA. Team registration forms can be downloaded from the SPA website or you can register your team on-line.**

**ROSTERS: All rosters must be submitted on-line with SPA Fourteen (14) days prior to entry into any SPA event. ([www.softballspa.com](http://www.softballspa.com)). May 17<sup>th</sup> is the date all rosters must be entered into the system.**

**PLAYER CHECK-IN:**

**All players must check-in and show their SPA Card and Driver's License to receive a wrist band. This wrist band is required to be worn during the tournament. The purpose of this rule is to ensure all players are legal and have checked in.**

**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 Topeka Veterans Classic is \$425.00 for 50-55 plus teams and \$425.00 for 60 plus through 80 plus teams.
- Entry Fee payment: Check or online credit card at [www.softballspa.com](http://www.softballspa.com)

**Entry Fee Deadline: All entries must be "received" by S.P.A. No Later than May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

**Mail to: S.P.A.**

**P.O. BOX 1307  
Mustang, OK 73064**

**(405)376-7034 Phone  
(405)376-7035 Fax**

**Refund Policy**

**No entry fees will be refunded after the entry deadline: May 17<sup>th</sup>. No Exceptions!**

**All pool play games will be played with 5 runs per inning (unlimited in last declared inning and all extra innings) two home runs and a walk.**

**Home Run Rule for Bracket Play**

**Major Plus: 7 Home runs + 1up & Walk  
AAA: 3 Home Runs & Out (no one up)**

**Major: 4 Home runs + 1up & Walk  
AA: 1 Home Run & Out (no one up)**

### **Run Limits Per Inning**

**Major Plus: 9 Run Limit, Major: 7 Run Limit, AAA & AA: 5 Run Limit**

**Note: All Divisions Last inning and extra innings unlimited runs**

### **Run Rule**

**20 Runs after 4 innings.**

**15 Runs after 5 innings.**

### **Game Times**

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

### **Special Tournament Awards Package**

**Team Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Awards. Individuals: 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

### **All-Tournament Team**

- All-Tournament Team Awards

### **Player ID & Check-In**

- Players are required to have their SPA Players Card available at all times at the park.
- Players and their SPA Cards along with their Drivers license will be checked prior to playing their first game and 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.

**Mandatory!! TEAM MANAGERS MEETING AT the softball complex 8 AM on the first day of your tournament start date prior to your first pool play game.**

**HOTEL INFO**

**Baymont Inn & Suites** 1401 SW Ashwoot Place 66604 \$58.00 plus tax Phone 1-785-273-0003  
**Days Inn Topeka** 1510 SW Wanamaker RD 66604 \$71.00 plus tax Phone 855-499-0001  
**Super 8 Topeka** 5968 sw 10<sup>th</sup> Ave 66604 \$67.00 plus tax Phone 800-536-1211  
**Best Western Inn & Suites** 700 SW Fairlawn RD 66606 \$99.00 plus tax Phone 855-213-0582  
**Ramada Topeka West** 605 SW Fairlawn RD 66606 \$97.00 plus tax Phone 855-516-1090  
**Econo Lodge Topeka** 1518 SW Wanamaker RD 66604 \$62.00 plus tax Phone 855-516-1090  
**Capital Plaza Hotel** 1717 SW Topeka Blvd 66612 \$99.00 plus tax Phone 855-499-0001  
**Clubhouse Inn & Suites** 924 SW Henderson RD 66615 \$84.00 plus tax Phone 855-213-0582  
**Country Inn & Suites** 6020 SW 10<sup>th</sup> ST 66615 \$95.00 plus tax Phone 844-464-5108

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OFFICIAL TEAM ENTRY FORM

(Please Circle) Age Division: 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70, 75+ or 80+ AA, AAA, Major Plus, Major

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ S.P.A. Sanction # \_\_\_\_\_

Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Teams Check List** 1. Team Entry Roster must be online at SPA roster management 2. Entry Fee: \$425.00 Check, Cashier Check or On Line Payment at [www.softballspa.com](http://www.softballspa.com) Entries must be received by May 17, 2017 2. All teams must be S.P.A. registered 3. Players must have their S.P.A. Player Card & Drivers License. Mail Entry To: S.P.A. P.O. Box 1307 Mustang, OK 73064 (405) 376-7034

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## 2017 Veterans and Active Duty Members

**PLEASE EMAIL OR FAX TO NATIONAL OFFICE BY:**

**May 17 2017**

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

TOURNAMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ CAPITAL VETERANS MEMORIAL CLASSIC \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: JUNE 2017

Players Name: _____	Branch of Service: _____	Yrs. served _____/_____
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