



SOFTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION
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2017 SPA TWITTY SENIOR WOMEN'S NIT

May 17th - May 21st

Women's 35+,40+,45+,50+,55+,60+,65+,70+, 75+ Age Divisions

Hendersonville, Tennessee

Tournament Format – Four and Five (5) Game Minimum

Women's Schedule weather permitting:

- Age Division 75+ & 70+ Wed-Fri, May 17th – 19th
- Age Division 65+ Thur-Sat, May 18th – 20th
- Age Division 60+,55+ & 50+ - Friday-Sun - May 19th – 21st
- Age Division 35+,40+ and 45+ - Saturday – Sun May 20th – 21st
- Two (2) Games in Round Robin/Pool Play (35+-45+)
- Minimum of Two (2) Games in Double Elimination (35+-45+)
- Three (3) Games in Round Robin/Pool (50+-75+)
- Minimum of Two (2) Games in Double Elimination (50+-75+)

S.P.A. Sanctioned Tournament

- All S.P.A. rules apply in the World Championships.
- All teams must be S.P.A. registered and have a S.P.A. team sanction number.
- All Players must be S.P.A. registered a minimum of 14 days prior to the start of the NIT. No Players will be allowed to participate in this NIT without a current S.P.A. Players card.

Softball Complexes

- Drakes Creek North Athletic Complex, Hendersonville, TN has eight (8) fields.
- Additional Complexes may be used based upon the number of teams.
- Maps/Directions are available at www.softballspa.com
- Address: Cherokee Road, Hendersonville, TN. 37075 Field Conditions: The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change any game time, 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:
Team's Official Roster, (On-Line Roster ONLY) (with completed S.P.A. Player Card numbers),
Official Team Entry Form & SPA Team Reg. #.
- Entry fee to the S.P.A. NIT is **\$425.00/\$450.00**
- Entry fee payment: Check or online www.softballspa.com Entry Fee Deadline: All entries must be "received" by S.P.A. No later than May 3rd. 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 Tournament. 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 May 3rd. No Exceptions!

Softballs

Official S.P.A./Baden Balls will be used .47 Core, 400 CP.

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 bats 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 Home Runs Count

Run Limits Per Inning

5 Runs per inning

Note: All Divisions Last inning unlimited runs.

Game Times

There is a time limit in the Pool Play/Round Robin play – 1 Hour (Finishing that inning) plus one additional inning; 1 hour and 10 minutes for 75+ (Finishing that inning) plus one additional inning. Double Elimination Bracket Games will be played with a 1 hour and 15 min (Finishing that inning) plus one additional inning. There are 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 – 2nd Place Awards Individuals: 1st

All-Tournament Team

- All- Tournament Team Awards:

Player ID & Check-in

- The Manager is responsible for checking their team’s player’s cards. Be sure the player’s card is current and up to date! Do not put your team at risk by not checking!
- Players will be not be allowed to play without being S.P.A. registered or if they have an expired card!
- Players are required to have their S.P.A. Player card and Drivers License available at the park.
- **Players with their S.P.A. cards and Current Drivers License** will be checked during the tournament check in. Players will receive 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 and players will sign the roster when they check in

Protests

- Regular protest fee of \$75 cash must be posted at the time of the protest. Player Eligibility Protest: The fee is \$75 per player protest and if the protest is ruled in your favor, your money will be returned.
- Bat protest fee is \$450 [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/re-classify a team at any time including the NIT. 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.

- **ALL PLAYERS WILL CHECK IN AT THE FIELD THEY PLAY BEFORE THE FIRST GAME!**

Tournament Event Schedule

- Wednesday -May 17th 8am----- Managers Meeting Ages 70+ - 75+. The meeting will be conducted at Drake Field Athletic Complex. All team managers or a representative are required to attend this meeting. Teams will receive their tournament packet and begin Pool Play Games.
- Thursday-May 18th 8 am--- Managers Meeting Ages 65+. The meeting will be conducted at Drake Field Athletic Complex. All team managers or a representative are required to attend this meeting. Teams will receive their tournament packet and begin Pool Play Games.
- Friday – May 19th-8:00am - - - 9:00am - Opening Ceremonies – Drake Field Athletic Complex. 10 am ----- Managers Meeting Ages 50+,55+and 60+. The meeting will be conducted at Drake Field Athletic Complex. All team managers or a representative are required to attend this meeting. Teams will receive their tournament packet and begin Pool Play Games. 10 am Ages 65+ - 75+, Pool play continues followed by the start of double Elimination Games .
- 8 am ----Saturday May 20th- Managers Meeting Ages 35+, 40+ - 45+. The meeting will be conducted at Drake Field Athletic Complex. All team managers or a representative are required to attend this meeting. Teams will receive their tournament packet and begin Pool Play Games Tournament Finals for 65+-75+ and awards ceremonies. Double elimination games continue for 35+,40+,45+,50+, 55+ and 60+.
- Sunday – May 21st 8:30AM - Tournament Championship Games and Awards ceremonies.

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

Hotel Information

Hendersonville, TN

Hyatt Place \$19 plus tax

330 E Main Street Phone (615)826-4301

Relax Inn \$69.99 plus tax

179 W Main Street Phone (615)822-4240

Gallatin, TN

Baymont Inn \$75.00 plus tax

354 Summer Hall Drive Phone (615)230-8300

Econolodge \$68.55 plus tax

221 W Main Street Phone (615)452-5433

Legacy Inn \$64.99 plus tax

101 W Broadway Phone (615)452-4521

Quality Inn \$99.00 plus tax

1001 Village Green Crossing Phone (615)451-4494

Portland

Deerfield Inn \$69.99 plus tax

416 HWY 52W (615)323-0001

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SOFTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S SENIOR TWITTY NIT TEAM ENTRY

(Please Circle) Senior Women 35+ 40+ 45+ 50+ 55+ 60+ 65+ 70+ 75+

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. All Rosters are to be submitted on-line no later than May 3rd. No Exceptions!
- 3. Mail in entry fee (Please make payable to S.P.A.) Deadline May 3rd.

Mail to: S.P.A. or enter online: www.softballspa.com
 P. O. Box 1307 Team Entry Fee: \$625 Mustang, OK. 73064
 Telephone: (405) 376-7034 Fax (405) 376-7035

Note: Managers should check their player's cards prior to the World tournament. Do not put your team at risk by not checking them. Players will be checked in and given a wrist band to be eligible to participate. Players will not be allowed to play in the Championships if they are not S.P.A. registered or have an expired card! Players will not be allowed to register at the event

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