

# SOFTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

"A Fun & Rewarding Place to Play"

P.O. Box 1307

Mustang, OK 73064

2017

## SPA MEN'S WESTERN NATIONALS & TRIPLE CROWN QUALIFIER

Men's 50 + thru 80 + Age Divisions

PIONEER PARK

COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO 80022

JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> – JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>



### DATES OF PLAY

- 65+, 70+, 75+ & 80+ - JULY 13-14 (THUR-FRI)
- 60+ JULY 14-15 (FRI-SAT)
- 50+ & 55+ (SAT-SUN)
- Three(3) Games in Round Robin/Pool Play
- 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

- Pioneer Park, Commerce City, CO has beautiful, well manicured fields.
- Maps/Directions are available at [www.softballspa.com](http://www.softballspa.com)
- Address: 5950 Holly Street, Commerce City, CO 80022
- 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:  
Teams official Roster, (On-Line Roster Only)  
Official Team Entry Form & S.P.A Team Registration Number
- Entry Fee to the S.P.A. Western Nationals is \$515.00 for 50-55 plus teams and \$525.00 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 June 29<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. 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**

**Mustang, OK 73064**

**(405)376-7034 Phone**

**(405)376-7035 Fax**

## Refund Policy

**No entry fees will be refunded after the entry deadline: June 29<sup>th</sup>. No Exceptions!**

## Softballs

**Official S.P.A./Baden Balls will be used. Each team will be given ½ DZ softballs. Additional balls will be available for purchase at \$25 for ½ DZ and \$50 for a DZ,**

## 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

**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**

## **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.

## **Run Rule**

20 Runs after 4 innings.

15 Runs after 5 innings.

## **Special Tournament Awards Package**

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

## Tournament Event Schedule

### Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 am Managers meeting for 65, 70, 75 and 80 plus at the Park
- 8 am Player check in begin
- 9 am Pool Play games begin.

### Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 am Managers meeting for 60 plus at the Park
- 8 am Player check in begin for 60 plus teams
- 8 am Double elimination games begin for 65-80 plus
- 9 am Pool Play games begin for 60 plus teams

### Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 am Managers meeting for 50-55 plus at the Park
- 8 am player check in for 50-55 plus teams.
- 8 am Double elimination championship games continue for 65-80 plus
- 8 am Double elimination games begin for 60 plus
- 9 am Pool Play 50-55 plus w/Double Elimination games to begin after conclusion of Pool Play

### Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>

- 830 am Tournament Championship Games for 50, 55, and 60 plus.
- Award presentations

**65-80 PLUS TEAMS MAY FINISH THEIR TOURNAMENT ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY  
DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IN EACH AGE DIVISION!**

**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

**TO BE POSTED WHEN AVAILABLE**

