



SOFTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION  
“a fun & rewarding place to play”  
P.O. Box 1307 Mustang OK 73064  
**September 7-10 2017**

## **Men’s 50+, 55+ AAA/AA and 65+ Major/Major PLUS, “AAA/AA” World Championships**

**Dalton, Georgia**

**Playing dates:**

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Men’s 50+ and 55 “AAA” and “AA” Divisions**

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Men’s 65+ “AAA”, “AA”, Major Plus and Major Divisions**

Entry Fee Entries must to be received by S.P.A. by **NO LATER THAN August 25, 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

Email: [spaoffice@softballspa.com](mailto:spaoffice@softballspa.com)

Official entry form (See attached) will need to be sent with the team entry fee. Entry Fee \$695 Make Checks Payable to: S.P.A

**TEAM MANAGERS MEETING: MEN’S 65+** 7:00 PM on 09/6/2017 at Parks & REC Dept, 904 Civic Drive, Dalton, GA 30721. **MEN’S 50+ and 55+** 7:00 PM on 09/7/2017 at Parks & REC Dept, 904 Civic Drive, Dalton, GA 30721

**HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY:** SATURDAY 7:30 PM AT THE EAST STAGE AREA OF THE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

NATIONAL SENIOR SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE’S TO BE ANNOUNCED 2017

**LADIES BREAKFAST:** (LADIES APPRECIATION BREAKFAST FRIDAY 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM LOCATION: Dalton Convention Center located at 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, 30720. Meal catered by the city of Dalton CVB. “Not your everyday Convention Center Breakfast experience”!

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## Run Rule

20 runs after 4 innings or 15 runs after 5 innings. Run rules are in effect for ALL games including the Championship game(s). At any time a team cannot legally overcome the run difference, the game is over.

## Run Limits

**Major Plus:** 9 Run Limit till last inning and extra innings – Unlimited Runs. **Major Division:** 7 Run Limit till last inning and extra innings – Unlimited Runs **AAA and AA Divisions:** 5 Run Limit till last inning and extra innings – Unlimited.

## Home Run Rules

**Major Plus:** 7 HR (one up rule is in effect), additional home runs are walks, base runner(s) advance (if forced) **Major Division:** 4 HR (one up rule is in effect), additional home runs are walks, base runner(s) advance (if forced). **AAA Division:** 3 HR (no one up rule) additional home runs are recorded as an out). **AA Division:** 1 HR and all additional home runs recorded as an out.

Softballs are SPA approved COR .44 with a 375 compression.

Each team will be given 12 FREE SOFTBALLS!!!! Baden – Fire Ball Optic Yellow (this is the only ball that is approved for the SPA World Tournament. Additional Baden Softballs Ball will be available to purchase for \$50.00 per dozen / \$25.00 per ½ dozen. Store your softballs in a cool area at night. Do not put your softballs in a cooler or “freeze” them. Softball Policy All softballs that are going to be used in the game are required to pass through ONLY the Home Plate Umpire. No softballs can be thrown directly to the pitcher. 3 Softballs will need to be given to the Home Plate Umpire at the start of each half inning. When the Home Plate umpire has used all 3 of the softballs he or she were given, they will ask for 3 additional balls. No team will be allowed to throw in a new ball for each batter.

## Bat Policy

Must be stamped with BPF 1.21 or less – See SPA Rule Book Altered Bat Policy – File Bat Protest (protest fee \$450.00 cash)- Stop game & ask for TD Illegal or Altered Bat Rule (Bats will be confiscated) Flare or Cones Are legal. A flare or a cone grip may be attached from the factory, or a factory flare or cone may be attached to the bat by the player, but the flare or cone must be installed properly to the bat. The flare or cone must be taped or covered by an approved bat grip, and the bat must meet all the S.P.A. bat requirements.

A maximum of 1 layer of tape may be used on a bat. No tape around the bottom of the knob! Game bats must be inspected by the UIC or his designated umpire and marked prior to use in any game. A maximum of three bats per player will be authorized.

## Pool Play

Home run and run limits will apply One (1) hour time limit – finish the inning plus one inning  
Double Elimination Double elimination games will have a 1 hour and 15 minute time limit - finish the inning plus one inning. No time limits for “championship and/or “If” games. Double elimination brackets will be posted no later than 1 hour after the last game of pool play. Brackets at the park are the official game times and field assignments. Check your game scores for accuracy. If there is a difference you need to notify the Tournament Director. Home run and run limits above will apply.

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**SOFTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION 2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Dalton, GA September 7 - 10**

**OFFICIAL TEAM ENTRY FORM**

Age Division: 50+ 55+ 65+ (Please Circle) Major Plus, Major, AAA, AA

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 Roster must be entered online at SPA roster management
2. Entry Fee: \$695.00 Checks, Cashier Check or On Line Payment at [www.softballspa.com](http://www.softballspa.com)
3. Entries must be received by August 24, 2017
4. All teams must be S.P.A. registered
5. 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 Telephone

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## **Softball Players Association**

### **2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DALTON, GA HOTEL/MOTEL INFORMATION**

**Hampton Inn (HOST HOTEL)** 1000 Market Street 706-226-4333 / 800-HAMPTON Exit 333 / Walnut Ave \$99.00 plus tax

**Courtyard by Marriott** 785- College Drive 706-275-7215 Exit 333 \$99.00 plus tax

**La Quinta Inn & Suites** 715 College Drive 706-272-9099 / 800-228-1000 \$ plus tax Exit 333

**Country Inn & Suites** 903 Westbridge Road 706-278-9700 Exit 333 Walnut Ave \$99.00 plus tax

**Days Inn** 1518 West Walnut Avenue 706-278-0850 \$ plus

**Red Roof Inn** 1529 W Walnut Avenue Exit 333 706-226-1100 \$67.99 plus tax

**Super 8 on Market ST** 911 Market Street Exit 333 706-275-0100 \$59.99 plus tax

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