



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

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2017

SPA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women’s 50+, 55+ 60+, 65+, 70+ & 75+ DIVISIONS

September 20th - September 24th

Dalton, Georgia

Tournament Format

- 70+ & 75+ begin play on Wednesday, September 20th - **5 game Minimum**
- 65+ begins play on Thursday, September 21st - **5 game Minimum**
- 60+ begins play on Friday September 22nd – **5 game Minimum**
- 50+, 55+ + begins play on Friday September 22nd – **5 game Minimum**
- Three (3) Games in Round Robin/Pool Play for all divisions.
- Minimum of Two (2) Games in Double Elimination

S.P.A. Sanctioned Tournament

- All S.P.A. rules apply in these 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 30 days prior to the start of the National Championships. **No Players will be allowed to participate in the World Championship without a current S.P.A. Players card.**

Softball Complexes

- Heritage Point, Dalton, GA. It has ten (10) fields.
- Additional Complexes may be used based upon the number of teams.
- Maps/Directions are available at www.softballspa.com
- **Address: 1275 Cross Plains Trail, Dalton, GA. 30721**
- **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 - NO EXCEPTIONS!)** (with completed S.P.A. Player Card numbers), Official Team Entry Form & SPA Team Reg. #.
- Entry fee to the S.P.A. National Championships is **\$550**
- Entry fee payment: Check or online www.softballspa.com
- **Entry Fee Deadline: All entries must be “received” by S.P.A. No later than September 6TH. 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 National Tournament.

Mail to: S.P.A.
P.O. Box 1307
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Refund Policy

No entry fees will be refunded after the entry deadline September 6th. No Exceptions!

Softballs

Official S.P.A. 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

Last inning unlimited runs.

Game Times

There is a time limit in the Pool Play/Round Robin play – 70 minutes 75+ and 1 Hour (Finishing that inning) plus one additional inning all other age divisions.

There is a 75 minute time limit in the Double Elimination Bracket (Finishing that inning) plus one additional inning. There will not be a time limit in Championship 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 & 2nd Place

All-American Team

All American 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 and their S.P.A. cards and Drivers license will be checked during the tournament. 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.
- **Save your team time-Check in as a team**
- 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
- 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 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

Tuesday - September 19th

- 5pm – 6:30pm Managers Meeting for age division 70+ & 75+
- The meeting will be conducted at 904 Civic Center Drive, Dalton, GA 30721 upstairs in Parkview room.
All team managers or a representative are required to attend this meeting.
 - Teams will receive their tournament packet.

Wednesday - September 21st

- 8 am 70 and 75 plus teams check-in and receive wrist bands
- 9am – 5:00pm 70+ & 75+begin – Pool Play Games
- 5pm – 6:30pm Managers Meeting for age divisions 65+ The meeting will be conducted at 904 Civic Center Drive, Dalton, GA 30721 upstairs in Parkview room.
All team managers or a representative are required to attend this meeting. Teams will receive their tournament packet.

Thursday - September 22nd

- 8 am 65 plus teams check-in and receive wrist bands
- 9am – 5:00pm 65+ 70+ & 75+begin – Pool Play Games and 70+ - 75+ Double Elimination games begin
- 5pm – 6:30pm Managers Meeting for age divisions 50+ 55+ & 60The meeting will be conducted at 904 Civic Center Drive, Dalton, GA 30721 upstairs in Parkview room.
All team managers or a representative are required to attend this meeting. Teams will receive their tournament packet.

Friday – September 23th

- 8 am - 50+, 55+, & 60+ Division player check-in and receive wrist bands
- 9am Opening Ceremonies – East Complex – Field 5
- 1030 am – 5 pm 65+ 70+ & 75+ Bracket play. 50+, 55+, & 60+ Division begin - Pool Play.
- **7:00PM – 11:00PM – Social Event**

Saturday – September 24th

- 8:30am – 10:00pm Tournament Double Elimination Games
- 830am Double elimination Championships and award ceremonies.

Sunday – September 25th

8:30 am – 3:00 pm Tournament Championship Games and award 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.

GOLDEN CIRCLE HOTELS

S.P.A. has set up a top quality group of hotels called the Golden Circle.
These hotels are very supportive of the Senior teams and our National
Tournament. The Golden Circle Hotels will be offering the following:
Excellent Room Rates, Top Quality Rooms and Friendly Staff
They also provide the S.P.A. rooms for our Umpires and Directors

DALTON, GEORGIA LODGING PROPERTIES Discounted Rates for Sept. 19-
24, 2017 for guests coming to the SPA World Championship
RATES FOR S.P.A.

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

