

2014 SPA Player Survey Results

Survey Name: 2014 SPA Players Survey

Response Status: Partial & Completed

How long have you been playing Senior Softball?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Less than 1 year | 42 | 2.1% |
| 1 year to less than 3 years | 155 | 7.8% |
| 3 years to less than 5 years | 231 | 11.7% |
| 5 years to less than 10 years | 452 | 23.0% |
| 10 years or more | 1052 | 53.5% |
| No Responses | 31 | 1.5% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |

In what age division did you last compete?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 50 and over | 394 | 20.0% |
| 55 and over | 234 | 11.9% |
| 60 and over | 377 | 19.2% |
| 65 and over | 442 | 22.5% |
| 70 and over | 311 | 15.8% |
| 75 and over | 136 | 6.9% |
| 80 and over | 35 | 1.7% |
| No Responses | 34 | 1.7% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |

How was the last team that you participated with classified?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Men - Major Plus | 118 | 6.0% |
| Men - Major | 376 | 19.1% |
| Men - AAA | 831 | 42.3% |

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| Men - AA | 340 | 17.3% |
| Women - Major | 127 | 6.4% |
| Women - AAA | 140 | 7.1% |
| No Responses | 31 | 1.5% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |

How do you feel about social events being held in conjunction with SPA tournaments (i.e. parties, dances, etc)?

(Question asked of Women Only)

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Totally in favor | 64 | 27% |
| Somewhat in favor | 44 | 19% |
| Neutral | 100 | 42% |
| Somewhat opposed | 11 | 5% |
| Totally opposed | 17 | 7% |
| Total | 236 | 100% |
| 64 Comment(s) | | |

Would you be interested in participating in additional skills contests (i.e. pitching, homerun contests, base running, etc.) as part of optional charity events at SPA World tournaments?

(Question asked of Women Only)

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Yes | 106 | 45% |
| No | 128 | 55% |
| Total | 234 | 100% |
| 29 Comment(s) | | |

Some Senior Softball Associations have combined the Major and Major Plus programs. How do you feel about the combination of these programs? (Question asked only of Major and Major Plus Players)

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Totally in favor | 150 | 22% |
| Somewhat in favor | 104 | 15% |
| Neutral | 188 | 27% |
| Somewhat opposed | 116 | 17% |
| Totally opposed | 138 | 20% |
| Total | 696 | 100% |

210 Comment(s)

Currently in the SPA Major program, teams are allowed one "at-large" player (defined as being from that teams geographic area east or west of the Mississippi River).Are you in favor of the "one at large player" rule as it exists today in the Major Program?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 447 | 22.7% |
| No | 212 | 10.7% |
| No Responses | 1304 | 66.4% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |

142 Comment(s)

How would you react to discussion of a proposed rule change in the AA and AAA programs only, that would allow 65 and over teams to utilize an extra defensive player (11 players)

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Totally in favor | 672 | 34.2% |
| Somewhat in favor | 330 | 16.8% |
| Neutral | 443 | 22.5% |
| Somewhat opposed | 156 | 7.9% |
| Totally opposed | 204 | 10.3% |
| No Responses | 158 | 8.0% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |

251 Comment(s)

What is the maximum number of games per day, that you would be comfortable playing?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 2 | <1% |
| 2 | 161 | 8.2% |
| 3 | 947 | 48.2% |
| 4 | 554 | 28.2% |
| 5 | 136 | 6.9% |
| Other | 19 | <1% |
| No Responses | 144 | 7.3% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |

What base path lengths do you prefer when park facilities allow?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 60 Feet | 288 | 14.6% |
| 65 Feet | 997 | 50.7% |
| 70 Feet | 502 | 25.5% |
| More Than 70 Feet | 7 | <1% |
| Other | 6 | <1% |
| No Responses | 163 | 8.3% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |
| 155 Comment(s) | | |

Keeping in mind that the lack of time limits in bracket play is beginning to impact tournament entry fees. In which format would you prefer SPA Bracket games be conducted?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| No Time Limits in Bracket Play | 187 | 9.5% |
| 60 Minute limit and play one more inning (No time limit in | 799 | 40.7% |
| 75 Minute limit and play one more inning (No time limit in | 714 | 36.3% |
| I have no preference game) | 91 | 4.6% |
| Other | 24 | 1.2% |
| No Responses | 148 | 7.5% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |
| 167 Comment(s) | | |

When teams are playing "up or down" in class, would you prefer equalizer rules that would allow

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 extra defensive player for the lower class team (current | 252 | 12.8% |
| an option of 1 extra defensive player OR 5 additional runs | 977 | 49.7% |
| 5 additional runs for the lower class team (no extra | 502 | 25.5% |
| Other | 69 | 3.5% |
| No Responses | 163 | 8.3% |

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| Total | 1963 | 100% |
| 154 Comment(s) | | |

How do you feel about the SPA on-line tournament calendar format?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Extremely easy to navigate and use | 129 | 6.5% |
| Easy to navigate and use | 654 | 33.3% |
| Neutral | 858 | 43.7% |
| Difficult to navigate and use | 123 | 6.2% |
| Extremely Difficult to navigate and use | 22 | 1.1% |
| No Responses | 177 | 9.0% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |
| 106 Comment(s) | | |

In Pool play only, with how many balls and strikes would you prefer the batter come to the plate?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Start with 1 ball and 1 strike | 808 | 41.1% |
| Start with 0 balls and 0 strikes | 973 | 49.5% |
| Other | 37 | 1.8% |
| No Responses | 145 | 7.3% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |

What single SPA rule or policy would you most like to see changed? Please explain.

722 Response(s)

Have you been made aware of the benefits of the SPA team insurance program?

Number of Response(s) Response Ratio

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| Yes, my team manager informed me. | 231 | 11.7% |
| Yes, the SPA Office informed me via mail flyers, | 130 | 6.6% |
| Yes, via the SPA web site, or other internet locations. | 462 | 23.5% |
| No, I didn't know there was an insurance program. | 934 | 47.5% |
| Other | 26 | 1.3% |
| No Responses | 180 | 9.1% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |

How likely are you to continue playing with SPA?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Very likely | 1181 | 60.1% |
| Somewhat likely | 405 | 20.6% |
| Neutral | 148 | 7.5% |
| Somewhat unlikely | 48 | 2.4% |
| Very unlikely | 28 | 1.4% |
| No Responses | 153 | 7.7% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |

How would you rate your overall level of satisfaction with SPA?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Highly satisfied | 718 | 36.5% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 793 | 40.3% |
| Neutral | 184 | 9.3% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 97 | 4.9% |
| Highly dissatisfied | 28 | 1.4% |
| No Responses | 143 | 7.2% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |
| 246 Comment(s) | | |

How do we rate in comparison to other senior softball organizations?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|
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| Much higher | 201 | 10.2% |
| Somewhat higher | 619 | 31.5% |
| Same | 723 | 36.8% |
| Somewhat lower | 177 | 9.0% |
| Much lower | 27 | 1.3% |
| Other | 44 | 2.2% |
| No Responses | 172 | 8.7% |
| Total | 1963 | 100% |

Please select the State in which you normally reside.

State/Province
(US/Canada) 1810

Do you have any suggestions for improvement of the SPA?

627 Response(s)