



SOFTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

"A Fun & Rewarding Place To Play"

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2013

SPA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's 55+ AAA & AA – 65+ Major Plus, Major, AAA & AA Division
75+ Major Plus & Major Only & 80+

September 12th - September 15th
Dalton, Georgia

Tournament Format - Five (5) Game Minimum

- All Teams begin play on Thursday, September 12th
- Three (3) Games in Round Robin/Pool Play
- 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 World 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 Only**) (with completed S.P.A. Player Card numbers),
Official Team Entry Form & SPA Team Reg. #.
- Entry fee to the S.P. World Championships is **\$695**
- Entry fee payment: Check or online www.softballspa.com

Entry Fee Deadline: All entries must be "received" by S.P.A. **No later than August 30th. 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.

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(405) 376-7034 Phone
(405) 376-7035 Fax

Refund Policy

No entry fees will be refunded after the entry deadline **August 30th. No Exceptions!**

Softballs

Official S.P.A. balls will be used 44 Core, 375 CP. **S.P.A. will give one dozen “free” softballs to each team. Additional softballs will be available for purchase at \$39 Per Dozen & \$20 ½ Dozen.**

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

Major Plus: 7 Home runs + 1up & Walk
AAA: 3 Home Runs & Out

Major: 4 Home runs + 1up & Walk
AA: 1 Home Run & Out

Run Limits Per Inning

AAA: 5 Run Limit

AA: 5 Run Limit

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.

- No time limits in the Double Elimination Bracket -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 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 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.

Tournament Event Schedule

Wednesday - September 11th

7:30pm – 8:30pm Managers Meeting

- The meeting will be conducted at the Heritage Point Pavilion
All team managers or a representative are required to attend this meeting.
- Teams will receive their tournament packet & “free” Dozen softballs.

Thursday – September 12th

8:00am - 9:00am 13th Annual Ladies Breakfast – Location TBA

***Ladies, bring a gift (just one) to represent your team or state at this fun occasion!**

9:30am – 5:00pm All Teams begin – Pool Play Games

7:00pm – Opening Ceremonies, All-Star Games, Skill Games & Ice Cream Social

Friday – September 13th

9:00am – 12:00pm - Teams Continue – Pool Play Games

12:00pm – 10:00pm – Double Elimination Play

Saturday – September 14th

8:30am – 10:00pm Tournament Games Double Elimination Games

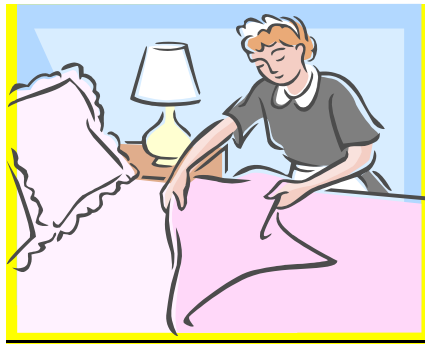
Sunday – September 15th

8:30 am – 3:00 pm Tournament Championship Games

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



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To: Team Manager
From: Ridge Hooks
Subject: All-Star Team Selections

Purpose of the All-Star event:

Softball Players Association takes great pride in recognizing its players for their accomplishments during the current season. The All-Star program began in 1999, in Panama City Beach, FL. Since that National Championship over 2,500 players have received this prestigious award. It has become a very special and traditional award to the players. Each team is given three All-Star selections. Remember, that these players deserve the awards that they will receive, (Certificate and unique All-Star patch, etc.). Your team's All-Stars will participate in a special All-Star Game on Thursday night. This will be a very special memory for them, their family, and your team. Please help us select the deserving players from your team.

Attached you will find an All-Star Team Form. Please review it and fill it out for your team. If you have any questions, please contact our S.P.A. Headquarters (405) 376-7034. Please print the forms neatly and legibly as it will make our jobs easier and our records more accurate. The player's names will need to be easily read so that the certificate will be correct and not have to be redone.

Please fax the All-Star Selection Form back to our office [405] 376-7035 This form must be received a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the Nationals.

These certificates will be given out at the tournament.

Note: Only those players who participate in the Thursday night event will receive the All-Star Certificate and patch.

The following are a few recommendations that some teams use to make their selections:

1. Team Manager may choose the All-Star Team selections
2. Team may use their own Team Selection Committee to help make their All-Star Team selections
3. Team may vote for the All-Star Team selections [Voting Ballots]

Thanks for your support and participation in this year's S.P.A. National Championships and the selection of your team's All-Stars.

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SOFTBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013 ALL-STAR TEAM SELECTION FORM



(Please Circle)

Age Division & Classification: 55+ AAA 55+ AA 65+ Major Plus 65+ Major
65+ AAA 65+ AA 75+ Major Plus 75+ Major
80+ Div

Team Name: _____ Team Sanction # _____

Manager Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail _____

Telephone #: Residence _____ Cell _____

ALL-STAR SELECTIONS

1. Player Name: _____
First _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail _____

Please Circle: Infielder Outfielder Pitcher Catcher 1st Base

2. Player Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail _____

Please Circle: Infielder Outfielder Pitcher Catcher 1st Base

3. Player Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail _____

Please Circle: Infielder Outfielder Pitcher Catcher 1st Base

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