

# 185 Teams Compete at 17th Annual Winter World Championships

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PHOENIX – The 2017 Winter World Championships was held here Nov. 14-19 with 185 teams coming from 22 states and Canada. Twenty-seven division champions were crowned as teams looked to begin the 2018 campaign on the right foot with a berth to the 2019 Tournament of Champions.

The tournament kicked off with the Men's 65 through 85 divisions playing Nov. 14-16.

In the nine-team Men's 65/70 Platinum division, top seed Arizona Ancient bounced back from its 16-9 loss in the championship game against No. 2 seed Enviro-Vac Marauders (BC, Canada), to win the "if" game 29-19, and defend their home turf. AZ Ancient downed Enviro-Vac 15-11 earlier in the bracket as well, knocking the team into the elimination bracket. Animals (CA) finished in third place after winning a pair of games in the elimination side of the bracket.

The 17-team Men's 65 AAA division saw another local team take the top spot, as Rocco's OTD (AZ) registered a perfect week, going 2-0 in seeding play, en route to securing the No. 1 seed, before going 5-0 in bracket play, including a 23-10 victory over Last Call 65 (NV) in the championship game. Last Call posted a 4-2 record in bracket play, with both losses coming against Rocco's. No Guts, No Glory (CA) finished in third place also posting a 4-2 record, with both losses coming at the hands of Last Call. No Dice/Bay Photo Lab (CA) rounded out the top



four finishers in the largest division of the first session.

Git-R-Done 65 (CA) rallied to win the four-team Men's 65 AA division, winning four straight elimination games, including back-to-back victories over top seed New Mexico Boomers 65's in the championship (18-15) and "if" game (11-4). 911 Softball Club (CA) finished in third place.

Tri-State Diamondbacks (NM) avenged their loss in the championship game of the eight-team Men's 70 Major division against Ranalls Realty (AZ) with an 18-7 win in the "if" game. Ranalls Realty plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the open inning in the championship game to complete the walk-off thriller and force the "if" game. No. 8 seed Sons of Pitches (CA) rebounded from its 0-2 record in seeding play to eventually finish in third place, going 3-2 in the bracket, including a 22-16 upset win over top seed Sidewinders 70 (AZ), to

open bracket play.

Midwest Express 70's (IA) posted a perfect 4-0 record in bracket play, including an 18-14 win over PDC Yankees 70's (CO) in the champions game, to in the five-team Men's 70 AAA division. Top seed Git-R-Done 70 (CA) finished in third place.

Scrap Iron 75 Legacy (CO) dominated bracket play in the four-team Men's 75 Major division, going 3-0, including a 19-7 win over top seed Sidewinders 75's (AZ). Kokopelli Eye Scorpions (AZ) finished in third place.

The Men's 75 AAA division featured a best two-out-of-three game series between the Arizona Outlaws 75 and Git-R-Done 75 (CA). AZ Outlaws 75 swept the series, winning the opener, 14-10, before completing the sweep with a 26-15 victory in the championship game.

Fairway Ford (CA) double-dipped Emerald 80's (WA) to win the three-team Men's 80 Major division. After falling to Emerald

80's 19-11 in their opening bracket game, Fairway Ford defeated Scrap Iron Gray Berets (CO) 21-5 in an elimination game, before avenging their earlier loss with wins in the both the championship (21-15) and "if" game (15-7) over Emerald.

In a series that would take all three games, Arizona Prospectors 85 topped Git-R-Done 80 (CA) to win the Men's 80/85 Gold division. After Git-R-Done won a hard-fought game one 16-15; AZ Prospectors won back-to-back games by scores of 23-17 and 17-6, to win the title.

The Winter World Championships continued with the Men's 40 through 60 age divisions, as well as the Women's divisions, playing Friday through Sunday, Nov. 17-19.

Starting with the Women's 40 Major division, SoCal Toxic (CA) swept Get Dirty (NM) by scores of 13-1 and 19-7, in a best two-out-of-three game series.



**SoCal Toxic and Get Dirty Pose for a Post-Game Photo.**

No. 5 seed Misfits (CA) made a Cinderella run through the seven-team Women's 40 Silver division bracket, going 4-0, including a win over top seed Straight Pride (CA) 18-1 and a pair of wins over second seeded Saints (AZ), including a 15-7 triumph in the championship game. Dames Got Game (AZ) won three

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**Misfits Celebrate Their Victory.** straight elimination games before falling to Saints in the third-place game 14-11.

Old School (CA) recorded a flawless weekend, going 2-0 in seeding play and 3-0 in bracket play, including a 21-8 win over Arizona Dream Team in the championship game of the five-team Women's 50 division. AZ Dream Team had won three straight elimination games before falling short in the championship game. Top seed Twisted Fossils (MA) finished in third place.



**Old School Wins Title in Their Debut at the 50's Level.**

In the seven-team Women's 55/60 Division, 2nd Wind 55 (CA) went unbeaten, going 2-0 in seeding play, before rattling off four straight wins in the bracket, including a 16-10 win over California Spirit 60. As the highest finishing 60's team, CA Spirit 60 would also earn first place awards.

CA Spirit 60 won four elimination games in a row before running out of gas in the championship game. Top seed Ladies Choice (CA) finished in

third place.

Another team completing a perfect weekend included Jolico Seniors 65 (MI), who went 3-0 in seeding play and 3-0 in bracket play, including a 17-4 win over California Spirit 65 in the championship game of the four-team Women's 65 division. Saints Express (CA) finished in third place.

Playing in a best two-out-of-three game series to determine the Women's 70 division champion, California Spirit 70 swept New Kids on the Block (CA) by scores of 17-7 and 14-12.

The five-team Men's 40 Major Plus division saw the top two seeds battle it out in the championship game, as top seed GTS (ID) completed its undefeated weekend with a 26-21 win over K&B Beverage/AG Painting (AZ) in the championship game.

After losing their first game in the bracket, 29-26, against Nikon Trucking (CA), K&B Beverage/AG Painting won three straight games to reach the championship game, including a thrilling 21-20 win over Nikon Trucking in the third-place game, to avenge their earlier loss. K&B Beverage/AG Painting entered the bottom of the open trailing 20-18 before going on to score three runs to complete the comeback win and punch their ticket to the championship game.

The 14-team Men's 40 Major division saw five teams enter bracket play with 2-0 records following seeding play. SBOB/Voodoo Sports (AZ), one of the five unbeaten teams, continued their solid play into the bracket, going 5-0, including a 21-12 win over FunHavers (AZ) in the



**GTS Run the Table in the 40-Major Plus Division**

championship game. After suffering an early loss in the bracket against Senior Bandits/Whitton Companies (AZ) 19-18, FunHavers dropped into the elimination side of the bracket. With their backs against the wall, FunHavers rattled off an impressive six wins in elimination games, including a 23-21 victory over Senior Bandits in the third-place game, avenging their earlier loss, to reach the championship game. Blue Pill Mafia (AZ) also made a valiant run through the elimination bracket with four straight wins, before running out of gas against FunHavers 25-24 in the fourth-place game.

Aces (AZ) won the three-team Men's 40 AAA division, going 5-0 during the weekend, including a thrilling 25-24 win over Focus (AZ) in the championship game.

Another team that would go on to complete a perfect weekend was Bad Seed 50s (CA), going 2-0 in seeding play, before winning three straight bracket games, including an 18-15 win over top seed West Coast Water 50's (NV) in the championship game of the six-team Men's 50 Platinum division. 4 the Fallen (AZ) made a strong push through the elimination bracket, winning three straight games before falling in the third-place game against West Coast Water 25-22.

The largest division of the Winter Worlds, the 19-team 50 AAA division, saw Elite/Scrap Iron (CO) escape the gauntlet, winning back-to-back games over Thunderstruck 50 (AZ), in the championship and "if" game, 26-12 and 18-13, respectively. Thunderstruck defeated Elite/Scrap Iron 25-21 to get into the championship game. Elite/Scrap Iron rebounded from the loss by defeating Pacific Coast Alliance (CA) 25-18 in the third-place game. Entering bracket play as the No. 15 seed after going 0-2 in seeding, Pacific Coast Alliance posted a 5-2 record in bracket play en route to their third-place finish. Arizona Prime Time rounded out the top four finishing teams.

In the eight-team Men's 55 Major division, Arizona Old School 55 recorded a perfect 4-0 record in bracket play, including a 28-16 win over L & R Softball (TX) in the championship game. L & R Softball fell to Arizona Old School 27-18 earlier in the bracket in a match-up of unbeaten teams. The loss dropped L & R down in to the third-place game, where they edged out Arizona Legends 25-24, setting up a rematch with AZ Old School in the championship game.

Los Vatos Viejos 55 (AZ) avenged their loss in the championship game of the 11-team Men's 55 AAA division 17-11 against top seed RG Outlaws (NM) with a 27-18 victory in the "if" game. After dropping their second game in bracket play, RG Outlaws won four straight elimination games, including the championship game, before

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# WWC: AK and HI Teams Win Titles

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The Men's 55 AA division was determined by a best two-out-of-three game series between 808 Hawaii and Arizona Blaze. After dropping game one 23-22, Arizona Blaze came back to wins in game two (23-14) and game three (29-22) to take the division.

A best two-out-of-three

game series would also be used to crown the champion of the Men's 60 Major Plus division. Texas Crush Sixties would draw first blood, taking the opening game 28-27; while East Bay Oldies (CA) evened the series with a one-run thriller of their own, 29-28. In the rubber match, Texas Crush Sixties would go on to win the evenly matched series by a score of 34-30.

Southwest Bandits (AZ) ran through the eight-team Men's 60 Major division with an unblemished mark, going 2-0 in seeding play to earn the top seed, before

going on to win four straight in the bracket, including a 26-25 come-from-behind win over Last Call 60 (NV) in the championship game. Trailing 25-21 heading into the bottom of the open, Southwest Bandits scored five runs in the final inning to complete the comeback. Arizona Old School 60 finished in third place.

Team Alaska rattled off five straight wins in the bracket of the 18-team Men's 60 AAA divisions, including a 30-18 win over Northwest Softball Club/Underdogs (WA) in the championship game. Big Daddy's Donuts (MO)

finished in third place, while CJ & S Express (AZ) finished in fourth. Honorable mention goes to Chicago Panthers (IL), who bounced back from an 0-2 showing in seeding play, to post a 5-2 record in bracket play, including four straight wins in elimination games, to be one of the final six teams playing on Sunday.

The five-team Men's 60 AA division saw Makua Alii (HI) post a 3-0 record in bracket play, including a 30-19 win over top seed Los Vatos Viejos 60 (AZ) in the championship game. Austin Wizards (TX) finished third.

## 2017 WWC All-Tournament Team Named

### Women's 40 Major

**SoCal Toxic:** Natalie Parsons, Frances Rojas, Becky Hardy, Irene Jones, Danelle Stoller. / **Get Dirty (NM):** Heather Quintana, Carolyn Ortega, Elizabeth Kuehne, Shelly Gonzales.

### Women's 40 Silver

**Misfits (CA):** Amanda Martin, Lori Alexander, Patti Albrecht, Socorro Gonzalez, Wendy George.

### Women's 50 Gold

**Arizona Dream Team:** Angie Linder, Kim Moore, Cathy Nico-demus, Jacqui Halyard. / **Twisted Fossils 50 (MA):** Connie Skinner, Carolee Morse, Tammy Schondelmayer.

### Women's 55/60

**California Spirit 60:** Holly Guntermann, Anne Sneden, Steffnie Molley, Patti McCoy. / **Ladies Choice (CA):** Donna Toft, Donna Vandagriff, Cheryl Coyle, Dana Malone.

### Women's 65

**California Spirit 65:** Kathy Lord, Terry Sheldon, Darlene Harrity, Betsy Borda. / **Saints Express (AZ):** Patricia Settje, Lynn Shutt, Marianne Lassigne-Vargas.

### Women's 70

**California Spirit 70:** Edna Allen, Donna Gualtiere, Diane Toomey, Pam Bedwell, Bernadette Garcia. / **New Kids on the Block (CA):** Penne Adams, Kristina Langston, Jan

Anderson, Penny Thomas.

### Men's 40 Major Plus

**GTS (ID):** Brian Fong, Chris Hoshaw, Joey Smith, Ryan Barabe, Pat Paschal.

### Men's 40 Major

**SBOB/Voodoo Sports (AZ):** Brad Peterson, Eddie Chatham, Joe Rivera, Arnold Mares, Vinny Sieckowski. / **Funhavers (AZ):** Dave DeWitt, Roger Todd, Joey Meins, Troy Smith.

### Men's 40 AAA

**Focus (AZ):** Paul Winans, Jorge Rivera, Beaux Treguboff, Eloy Chavez.

### Men's 50 Platinum

**Bad Seed 50s (CA):** Anthony Robbins, Dwayne Curry, Marty Daniels, Brian Gregoire, Maurice Ward. / **4 The Fallen (AZ):** Mark Ozolins, Paul Hendricks, Darrin Meisterhans.

### Men's 50 AAA

**Thunderstruck (AZ):** Mike King, Randy Pongratz, Steve Sigourney, Mark Gogins. / **Pacific Coast Alliance (CA):** Thomas De Leo, Greg Fortin, Lawson Williams.

### Men's 55 Major

**Arizona Old School:** Tom Casady, Robby Tucker, James Ketterling, Greg Colyar, Randy Tompkins. / **AZ Legends:** Scott Porter.

### Men's 55 AAA

**Los Vatos Viejos 55 (AZ):** Rudy Franco, Tommy Martinez, Danny

Romero, Steve Carson, Steve Garcia. / **RG Outlaws (NM):** Eric Stephens, Joey Aragon, Al Marrujo, Hector Reyers.

### Men's 55 AA

**Arizona Blaze:** Fortino Garcia, Rick Romero, Rick Aponte, Rudy Huizar, Roy Duarte.

### Men's 60 Major Plus

**Texas Crush Sixties:** Mike Garibay, John Roach, Donnie Colbath, Murray Williams, Joe Witherspoon.

### Men's 60 Major

**Arizona Old School:** Ken Falk, Paul Cooley, Jim Fisher.

### Men's 60 AAA

**Team Alaksa:** Greg Earl, George Ladenburg, Rudy Brantner, Mike Story, Steve Marchand. / **Big Daddy's Donuts (MO):** Terry Cloutier, Jamie Carter, Walt VanBibber.

### Men's 60 AA

**Makua Alii (HI):** Charley Haituka, Charles Peterson, Glenn Morihara, Daniel Silva, Gordon Shiraishi. / **Los Vatos Viejos 60 (AZ):** Charlie Valencia, Vance Tuttle, Freddy DeLeon, Johnny Montcalvo.

### Men's 65 Major

**AZ Ancient:** Dick Reader, David Clark, Ken Sheffield, Mark Barnes, Walt Kado. / **Enviro-Vac Marauder (BC, Canada):** Peter Sheen, Bob Dean, Ralph Tipton, Ross Evison.

### Men's 65 AAA

**Rocco's OTD (AZ):** Joe Simental, Rick Mares, Angel Lopez, Charles Bullard, Pablo Rosthenhausler. / **No Guts, No Glory (CA):** Jack Bruntschmid, Jon Forbes, Joe Guerrero.

### Men's 65 AA

**Git-R-Done (CA):** John Potter, Bill Rugh, Fred Yunt, Bob Herrera, Wayne Arendt.

### Men's 70 Major

**Tri-State Diamondbacks (NM):** Dan Shewcraft, Ronne Mercer, Dick Schimmels, Ed Sullivan, Les Poland. / **Sons of Pitches (CA):** Dennis McCoy, Dave Miller, Hank Ornelaz.

### Men's 70 AAA

**PDC Yankees 70s (CO):** Bob Williams, Carl Lusk, Ranison Kennedy, Ron Brooks. / **Git-R-Done (CA):** Bryan Wilkins, Bill Hamilton, Ron Flathers.

### Men's 75 AAA

**Git-R-Done (CA):** Gene Dick, Jack Fisher, Greg Krebs, Jimmy Zimmerman.

### Men's 80/85 Gold

**Arizona Prospectors 85:** Jay Avery, Norm Brooks, Don Kucharek, Ron Schwartz, John Siegfried.

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