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A total of 206 teams competed in the 2026 Spring Worlds in St. George, UT, Midwest Championships in Kansas City, KS and Tidewater Classic in Virginia Beach.

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**By Donna McGuire
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Teams from 10 states battled for bragging rights this March when they invaded Princess Anne Athletic Complex for the 2026 Tidewater Classic in Virginia Beach.

When the six-day event ended March 29, teams from eight of those states had claimed titles, trophies, championship shirts and berths to the 2027 Original Tournament of Champions in Polk County, Fla.

North Carolina led the way with three champions. Pennsylvania and Virginia each garnered two. Other winners hailed from Maryland, New York, Minnesota, Illinois and New Jersey.

"The Tidewater Classic has become the early-season measuring stick for teams in the East," Tournament Director Tim McElroy said. "Most brackets had six or more

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Men's 80/85+ Gold division, where the Las Vegas 80 Coyotes (blue and red jerseys) won the championship game 18-14 against Git-R-Done 80 of California.

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Teams from 15 states, including from as far away as Minnesota and Alaska, converged on St. George, Utah, to compete in SSUSA's Spring Worlds Championships.

"The Spring Worlds seem to get a bit better every year," said Dave Dowell, the event's tournament director and SSUSA's master scheduler.

"The facilities are second to none and this year's weather was perfect," he added. "Under beautiful blue skies and warm afternoons, every viewpoint looked like a Chamber of Commerce post card picture. St. George does it right."

teams, with the 12-team Major 60+ division leading the way.”

The men’s 40+ and men’s 60+ age groups boasted the most entries, with 17 teams apiece. Overall, 62 teams participated.

Results:

Women’s 40+ AAA: Playing a best-of-five format that involved three two-run games, B Elite Ballers of North Carolina knocked off Lady Ace’s/American Legion Post 327 of Virginia (photo below) 17-19, 15-10, 11-9 and 14-12.



Men’s 40+ Platinum: The fourth-seeded Major Plus team Shoreline Marine Company (SMC) of Maryland went 1-1 in seeding games before cobbling together three one-run bracket victories in a row to reach the finale. Another close game followed, with SMC defeating sixth-seeded 40+ Major champion Extreme/Wild N’Out of North Carolina (photo below) 21-19 to win the nine-team division. Both teams earned Tournament of Champion berths. Seventh-seeded Prime 40s/Proton/Treedem Sports of Maryland nabbed third place.



Men’s 40+ AAA: After the second-seeded SpamTown Sliders of Minnesota suffered a one-run loss early in bracket play, the Sliders rattled off five consecutive victories, including 27-21 and 19-8 championship-game triumphs over sixth-seeded EPM/RAM 40s of Virginia. The fourth-seeded Lead Foot Grays of Maryland captured third in the eight-team division.

Men’s 50+ Major: Fourth-seeded Lyndsey Roofing/OTC ELITE of New York got on a roll in bracket play, winning 22-8, 30-12, 28-15 and 22-21 to claim the six-team division



Chad Williams (right) of Greater Zion, the Spring Worlds’ title sponsor, received an appreciation award from SSUSA for his hard work and dedication to making the Spring Worlds in St. George a success. Dave Dowell, tournament director, photographed left.

Twenty-one title winners from the March 17-22 event earned trophies, championship shirts and berths to the 2027 Original Tournament of Champions, which will be played in Polk County, Fla.

Five champions finished undefeated. They were among 109 entries that ranged in age from the 40+ Masters division to the 85+ Senior division.

Results:

Men’s 40+ Gold: Undefeated in six games, top-seeded Chumps of Utah (photo below) secured three narrow bracket-game victories to capture the six-team division. Chumps won 21-19, 20-19 and 28-27, with the final victory over second-seeded Vintage of Utah in the title game. Third-seeded Granddaddy Softball/GS Sports of Nevada captured third.



Men’s 50+ Silver: Third-seeded AAA team Mis Hermanos of Arizona lost the first championship game 24-21 (its only loss of the tournament) before capturing the title in a 19-18 nail-bitter over top-seeded Not Quite Retired of California, which won four elimination games in a row. Fourth-seeded Refurbished of Utah earned third in the eight-team division.

Men’s 50+ Major: Fourth-seeded Damage of Nevada (photo below) shook off an 0-3 start in pool play to compile a 3-1 bracket record and claim the crown. Damage lost the first championship game 25-15 to top-seeded Diamond Dogz of California before winning the if-needed game 23-20. Second-seeded Pro Vision Posse 50 of Washington took third in the four-team division.

while finishing 5-1 overall. Third-seeded Red Athlete/Smiley's Glass of Virginia won four elimination games before finishing second. Second-seeded Wilsons Blvd/Chesapeake Hardscapes/CLA of Maryland finished third.

Men's 50+ AAA: Top-seeded Old Skool/Racehorse Tavern/Girard Club of Pennsylvania ([photo below](#)), which capped its 2025 season by winning the Tournament of Champions in January, continued the run by winning this five-team division. It capped a 5-0 tournament with a 21-20 title-game triumph over fourth-seeded EIS of New Jersey, which dominated three elimination games to reach the finals. Second-seeded Stud Softball of Pennsylvania took third in the five-team division.



Men's 55+ Major: After the seventh-seeded D.C. Grays of Virginia ([photo below](#)) lost two seeding games by a total of three runs, the team raced through bracket play undefeated by averaging 27 runs a game. In the title game, the Grays knocked off second-seeded Caterbone/PHX TUBE of Connecticut 26-23 to win the seven-team division. Caterbone won four elimination games in a row to reach the finals. Fourth-seeded Lawson Construction Management of Virginia placed third.



Men's 55/60+ Major Plus: Playing a best-of-three format, the 55+ Major Plus team Broughton Pharmacy of North Carolina swept Dugout/Dudley/SP2 of Virginia 20-3 and 29-14 to finish 4-1 overall.

Men's 55/60+ Silver: The top-seeded 60+ AAA team Team Illinois ([photo below](#)) won its third straight Tidewater Classic in style, going

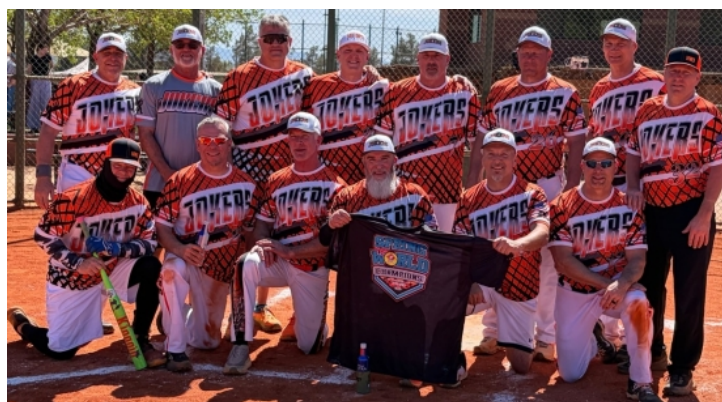


Men's 50/55+ Major Plus: Top-seeded Redeemed of California captured the overall title and 55+ Major Plus crown by defeating 50+ Major Plus champion Gold Nation Hustle 35-24 in the championship game of the four-team bracket. Redeemed finished 6-0 overall. Third place went to 4 The Fallen Legends Sports of Nevada.

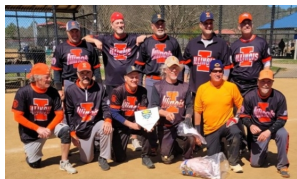
Men's 55+ AAA: Second-seeded Team SMS of Nevada ([photo below](#)) double-dipped top-seeded Top Gun Legends of California 19-13 and 17-13 to win the eight-team bracket and finish 7-1 overall. Lokahi of Arizona earned third.



Men's 55/60+ Platinum: Seeded last entering bracket play, the NW Jokers of Washington ([photo below](#)) defeated every team in the four-team bracket enroute to earning the 55+ Major title. In the championship game, the Jokers dispatched runner-up and third-seeded Pro Vision 55 of Washington 28-13. Second-seeded Arizona Thunder finished third.



undefeated to capture the title of this five-team division. It defeated second-seeded VA Journeymen 19-16 in the championship game. Fourth-seeded DHF/Genesis of Virginia took third.



Men's 60+ Major: Sixth-seeded E&E Metal Fab Inc/Jerich Company of Pennsylvania played 10 games in three days, finishing as 8-2 champions of this 12-team division. Coming out of the elimination bracket, E&E double-dipped seventh-seeded Phoenix Tube/Bob Johnson of New York 18-17 and 23-20 in the title games. Fourth-seeded Sullivan Contracting of Pennsylvania grabbed third place.

Men's 65/70+ Gold: Second-seeded Team Riporti, a 65+ AAA team from New Jersey, double-dipped top-seeded The Starboard of Delaware 28-12 and 14-13 to win the four-team division and average a 26-20 in the winner's bracket final. Fourth-seeded Northern Virginia Force 65s captured third place.

Men's 70+ AAA: Playing a best-of-three format, Northern Virginia Force 70 swept Robinson's Furniture/OTS of Delaware 26-18 and 18-8.

Final 2026 Softball Donations Made to Dominican Youth

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – The last slew of donations, made as part of the 2026 Caribbean Classic Goodwill Tour, were completed Easter weekend.

Annually, senior softball players attending the Caribbean Classic tour in Punta Cana bring new and slightly used softball equipment to donate to impoverished youth on the island.

Men's 60+ Major: The top-seeded Top Gun Warriors of California ([photo below](#)) had its five-game unbeaten streak snapped in the first championship game, 23-22, before rebounding to capture the title with a 21-10 victory over second-seeded Jayco 60 of Idaho in the if-needed game. Third-seeded Road Warriors 60 of Arizona finished third.



Men's 60+ AAA: The second-seeded R-Tech Alaska Kings capped a 6-0 tournament with a pair of one-run victories, including a 19-18 championship win over fifth-seeded Top Gun Fury/ Written in Red of California. Eighth-seeded Anderson Realty Vintage Softball of Washington won four elimination games to nab third place in the 10-team division.

Men's 60+ AA: The top-seeded Boys of Summerlin of Nevada lost the first championship game 17-12 (Summerlin's only loss) before grabbing the if-needed title-game victory 12-6 over second-seeded So Cal Riptide 60. The Vegas Renegades finished third in the three-team bracket.

Men's 65+ AA: Close games abounded in this four-team division, with eventual champion and top-seeded Sin City OutKasts of Nevada involved in two one-run games during pool play. During the championship game, Sin City pulled away from third-seeded Ranalls Realty 65 of Arizona to claim a 16-9 triumph and finish 4-1 overall. Second-seeded Los Vatos Viejos 65 II of Arizona took third.

Men's 65/70+ Platinum: Second-seeded Arizona Old School, a 65+ Major team, nipped third-seeded Vegas Elite/ Vault of Utah 24-23 for the title and a 5-0 overall record. Vegas Elite/Vault won four elimination games to reach the finals. Fourth-seeded NorthWest Stampede of Oregon, which knocked off the top seed by one run, finished third in the six-team division.

Men's 65/70+ Gold: After seeding play, seven of the nine teams in this balanced division stood at 1-1. One of those teams, fourth-seeded Chelu 65s of Oregon, lost the first title game 24-18 before claiming the if-needed championship game 17-16 over the second-seeded Arizona Road Warriors 65. Sixth-seeded Scrap Iron Heavy Metal finished third in the nine-team division, which featured 10 games decided by one run.

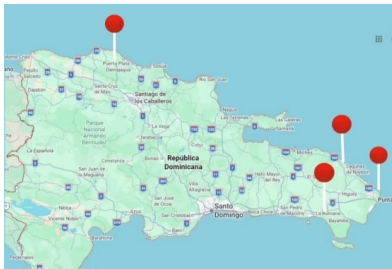
Men's 70+ AAA: Second-seeded Bat Attitude 70s of Utah played three one-run bracket games, which included a 12-11 loss in the first championship game against fifth-seeded Bucky's Casino 70s of Arizona. That turned out to be Bat Attitude's only loss out of seven games played, as it won the if-needed title game 16-11. Top-seeded Supreme Athletics 70s of Nevada captured third place in the 12-team bracket.

Men's 70+ AA: The third-seeded Pastimers of Washington outscored its bracket competition by 19 runs in three games, including a 15-6 championship victory over top-seeded Family 70s of Nevada ([photo below](#)). Pastimers finished 4-1 overall. Fourth-seeded Blood Sweat & Years of Utah placed third in the five-team division.

This year saw some of the largest donations on record.

The family of Jim Caterbone, 64, who died at the 2025 Northeast Championships in Syracuse, asked for donations to be sent to the Caribbean Classic for needy kids in the Dominican Republic. The \$3,250 in donations benefited 240 children with new jerseys and caps across five Dominican youth baseball/softball schools.

- Punta Cana School: The kids visited the Barcelo Bavaro Palace resort, host of the Caribbean Classic, to receive their new uniforms.
- Laguna de Nisibón: Located 55 minutes outside of Punta Cana.
- La Romana: Two schools located an hour from Punta Cana.
- Puerto Plata: Located 6 hours from Punta Cana, on the north side of the country.



Map of the Dominican Republic with the location of the five youth softball school pinned.

The funds were distributed with the help of Caribbean Classic co-director Tulio Ontiveros.

“My guiding principle is to support as many children as possible,” said Tulio.

“This work brings me immense personal satisfaction... planting seeds of hope and delivering a message of commitment to children who lack economic resources, but never stop seeking the support they need to grow,” he added.



Men's 75+ Major: Unbeaten in six games, top-seeded R&R 75s of California dispatched third-seeded Last Call 75 of Nevada 20-9 in the title game. The second-seeded Oregon Crabs placed third in the three-team division.

Men's 75+ AAA: Second-seeded Speed Limit 75 of Utah compiled a 5-1 overall record enroute to a 20-12 championship victory over the top-seeded Sidewinders 75s of Arizona. Third place in the four-team division went to the third-seeded 75 Scrap Iron Diamonds of Colorado.

Men's 75+ AA: Third-seeded Twin Peaks Desert Heat 75 of Nevada won three elimination games in a row, including 24-15 and 23-13 title-game triumphs over top-seeded Scrap Iron Stampede 75 of Colorado. The second-seeded Silver Wolves of Utah placed third in the three-team division.

Men's 80/85+ Platinum: The second-seeded 85+ Major Plus team Omen of California outscored its bracket competition by 35 runs, capped by a 20-3 title-game victory over the fourth-seeded Minnesota Masters 80s team, which won the 80+ Major title and TOC berth. Omen finished 5-1 overall and nabbed the 85+ Major Plus TOC berth. The top-seeded Sidewinders 80s of Arizona finished third in the four-team bracket.

Men's 80/85+ Gold: The second-seeded AAA team Las Vegas 80 Coyotes capped a 5-1 tournament with an 18-14 championship victory over top-seeded Git-R-Done 80 of California. The fourth-seeded Top Gun Blue Angels 85 team from California took third in the four-team bracket.

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By Donna McGuire Softball News Report

A bevy of one-run games, a massive temperature swing and playing on beautiful all-turf fields highlighted Senior Softball-USA's 2026 Midwest Championships, which concluded March 25 in Kansas City, Kan.

Close competition dominated the 50+ and 55+ age divisions during the opening session, which featured 24 teams in the 40+ to 60+ age groups. Nearly half the games in the 50+ and 55+ age divisions were decided by one or two runs.

First-session teams enjoyed the tournament's best weather, with record-setting March temperatures climbing into the low 90s for Friday and Saturday play at the eight-field Homefield Baseball Complex.



Dominican kids with new baseball/softball jerseys and caps, from Puerto Plata school.

Dominican players, who play against the USA teams at the resort, helped connect Tulio to several of the schools.

For more information about the Caribbean Classic donations and other goodwill tournaments and qualifiers, please see the SSUSA newspaper story here, page 6: <https://seniorsoftball.com/multimedia/2026-spring-newspaper---final.pdf>.



Homefield Baseball Complex, home of the 2026 Midwest Championships, has eight, all-turf fields that opened in 2024.

“A lot of teams missed out on some great days to play ball,” one player remarked as he walked past the director’s table that Saturday.

The 11 teams that played during the second session battled through one bitterly cold day before warmth gradually returned. By championship Wednesday, playing conditions felt near perfect.



Family members and fans of Session 2 teams (Men's 65-80+) enduring one cold day before the warm weather returned by the session's end.

Overall, the tournament saw 27 games decided by just one run – including a bunch won in the final at-bat.

Twelve championship teams earned berths to the 2027 Tournament of Champions to be played in Polk County, Fla. Only three of the teams completed play undefeated.

Results:

Men's 40/50+ Major: This six-team division came down to a battle between the 40+ Major team Built Different of Missouri (photo lower left) and the 50+ Major team Ductech/All American of Minnesota (photo lower right). Third-seeded Ductech won the winner's bracket finale 30-27 after holding top-seeded Built Different scoreless in the bottom of the seventh inning. In the championship game, Built Different secured a 27-25 triumph by holding Ductech to three runs in the top of the seventh inning. Both teams

agreed not to play the if-needed game, as both were declared champions of their age groups. Dudley/Min USA of Kansas nabbed third place.



Men's 50+ Silver: Third-seeded Alliance/Scrap Iron 50, an AAA team from Colorado, won its final two bracket games by one run each, including a 22-21 championship victory over top-seeded Heroes 50s from Nebraska. The AA team Heroes NE 50s of Nebraska claimed third in the four-team division.

Men's 55+ Platinum: Top-seeded SSC/Persuaders of Kansas (photo below) earned the 55+ Major title by defeating the second-seeded 55+ Major Plus team 50 Degrees of Missouri 27-26 with 50 Degrees' potential tying and winning runs left on base. Third-seeded KC Vintage 55 of Missouri took third in the three-team division.



Men's 55+ AAA: Both championship games in this division were nail-biters, with fourth-seeded Maher Muehling Nebraska Elite (photo below) clipping third-seeded Swagger of Missouri 32-31 in an if-needed title game that featured 18 combined runs scored in the final inning. Swagger had won the first championship game 24-23, one of three consecutive one-run games that Swagger played. Second-seeded Heroes 55 of Nebraska took third in the four-team division.



Men's 60+ Major: Playing a best-of-three format, Sea Glass of Oklahoma (photo below) capped a 5-1 tournament by sweeping KBXtreme 60 of Missouri 28-14 and 19-16.



Men's 60+ AAA: Top-seeded and unbeaten Alliance/Scrap Iron 60 of Colorado (photo below) ousted second-seeded Paape Legends of Minnesota 18-7 for the title. Fourth-seeded KC Stampede of Missouri finished third in the five-team division.



Men's 65+ Major: Top-seeded KC Kids 65s of Missouri (photo below) and third-seeded Texas Legends 65 met three times in bracket play, with the KC Kids gaining revenge for an earlier loss by double-dipping the Texas Legends 22-9 and 18-6 in the title games. Second-seeded Big Daddy's Donuts 65 of Missouri placed third in the three-team division.



Men's 65/70+ Major Plus: Top-seeded and unbeaten 65+ Major Plus champion Dudley Lightning 65s of Missouri (photo lower left) edged the second-seeded 70+ Major Plus champion Texas Crush Seventies (photo lower right) 26-25 in the title game. Both earned TOC berths. The KC Kids 70s of Missouri finished third in the three-team division.



Men's 70+ Gold: Playing a best-of-three format, the 70+ Major team BlueSpeed AV 70 of Missouri (photo below) capped a 4-1 tournament by sweeping the 70+ AAA team KC

Rally Dawgs of Missouri 20-15 and 24-21.



Men's 70/75/80+ Silver: The 70+ AA Minnesota Lumberjacks (photo below) capped a 6-0 tournament by defeating 75+ AAA ROC Design of Missouri 21-6 in the title game. Midwest Express, an 80+ AAA team from Nebraska, finished third in the three-team division.



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