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Two traditional Spring Senior Softball USA tournaments on opposite sides of America attracted 245 teams to the Southwest Championships in Las Vegas and the Spring National Championships in Polk County, Florida.

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Teams from Florida, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania won titles during Senior Softball-USA's Spring National Championship/Horton & Wood Classic that played April 11-12 in Polk County, Florida.

The seven champions earned trophies, shirts and berths to the 2027 Original Tournament of Champions.

They were among 30 teams from five states and Canada that played at ballparks in Winter Haven and Lakeland during the two-day event.

Younger divisions produced some explosive scoring, including 80 runs in one men's 50+ Major Plus game alone. The eight 40+ Platinum and 50+ Major Plus men's teams combined to score 1,333 runs while

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Eleven teams emerged unbeaten when the Senior Softball-USA's 2026 Southwest Championships ended April 12 in Las Vegas.

They were among 33 teams to claim titles, trophies, champion shirts and berths to the 2027 Original Tournament of Champions to be played in Polk County, Fla., next year.



**Big League Dreams' Taylor Conley shows workers finishing the total reconstruction of one of the six BLD fields in Las Vegas during the 2026 Southwest Championships. Three fields were completed and used for the tournament and all six fields are expected to be completed for the World Championships in the Fall.**

smashing 370 homers over 14 games.

“We had great weather and the competition was outstanding,” Tournament Director Gayle Collins said. “There were a lot of one-run games.”

**Results:**

**Men's 40+ Platinum:** Top-seeded Suncoast 40s, a Major Plus team from Florida, averaged 27 runs per game while going 5-0 overall. It clipped runner-up SAW Property Solutions of Florida (photo below) 26-25 in the title game, which was the only one-run game Suncoast played. Third-seeded Hancock Power of Florida finished third in the three-team division.



**Men's 50+ Major Plus:** Top-seeded Victus/Yolked Up/BSM Uniforms of Florida (photo below) needed two title games to subdue third-seeded Suncoast 50s of Florida, and both games produced fireworks. Victus lost the first game 41-39 before capturing the second 43-32 — with those high-scoring finals boosting Victus' average runs per game to 31 for the tournament. Fourth-seeded Baugh Ford/Short Porch/LeMay of Florida finished third in the five-team division.



**Men's 50+ Major:** Playing a best-of-three format, Jobus Tribe Twisted Guerilla Sp of Florida (photo below) swept Naturals Softball of Florida 24-19 and 20-14 to finish as 5-0 champions.



The six-day event drew 215 teams from 17 states to one of SSUSA's largest tournaments of the year.

“Southwest was an amazing event,” said SSUSA Executive Director Fran Dowell, one of Southwest's tournament directors. “Teams were so ready to play, and it was wonderful to see everyone.”



**Fran Dowell, Executive Director of SSUSA and Southwest Tournament Director (left) with players' wives who came to support their husbands and teams.**

Competitive games dominated many of the brackets, with one-run games deciding 12 of the 33 divisions. Three of the five women's divisions came down to just one run.



**Hawaii Five-O up to bat in their Southwest 60+ Major Plus championship game against County Heating & Air of California, a division won, undefeatedly, by County Heating & Air.**

And unlike the World Championships last year, rain did not cause massive disruptions.

“Warm with occasional bursts of heat and wind best describes the 2026 Southwest Championships – great weather to play in Las Vegas,” said Terry Hennessy, SSUSA's chief executive officer.

**Men's 50+ AAA:** Also playing a best-of-three format, Woodlawn Hitting Club 50 of Florida ([photo below](#)) swept Drouillard/Breakaway Gaming Centre of Ontario, Canada, 22-17 and 17-7. Woodland finished 3-2 overall.



**Men's 55+ Major Plus:** BPA Sports of Pennsylvania ([photo below](#)) needed all three games of a best-of-three format to subdue Suncoast 55s of Florida 21-28, 21-17 and 14-9. BPA finished 4-2 overall.



**Men's 55+ Major:** After going winless in three seeding games, fourth-seeded Florida-Onyx ([photo below](#)) topped this four-team division by going 3-1 in bracket play. Florida-Onyx lost the first championship game 33-30 before claiming the title with a 27-13 victory over third-seeded PulseChain/Tyler Trucking/P&G/Blue MTN of Ohio. Top-seeded JFP/CKI of Michigan took third in the four-team division.



**Men's 60+ Platinum:** Fourth-seeded Action Auto Parts, a Major team from Rhode Island, finished 3-2 overall by going unbeaten in bracket play, including a 24-22 championship-game victory over second-seeded Suncoast/Squared Away Sports/M&M Glove Repair of Florida ([photo below](#)). Third-seeded HOTT Softball of Florida finished third in the four-team division.



**Men's 60/65+ Gold:** Top-seeded Bangers, a 60+ AAA team from Florida, capped a 5-1 tournament with a 19-4 title-game triumph over



**Terry Hennessy, CEO of SSUSA and Southwest Tournament Director (left) with Master Scheduler, Dave Dowell, inputting live scores on Who I Follow.**

### **Results:**

**Women's 40+ Major:** Top-seeded Tharaldson Softball of Nevada ([photo below](#)) breezed through the tournament until the championship game, where it squeaked out a 19-18 victory over second-seeded Royal-T Real Estate of Washington. That preserved Tharaldson's unbeaten tournament record at 5-0. Third-seeded Still Mobbin of California won three elimination games to finish third in the five-team division.



**Women's 40+ AAA:** Top-seeded Not Today of Nevada ([photo below](#)) played only one game decided by one run, and that came in the championship bout. Not Today edged the fifth-seeded Utah Relics 13-12 to finish 6-0 overall. Third-seeded Girl's On Top (G.O.T.) of California snagged third place in the 10-team division, the largest of the five women's brackets.



**Women's 50+ Major:** All five teams in this division went 1-1 in seeding games, which proved prophetic. One championship game would not decide the title. Top-seeded Cash Out 50s of California pulled off a double-dip to subdue second-seeded OnFire/Afoa Insurance of California 22-19 and 25-5 ([photo of Cash Out 50s and](#)

second-seeded Caffe Versuvios/Nasti Softball of Florida. Third-seeded Raging Mummies of Florida snagged third in the four-team division.

**Men's 65/70+ Gold:** The fourth-seeded Rosebay Rattlers, a 70+ AAA team from Florida, double-dipped third-seeded Slug-A-Bug of Florida 19-10 and 20-8 to win the four-team division. Top-seeded Steve Levin Ameriprise 65s of Florida took third.

OnFire/Afoa Insurance together, below). Third-seeded Snap, Crackle, Pop of Washington took third.



**Women's 50+ AAA:** After going 1-2 in seeding games, the third-seeded Utah Relics 50s won all three of its bracket games, capped by a 11-10 title-game triumph over top-seeded Straight Pride 50s of California (photo of Utah Relics 50s and Straight Pride 50s together, below). Second-seeded Get Dirty of New Mexico finished third in the four-team division.



**Women's 55+ Gold:** Third-seeded Bomb Threats, an AAA team from North Carolina, capped a 4-1 tournament with a 25-14 championship-game victory over fourth-seeded SWI/Rueblur of California. Top-seeded Takin' Chances 55 of California earned third in the five-team division.



**Men's 40+ Major Plus:** Second-seeded Swingcoast/Spartan Bat Co. 40s of Arkansas (photo below) averaged 31 runs a game, lost only once, and edged fourth-seeded TAI/Elite Sports/Onyx of California 32-31 to claim the division title. The two teams combined for 24 home runs in the title game alone. Top-seeded Front Row/Texas 5 Sports/Short Porch of Texas placed third in the five-team division.



**Men's 40+ Major: Second-seeded** HMR/HighMarkRoofing Inc/Team Shuler-Compass of California ([photo below](#)) lost only once -- 32-24 in the first title game -- but rebounded to claim the if-needed title game 35-28 over fifth-seeded Granddaddy Softball/GS Sports of Nevada. Fourth-seeded Vicious Cycle/Ikonic Sports/Hustle of California secured third place in the eight-team division.



**Men's 40+ AAA: Second-seeded** Wasted Talent/TheLAEmpire of California ([photo below](#)) and top-seeded Rossi Law Group (RLG) of California played four times, with each team winning twice. Wasted Talent capturing the most important of those games when it double-dipped RLG 22-20 and 40-30 in the title games to win the four-team division. Third-seeded Vegas Delinquents finished third.



**Men's 50+ Major Plus: Playing** a best-of-three format, Fattboyz/Front Row of California ([photo below](#)) swept BMP 50s of Arizona 8-7 and 20-14. Both teams had been 3-0 entering bracket play.



**Men's 50+ Major: The third-seeded** Asylum Ballers of California capped a 5-1 tournament with a 27-12 title-game triumph over fifth-seeded No Excuses 50 of California. The fourth-seeded Silverbacks/SB 50 of California placed third in the six-team bracket.

**Men's 50+ AAA: Top-seeded** Rancid of California double-dipped G-Force/Epic Athletics of California 24-20 and 22-20 to win the division, finish 7-1 overall and avenge an earlier bracket game loss to G-Force. Sixth-seeded Shut-D 50s Red of Hawaii captured third in the 12-team division.

**Men's 55+ Major Plus: Winless in three seeding games, third-seeded** Arizona Heat 55s (photo below) blazed past its three bracket opponents, including a 28-18 title-game victory over fourth-seeded MC Improvements of Wisconsin. Second-seeded ShowTime So Cal took third in the four-team division.



**Men's 55+ Major: Top-seeded** CA Premier 55 (photo below) won its bracket games 20-14, 14-12 and 19-18 to claim the five-team division and finish 4-1 overall. Runner-up Factory DeMarini of Washington started bracket play as the fourth seed. Third-place finisher Top Gun Diamonds of California started as the second seed.



**Men's 55+ Silver: Third-seeded** Khaos, a 55+ AAA team from California, lost the first title game 18-12 then won the second 18-14 over fifth-seeded Lokahi of Arizona to capture the 17-team division. The second-seeded 805's 55s of California won four elimination games to finish third.

**Men's 60+ Major Plus: Unbeaten** in its six games, top-seeded County Heating & Air of California (photo below) dispatched second-seeded Hawaii Five-O 16-6 in the title

game. Fourth-seeded Acme 60s of California finished third in the four-team division.



**Men's 60+ Major:** Third-seeded Custom Truck of Nevada (photo below) went 5-1 overall and defeated top-seeded Arizona Monsoon 23-21 in the title game. The seventh-seeded Top Gun Warriors of California won four elimination games to finish third in the 11-team bracket.



**Men's 60+ AAA:** Unbeaten in seven games, the second-seeded Warriors 60 of California (photo below) outscored its bracket competition by an average of 11 runs per game. It knocked off top-seeded Fossil Fuel of California 21-16 in the title game after also beating Fossil Fuel in the winner's bracket final. Fourth-seeded Top Gun Fury/ Written in Red of California snagged third place in the 16-team division.

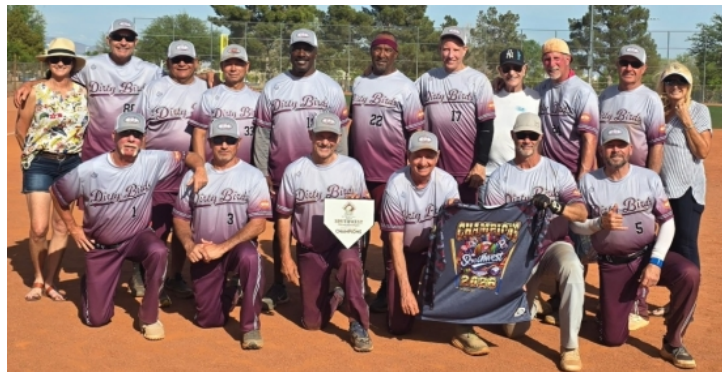


**Men's 60+ AA:** Third-seeded So Cal Riptide lost its first pool game then won five in a row, including an 18-11 title-game victory over sixth-seeded Tri City Legends of Washington. The eighth-seeded Jokers, a California team that knocked off the top seed to open bracket play, finished third in the eight-team division.

**Men's 65+ Major Plus:** Playing a best-of-three format, Cal Energy 65 (photo below) swept Samurai 65 of California 23-7 and 17-7 to finish 5-0 overall. Four of Cal Energy's victories were by double digits.



**Men's 65+ Major: The second-seeded** Dirty Birds 65s of California (photo below) capped a 6-0 tournament with a 17-16 championship victory over sixth-seeded Arizona Old School 65. Fourth-seeded Vegas Elite/ Vault of Utah finished third in the seven-team division.



**Men's 65+ AAA: Second-seeded** Scrap Iron Heavy Metal of Colorado outscored its tournament competition by 57 runs while winning all six of its games, including a 17-10 title-game victory over the eighth-seeded Top Gun Stars 65s of California. The third-seeded QC Rebel's/Hopkins Financial of Idaho (photo below) grabbed third in the 11-team division.



**Men's 65+ AA: The second-seeded** Sin City OutKasts of Nevada capped a 4-1 tournament with a 14-10 title-game triumph over the top-seeded Advil Knights of California. The third-seeded So Cal Riptide 65 of California finished third in the four-team division.

**Men's 70+ Major Plus: Playing a best-of-three format,** NorthWest Stampede of Oregon swept R&R 70s of California 12-7 and 17-16 to finish as champions and 4-1 overall.

**Men's 70+ Major: Third-seeded** Samurai 70 of California (photo below) split a pair of one-run games in seeding play before racing through bracket play unbeaten, including a 17-7 championship victory over the fifth-seeded Bulldogs 70, an Oregon team that won five elimination games to reach the finals. Eighth-seeded Wongs 70 of California knocked off the top seed early in bracket play before finishing third in the eight-team division.



**Men's 70+ AAA: Fourth-seeded** Supreme Athletics 70s of Nevada capped a 5-1 tournament with a 20-19 championship thriller over seventh-seeded Ranalls Realty 70 of Arizona. Eighth-seeded Kona Lawa Kua Nui of Hawaii captured third in the 12-team division.

**Men's 70+ AA: After going 1-2 in seeding games, sixth-seeded** Los Vatos Viejos 70 II of Arizona (photo below) raced unbeaten through the bracket, including a 23-19 title-game triumph over the top-seeded Scrap Iron Diamonds 70 of Colorado. Third-seeded Lights Out 70 of California took third in the six-team division.



**Men's 75+ Major Plus: Omen 75 of California** (photo below) swept Animals 75s of California 22-11 and 21-6 in a best-of-three bracket format. Omen finished 4-1 overall, with its only loss coming by one run against a 75+ Major team.



**Men's 75+ Major: The fifth-seeded** Ancient 75s of Arizona (photo below) clipped sixth-seeded Cut Loose 75s of California 22-21 to capture the seven-team division and finish 5-1 overall. The third-seeded Oregon Crabs won three elimination games, including two by one run, to finish third.



**Men's 75+ AAA: Top-seeded** Speed Limit 75 of Utah (photo below) capped a 6-0 tournament with a 21-20 championship victory over 11<sup>th</sup>-seeded No Guts, No Glory of California. It marked Speed Limit's second one-run victory in bracket play. Seventh-seeded Sidewinders 75s of Arizona won five elimination games to finish third in the 11-team division.



**Men's 75+ AA: Playing a best-of-three format**, Twin Peaks Desert Heat 75 of Nevada overcame an opening 19-14 loss by defeating Scrap Iron Stampede 75 of Colorado 21-6 and 17-16 in the next two games.

**Men's 80+ Major Plus: Playing a best-of-three bracket**, Omen 80 of California (photo below) lost the first game 15-14 before sweeping the next two, 11-10 and 12-9, over Maverick Construction 80s of Texas. Omen finished 4-2.



**Men's 80/85+ Platinum: The top-seeded Major Plus team** Omen 85 of California (photo below) eclipsed the third-seeded Sidewinders 80s of California 16-15 to claim the three-team division while also going 6-0. Top Gun 80 Gold/JSquared of California took third.

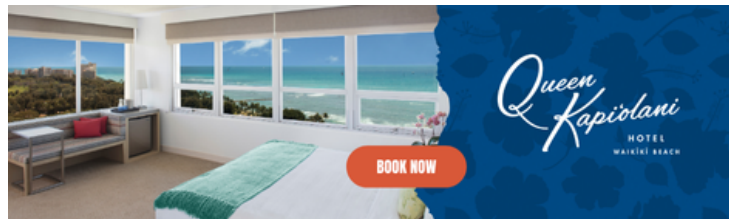


**Men's 80/85+ Gold: Top-seeded ZIA**, an 80+ AAA team from New Mexico (photo below), won all five of its games, including a 17-2 championship victory over second-seeded Git-R-Done 80 of California. Third-seeded 80 Ho'oikaika of Hawaii took third in the five-team division.



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