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Home of the new Land of Enchantment TOC qualifier, the Los Altos Softball Complex in Albuquerque, New Mexico was newly renovated in 2023.

Mid-Season 2024 Team Rating Review

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Senior Softball USA is conducting the mid-season Ratings Review of all teams and expects to notify managers and post the results of the review in early July.

All teams that have submitted an appeal also will be reviewed.

SSUSA reviews all teams in Ratings Reviews in June and after the World Championships in October.

All teams moving up or down in skill level will be notified via the manager's email on file for the team. In addition, the full review decision with skill level changes will be published online at: <https://seniorsoftball.com/?ratings>.

Teams wishing to appeal their ratings should do so by Oct. 1, 2024. Those appeals will be reviewed after the World Championships. Appeal forms are here: <https://seniorsoftball.com/forms/RatingAppeal.pdf>.

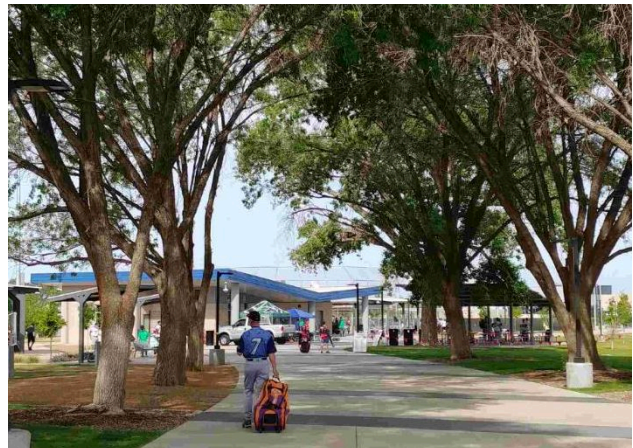


2024 Land of Enchantment: New TOC Qualifier Excels in Albuquerque

By Donna McGuire Softball News Report

Sixty teams from eight states gathered in Albuquerque, N.M. , in early June to participate in the inaugural Land of Enchantment Championships.

Players competed at the newly revamped Los Altos Softball Complex, which boasts five 300-foot-fenced softball fields with new fields, fencing, lighting and restrooms.



Senior Softball players are greeted by Albuquerque Parks and Recreation personnel as they enter the nicely shaded Los Altos Complex.

“This is a huge win for the city (and) a home run for sports tourism in Albuquerque,” Parks and Recreation Director Dave Simon told a local news channel that broadcast a story about the Senior Softball USA event.

Flawless Weekend Categorizes the 2024 Nor-Cal Championships

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Fantastic weather and a glitch-free tournament highlighted the three-day 2024 Northern California State Championships that concluded June 9 in the Sacramento area.

The Men's 40+ Masters division accounted for a third of the 39 teams that entered the event, with games split between the Sacramento Softball Complex and Foskett Regional Park in Lincoln.

"We had a great weekend in Lincoln at Foskett," said Stephanie Hopkins, one of the tournament directors. "It was probably the smoothest tournament I ever had as a director."

One of the best games involved two Men's 40+ Major teams fighting to stay alive in the elimination bracket of a 13-team division. The game featured California teams – ninth-seeded G2G and fifth-seeded Best/Prestige Pool – that both had gone 1-1 in pool play. After a very long extra-inning game, Prestige triumphed 43-42.

Overall, Hopkins praised the field prep crews, the umpires and the talented teams that participated.

"The level of competition was top-notch," she said. "It was fun to watch."

All teams hailed from California except one, Last Call of Nevada. Overall, 10 teams earned berths to the 2025 Tournament of Champions in Polk County, Florida.

Results:

Women's 40+ Masters Gold: Second-seeded Still Grubbing capped a 5-0 tournament by defeating top-seeded Eat It OG Babes 14-13 in the title game. Both teams earned TOC berths, with Still Grubbing qualifying as the Major champion and Eat It OG Babes as the AAA champion. Fourth-seeded Poly Chics finished third in the five-team division.

Men's 40+ Masters Major: Eighth-seeded The Ravine (photo below) lost its first pool game by one run then never lost again. It defeated fourth-seeded The Glass Guru/Alta Cal 24-15 in the title game. Second-seeded TABU finished third in the 13-team bracket, the tournament's largest.

The great turnout for a first-time event created a packed Friday and Saturday schedule, with the final games ending several hours after sunset each day. Unfortunately, lightning and heavy rain washed out Sunday's final rounds.

Overall, 13 teams earned berths to the 2025 Tournament of Champions in Polk County, Florida, by winning their divisions. For the first time, four New Mexico teams earned TOC berths at a tournament in their home state.



Results:

Women's 50+ Gold: Second-seeded Get Dirty, a 50+ AAA team from New Mexico, capped a 4-1 tournament as champion after rains eliminated the title game. Fourth-seeded Wicked of Texas took second in the six-team division. Top-seeded High Octane/Miken Franchise of Indiana finished third.

Women's 55/60+ Seniors: Playing a best of three format, the 55+ AAA team G.W. Construction of Florida swept High Desert Diamonds of New Mexico 11-8 and 8-7 to finish as champions and 4-1 overall.

Men's 50+ AAA: Unbeaten in bracket play before the rain, Johnny Softball Senior Classic of Texas was declared the division champion. It finished with a 4-1 overall record. El Paso Strong 50 took second. Alliance/Scrap Iron of Colorado finished third in the four-team division.

Men's 50+ Major: Playing a best-of-three format, the two teams in this division split their first two games. The championship was awarded to NMP 5.0 of New Mexico on a coin flip. The Originals of Texas finished second.

Men's 55+ Major: Playing a best-of-three format between two Colorado teams, Scrap Iron Thunder (photo below) swept Scrap Iron Mile High 17-16 and 21-18. Thunder finished 5-0 overall.



Men's 55+ AAA: Top-seeded Team Vega of Texas went 4-0 and was awarded first as the only unbeaten in the seven-team bracket. Third-seeded Tucson Hammertime Softball of Arizona finished second after defeating second-seeded Alliance/Scrap Iron of Colorado 22-21.

Men's 60+ Major: Top-seeded Peak Softball/Scrap Iron of Colorado finished 4-1 overall and was awarded first place as the only unbeaten in bracket



Men's 50+ Major: Top-seeded Gold Nation Hustle (photo below) capped a 5-0 tournament with a 15-13 title game victory over second-seeded C.B.C. in the three-team division. Incredible Pets/Epic Sports finished third.



Men's 50+ AAA: Third-seeded Nor-Cal Hitmen lost the first title game 23-19 but won the second 14-9 over second-seeded West Coast 50s. Top-seeded Smokem finished third in the three-team division. (Nor-Cal Hitmen and West Coast 50s photo below).



Men's 60+ Major: Top-seeded BTI capped a 6-0 tournament with a 16-7 championship victory over second-seeded Tradition Softball. SMASH finished third in the three-team bracket.

Men's 60+ AAA: Second-seeded North Valley Seniors defeated top-seeded RMC Norcal Sixties 25-18 for the title and an overall 5-1 record. Third-seeded 1st Draft finished third in the four-team division.

Men's 70+ Gold: Second-seeded Pacific Storm (photo below) went 5-1 overall, including a 17-14 title game victory over third-seeded Last Call 70 of Nevada. The top-seeded Sacramento Islanders finished third in the four-team division.

play. Second-seeded Vegas Elite finished second. Third-seeded Sidewinders of Arizona took third in the four-team division.

Men's 60+ AAA: Top-seeded Tejano's of Texas finished 5-0 and nabbed first in the nine-team bracket. Second-seeded KSS/Taco Bell of Arizona won a coin toss to finish second. Fourth-seeded Top Gun Fury took third.

Men's 60+ AA: Second-seeded Los Toros of New Mexico nabbed first with a 4-0 overall record. Top-seeded El Paso Bad Boys lost its first bracket game then won three elimination games to finish second. Fifth-seeded Club Tilt/Haus of Colorado took third in the five-team bracket.

Men's 65+ Gold: The second-seeded Wolfpack of New Mexico (photo below) double dipped top-seeded Texas Legends 23-12 and 16-12 for the title and an overall 6-1 record. Third-seeded Peak Softball/Scrap Iron finished third in the six-team bracket.



Men's 65/70/75+ Gold: Fourth-seeded Full Throttle, a 70+ AAA team from Arizona, (photo below), went 4-0 in bracket play, including a 19-18 championship thriller over 70+ AAA Scrap Iron 5280' of Colorado in a five-team division that featured seven one-run games. Scrap Iron Rockies, a 65+ AA team, finished third.



Men's 70+ AA: Top-seeded Robson Ranch Texans (photo below) capped a 5-0 tournament with a 14-13 title game victory over the second-seeded New Mexico Boomers. Third-seeded Triple 2 of Texas finished third in the six-team bracket.





Men's 75+ AAA: The third-seeded Rangers of Texas ([photo below](#)) edged the top-seeded San Antonio Silver Streaks 26-25 to win the four-team bracket. Scrap Iron Stampede of Colorado took third.



Men's 75/80+ Gold: Second-seeded Omen earned the 80+ Major Plus TOC berth and overall division title by defeating the 75+ AAA TOC berth winners Please Don't Bug Me 25-19 in the bracket finals. The top-seeded Sacramento Buds finished third in the four-team division.

Oldest Senior Softball Tourney Reinigorates Reno With 182 Teams



East/West Aircraft 70s had special jerseys made for 2024 Reno, with different pilot nicknames on the back of each jersey. From left to right: Ace, Wingman, Luckie, Jester, Elvis, Hollywood, Cloudy, Wingnut, Turbo, Goose, Skyking, Viper, Ghost.

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SSUSA's 36th annual Rock 'n' Reno Challenge Cup, the oldest national qualifying tournament in Senior Softball, drew 182 teams from 14 states and Canada.

Players, umpires and directors basked in beautiful weather as teams competed in nearly 580 games spread across nine days of play at ballparks in Reno, Sparks and Carson City, Nev.

"The weather this year in Reno was some of the best I remember in more than two decades – every session had perfect weather," said Terry Hennessy, SSUSA's chief executive officer. "In addition, there were many tight games – and teams not only had large divisions but were able to play teams they seldom see."

Twenty-six teams earned berths to the 2025 Tournament of Champions in Polk County, Florida, by winning their divisions in games played May 24 through June 2.

In addition, officials inducted Southern California's Kevin Evans, 71, ([photo below](#)), into the Senior Softball National Hall of Fame for a wide range of accomplishments, including as a player and manager and for his leadership with the Top Gun organization. The ceremony took place during the first day of play at Golden Eagle.



Kevin Evans (center) accepts his National Senior Softball Hall of Fame plaque at Golden Eagle Softball Complex, along side Terry Hennessy (left) and Fran Dowell (right).

SSUSA officials moved games from the Shadow Mountain Complex to the Rancho San Rafael Complex in Reno on Sunday in the first session and Thursday in the second session.

“Unfortunately, we felt the quality of the fields had deteriorated and moved games on the two days on which we could find alternative fields,” Hennessy said.

Results:

Women’s 40+ Masters Major: Second-seeded Firestarter Oldies of Washington lost its second bracket game then won four in a row, including twin 14-13 championship victories over top-seeded Flash Mob of California, to win the seven-team division. Sixth-seeded Royal-T Real Estate/The LaFlamme Group of Washington took third.

Women’s 40+ Masters Silver: Top-seeded AAA team POP – Past Our Prime of California capped a 6-0 tournament with a 17-11 championship victory over the seventh-seeded AAA team Idaho Spirit. Three of POP's bracket wins came by two or fewer runs. Fourth-seeded Eat It OG Babes of California finished third in the nine-team bracket. **(Champions POP - Past Our Prime and finalists Idaho Spirit photoed below).**



Women’s 50/55+ Gold: Fourth-seeded OnFire/Afoa Insurance, a 50+ AAA team from California, double dipped second-seeded Cali Gold Ladies 18-1 and 17-10 for the title. Top-seeded Takin’ Chances of California finished third in the eight-team division.

Women’s 55/60+ Seniors: Top-seeded and unbeaten Adrenaline 55s of Nevada edged second-seeded Wunder Wood, a 60+ team out of California, **(both teams photoed together below)**, 11-10 for the championship of the four-team division. Vintage 55s of Oregon finished third.



Men's 40+ Masters Major: Seeded last in a 20-team division, Supreme 40s of California won all six bracket games it played, capped by a 27-26 championship thriller over seventh-seeded Hara's/J & R Wood Products, a Washington team that won five elimination games to reach the title bout. The third-seeded Silverbacks of California took third.

Men's 40+ Masters AAA: Second-seeded Unloaded of California knocked off top-seeded Hella Nor-Cal (both teams photoed together below) twice in bracket play, including 20-14 in the championship game. T.N.T. (Tacos & Tequila) of California took third in the three-team division.



Men's 50/55+ Platinum: The top-seeded 50+ Major team C.B.C. of California lost its first bracket game by one run then reeled off six consecutive victories, including 31-22 and 25-24 championship game wins over second-seeded Cali 50 Gold. The team that gave C.B.C. its first loss, Pacific Reign/DeMarini of Oregon, finished third in the eight-team division.

Men's 50+ AAA: Top-seeded Arizona Thunder/Powered by 4himco.com capped a 6-0 tournament with a 24-14 championship victory over fourth-seeded Crossfire of Texas. Eleventh-seeded CaliGold finished third in the 15-team bracket.

Men's 50+ AA: Playing a best-of-three format, Emerald City of Washington swept Doerflinger Athletics of Washington 19-6 and 21-6.



Championship game between Emerald City and Doerflinger Athletics, Men's 50+ AA division.

Men's 55+ Major: Seeded eighth out of nine teams, Jayco of Idaho won five of its six bracket games, including 25-13 "if needed" championship game against fifth-seeded Damage of Nevada. The second-seeded NW Jokers/Dave Smith Motors of Washington finished third.

Men's 55+ AAA: Fifth-seeded 805's of California won all five of its bracket games, including a 15-10 title game against seventh-seeded All-Quip/SOWC-55 of Oregon, to finish undefeated at 7-0 overall. All-Quip won three elimination

games to reach the title bout. Third-seeded Six Five O's of California finished third in the 15-team division.

Men's 60+ Platinum: Top-seeded and unbeaten D'Amore Law Group, a Major team from Washington, defeated the third-seeded Washington Legends 21-17 in the title game. Second-seeded Precision/Wolfpack of Washington took third in the seven-team bracket.

Men's 60+ Silver: The 10th-seeded 60s Desperados, a AAA team from California, won all five of its bracket games, including a 27-26 championship thriller over the fifth-seeded Tri-State Kings of Alaska. The third-seeded North Valley Seniors of California finished third in the 13-team division.

Men's 65+ Major Plus: Playing a best-of-three format, Cal Energy defeated the Texas Crush Sixty Fives 33-22 in the first game, lost the second game 28-29, and won the finale 21-13 to finish as champions and 4-2 overall.

Men's 65+ Major: The third-seeded NorthWest Stampede of Oregon (photo below) lost its first bracket game then won three in a row, capped by a 18-17 title game victory over New Dawn/Awning of California. Scrap Iron/Rocky Mountain Thunder finished third in the three-team division.



Men's 65+ AAA: The top-seeded and undefeated Gamers of Oregon defeated seventh-seeded It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere of California 23-20 for the title of the eight-team division. It marked the closest game played by the Gamers, which won four times by double digits. Fourth-seeded Team Fire/Mackin's Auto Body of Washington finished third.

Men's 65+ AA: Top-seeded East/West Aircraft 65s defeated third-seeded Classics of Utah 13-12 in the title game to finish 4-1 overall. Cascade Thunder of Oregon finished third in the three-team division.

Men's 70+ Major Plus: Playing a best-of-three format, Timberworks/Suncoast of California swept Enviro-Vac Marauders of British Columbia, Canada, 27-15 and 18-8 to win the title and finish 4-1 overall.

Men's 70+ Major: Top-seeded and undefeated R&R 70s of California averaged 22 runs a game and defeated the third-seeded Bulldogs of Oregon 20-8 for the title. New Dawn Awning Reds of California placed third in the seven-team division.

Men's 70+ AAA: Seeded ninth of 10 teams, the 70 Sidwinders of Arizona won all five bracket games it played, including three by one run each. Two of those came against the top-seeded Texas Rattlers, which finished second after losing the title game 17-16. Third-seeded Pacific Storm of California took third.

Men's 70/75+ AA: Top-seeded and unbeaten East/West Aircraft 70 of Idaho (photo below) defeated fourth-seeded Scrap Iron Diamonds 23-8 for the title. Second-seeded Proton/Spikes of Washington finished third in the six-team division.



Men's 75+ Major Plus: Playing a best-of-three format, Omen 75 of California ([photo below](#)) swept Enviro-Vac Marauders of British Columbia, Canada, 22-14 and 23-13.



Men's 75+ AAA: Unbeaten in five games, top-seeded Please Don't Bug Me squashed second-seeded Triple Play 20-19 for the title. The Codgers of Idaho finished third in the five-team division.

Men's 75/80+ Platinum: R&R 75s, a Major team from California, capped a 6-0 tournament with a 19-11 title game victory over third-seeded Last Call 75 of Nevada. Omen 80 of California finished third in the five-team division.

Men's 80+ Major: Playing a best-of-three format, Scrap Iron 80 Proof of Colorado ([photo below](#)) swept Gold Rush of California 19-7 and 18-3 for the title and a 5-0 overall record.



Men's 80+ AAA: Second-seeded Balance of Nature 80s of Utah ([photo below](#)) won all three of its bracket games, capped by an 11-5 title game victory over top-seeded Git-R-Done of California. The California Oaks 80 finished third in the three-team division.



Men's 85+ Major: The second-seeded Top Gun Blue Angels 85 (photo below) double dipped the top-seeded Scrap Iron 85 Legends 21-4 and 13-12 for the title. The Jaguars of California finished third in the three-team division.



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