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2024 Jim Sherman Memorial/Northwest Champs in Salem & Albany, Oregon, and Northeast Champs in Syracuse, New York played at the same time: July 9-14.

Testing Bats at the Fields



Tim McElroy, SSUSA Vice-President/East, field tests a bat at the Eastern Nationals this week in Loudoun County, VA. SSUSA continues to do random bat-compression field tests at National Tournaments in its effort to combat the use of altered bats.

2024 World Champs Deadlines A Week Sooner

Record 88 Teams Compete at 2024 Jim Sherman Memorial/Northwest Champs



By Donna McGuire
Softball News Report

A record 88 teams endured unusually hot temperatures while competing July 9-14 in the 2024 Jim Sherman Memorial/Northwest Championships in Oregon.

Opening day proved so hot – 106 degrees officially in Salem – that Parks and Recreation staff enforced a weather advisory game plan. They required games to start at 7:15 a.m. with games shortened all day to a maximum of five innings.

Than Normal

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The first of 6 deadlines for the 2024 World Championships are less than a month away!

Due to the leap year, the World Championships schedule was pushed up by a week. That means **the deadlines are a week sooner than normal** as well.

The deadlines are as follows:

- Men's 40+ - August 20
- Men's 50+ - August 26
- Men's 55+ - August 12
- Men's 60+ - August 12
- Men's 65+ - August 16
- Men's 70+ - August 16
- Men's 75+ - August 16
- Men's 80+ - August 16
- Men's 85+ - August 16
- Women's 40+ - August 20
- Women's 50+ - August 27
- Women's 55+ - August 27
- International Co-Ed - August 28

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2024 Heart of Texas Successful Despite Hurricane Beryl



"The teams were very thankful this happened," Director Ron Grassi said.

Temperatures cooled into the 90s for the remaining days but remained above average for July. As Director Brian Pryor put it, "It was still pretty hot."

Directors juggled the Sunday morning schedule after a bank of lights went out Saturday night in Albany, forcing some games to move to Sunday.



SSUSA Staff (Eunice & David Lee) commended the hard working maintenance staff at Wallace Marine Softball Complex in Salem, Oregon.

Overall, teams from 10 state states and Canada squared off at parks in Salem and Albany, Oregon. Twenty-three teams earned berths to the 2025 Tournament of Champions in Polk County, Florida, by winning their divisions.

One highlight involved the Men's 50/55+ Platinum Division, where one run decided each of the final three games – including one contest won on a walk-off hit.

Results:

Women's 40+ Masters Major: Playing a best-of-three format, Royal-T Real Estate/The LaFlamme Group of Washington (photo below) swept Not Today of Nevada 10-8 and 18-12. Royal-T finished 5-0 overall.



Women's 40+ Masters Silver: Top-seeded AAA team Ol' D BYBs of Oregon defeated Stayin Alive of Washington 11-2 for the title. Idaho Spirit finished third in the three-team division.

Women's 50+ Gold: Top-seeded Snap, Crackle, Pop, a Major team from Washington, (photo lower left), lost its second bracket game by one run then came back to double dip the AAA champions Takin' Chances of California (photo lower right), 23-16 and 29-18. Both earned TOC berths. West Coast United placed third in the four-team division.



By Nic Francois
Softball News Report

Despite Hurricane Beryl's destruction southeast of Waco, 29 teams from Texas and Oklahoma managed to play through the bad weather for a successful Heart of Texas Tournament.

Director Don Brooks recognized the resiliency and understanding of these teams. "The teams complimented the field conditions numerous times, especially after the tremendous late afternoon thunderstorms and the necessary realignment of the schedule," said Brooks.

"Teams on Sunday deserve a compliment for understanding the change in the schedule," he said.

Five teams, mostly from the Huston area, were unable to make the tournament after the hurricane hit the city and surrounding areas. Senior Softball USA was able to offer these teams credits.

Of the 29 teams that played, all were from Texas except for NOP Softball 55+, hailing from Tulsa, OK.

In four divisions, teams went undefeated in their brackets until losing the championship game, but then bounced back to win the division with victories in the IF game.

Results:

Men's 50+ AAA: After playing mixed pool play with 50/55+ Major teams, Team Creed and Outlaws and Outsiders split into a best 2-out-of-3 bracket. Team Creed defeated Outlaws and Outsiders twice, 18-15 on Saturday and 15-12 on Sunday, for the championship.

Men's 50/55+ Major: Top seeded Texas Steel/California Bat Co, the 50+ Major team, dominated the three-team bracket against two other 55+ Major teams. Texas Steel first defeated Texas Silverbacks 16-12 then narrowly defeated ETX 55s 28-27 to win the division. ETX 55s finished as finalists and Texas Silverbacks as third.

Men's 50/55+ AA: Top seeded Gulf Coast Hurricanes, one of two 50+ AA team out of three in the

Women's 55+ AAA: Playing a best-of-three format, Adrenaline of Nevada swept Team BattleAxe of Oregon 12-6 and 16-8 to finish as champs and 4-1 overall.

Men's 40+ Masters Platinum: After losing a pool game by one run, the fifth-seeded Major team Hara's/J & R Wood Products of Washington swept all four of its bracket games, including a 21-10 title game over fourth-seeded S2 40s of Oregon, which won four elimination games to reach the finals. ReRinc Outlaws of Oregon placed third in the six-team division.

Men's 40+ AAA: Fourth-seeded GTR of Oregon lost the first title game 19-18 but won the second by the same score over second-seeded Torgi Trucking/U.P. Electric of Washington. Top-seeded Style Motors/Integrity Home Loans/Sutton Sign Solutions of Oregon placed third in the five-team division.

Men's 50+ AAA: Top-seeded All-Quip/SOWC-50 of Oregon capped a 5-0 tournament with a 11-8 title game victory over fourth-seeded Refurbished of Utah. Coastline of Washington placed third in the seven-team division.

Men's 50+ AA: Doerflinger Athletics of Washington ([photo below](#)) lost the first championship game 18-10 but rebounded to take the second 17-11 over the NW Blue Dogs of Washington. HCD 50 of Oregon placed third in the three-team division.



Men's 50/55+ Platinum: Top-seeded NW Easton, a 50+ Major team from Washington, lost the first title game on a walk-off 19-18 win for Bath Conversion/NW Wolf Pack of Oregon. Then NW Easton edged Bath 18-17 in the second thrilling title game. Pacific Reign/DeMarini of Oregon placed third in the three-team division.

Men's 55+ Major: Second-seeded Scrap Iron Thunder of Colorado finished 5-0, including a 24-23 title game thriller over fourth-seeded Damage of Nevada. Top-seeded NW Jokers/Dave Smith Motors of Washington took third in the four-team division.

Men's 55+ AAA: Second-seeded All-Quip/SOWC-55 of Oregon capped a 6-0 tournament with a 20-16 championship victory over fourth-seeded Boise Office Equipment/BOE of Idaho. Top-seeded Alliance/Scrap Iron 55 of Colorado finished third in the nine-team division, the tournament's largest.

Men's 60+ Major: Two losses in pool games mattered little to Arizona Old School, which went 3-0 in the bracket and edged third-seeded Precision/Wolfpack of Washington 24-23 for the title. D'Amore Law Group of Washington finished third in the four-team division.

Men's 60+ AAA: Top-seeded Chelu of Oregon capped a 5-0 tournament with a 22-18 title game victory over third-seeded Michael's Automotive Group of Washington. Second-seeded Alliance/Scrap Iron of Colorado finished third in the six-team division.

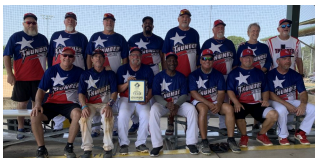
Men's 65+Platinum: Top-seeded NorthWest Stampede, a 65+ Major team from Oregon, ([photo below](#)), capped a 5-1 tournament with a 19-4 title game victory over the second-seeded NW Elite Hitmen of Washington. Texas Crush Sixty Fives finished third in the three-team division.

bracket, won both bracket games against Lobos 55, 29-28 and 20-10 in the championship game. The other 50+ AA team, Team Madness, took third.

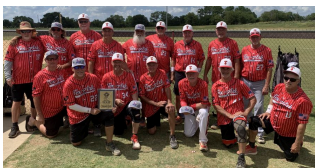
Men's 55+ AAA: In this four-team bracket, the tournament's only out of state team, NOP Softball of Oklahoma, went one-for-two in the seeding, but won every bracket game for the championship. Texas Freedom finished as finalists after losing the championship game 16-5 and Team Blast 55 took third.

Men's 60+ Major: Third-seeded Texas Impact went undefeated in the brackets before losing the championship game to Texas Threat, 21-19. Texas Impact was able to prevent the double-dip and pull out a win in the IF game, 20-13. Undisputed Truth finished third.

Men's 60+ Silver: Comprised of two AAA teams and one AA team, Texas Thunder (AAA - [photo below](#)) went undefeated in the bracket before losing the championship game to Lobos 60 (AA), 18-11. Texas Thunder was able to prevent the double-dip and pull out a win in the IF game, 17-9. The other AAA team, Bayou City Bombers 60 finished third.



Men's 65+ Gold: Second-seeded Tex Ark Legends ([photo below](#)) was undefeated in the bracket until losing the championship game, 18-13, to the other Major team, Houston Fire 65s. Houston Fire failed to successfully double-dip with Tex/Ark Legends winning the division and the IF game, 14-8. Texas Legends, a AAA team, finished third.



Men's 65/70+ AA: After mixed seeding play with the 70+ Gold division teams, Triple 2 (70s - [photo below](#)) and Robson Ranch Texans



Men's 65+ AAA: Second-seeded Second Wind of Washington ([photo below](#)) earned top honors with a 5-0 record, including a 16-12 title game victory over fourth-seeded Scrap Iron Heavy Metal of Colorado. Top-seeded Team Fire/Macklin's Auto Body of Washington finished third in the six-team division.



Men's 65+ AA: Third-seeded Cascade Thunder of Oregon lost the first title game 20-15 but won the second 17-13 over second-seeded Scrap Iron 65s Rockies of Colorado. Fourth-seeded Northwest Silver of Washington took third in the four-team division.

Men's 70+ Major Plus: Playing a best-of-three format, Timberworks/Suncoast of California ([photo below](#)) swept Enviro-Vac Marauders of British Columbia, Canada, 25-1 and 24-10 to finish 4-1 overall.



Men's 70+ Major: Playing a best-of-three format, Bulldogs 70 of Oregon swept Last Call 70 of Nevada 12-11 and 12-5 to finish 3-2 overall.

Men's 70+ AAA: Second-seeded Oregon Crabs lost the first title game 15-13 to top-seeded W.E. Ruth Realty 70 of Washington ([photo below](#)) but won the second 21-20 to capture the championship. Spot Bar & Grill of Oregon finished third in the three-team division.



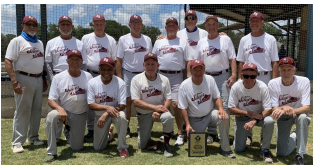
Men's 75+ Major Plus: Playing a best-of-three format, undefeated Omen 75 swept Enviro-Vac Marauders of British Columbia, Canada, 18-17 and 12-10.

(65s) played the best 2 out of 3 in a series of close games. Triple 2 initially won game 1, 19-18, before losing game 2 by the opposite score, 19-18. Eventually Triple 2 came out on top during the IF, winning 16-14.



Men's 70+ Gold: After mixed seeding play with the 65/70+ AA teams, Texas Rattlers and Relentless 70s played the best 2 out of 3. Texas Rattlers initially lost their first game, 20-16, before successfully double-dipping Relentless 22-18 in the champion game and 18-17 in the IF game.

Men's 75+ AAA: Top seeded San Antonio Silver Streaks (photo below) went undefeated in both seeding and bracket games, winning by wide margins such as 23-8 against the Rangers in the championship game. Rangers finished as finalists after the loss and San Antonio Legends finished third.



Men's 75+ Major: Playing a best-of-three format, Last Call of Nevada defeated Al's Sport Shop of California 13-12, 17-22, 18-15.

Men's 70/80+ Silver: Top-seeded Proton/Spikes, a 70+ AA team from Washington, defeated third-seeded Northwest Silver of Washington 23-7 for the title and an overall 4-1 record. Silver City Brewers, an 80+ team from Washington, took third in the three-team division.

Undefeated Teams Dominate the 2024 Northeast Championships

By Donna McGuire
Softball News Report

Half of the champions crowned at the 2024 Northeast Championships in upstate New York compiled undefeated runs through pool and bracket play.

Combined, those six teams went 32-0.

Four of them won their games by an average of eight or more runs. The 40+ Major team Bob Johnson/Roc Nation of New York led the way with an average winning margin of 11 runs.

Other divisions featured closer competition. The 60+ AAA and 65+ Major divisions, for example, required "if needed" championship games to determine a winner.

The tournament drew 57 teams from 10 states and Canada to the Syracuse, N.Y., area. Games occurred at Hopkins Road Park in Liverpool and Legacy Park Fields in Clay.



Hopkins Road Park will be going through major renovations starting September 2024.

Though beautiful weather greeted second-session teams, first-session competitors had to dodge rain issues. Tournament directors moved some games from Thursday morning to Wednesday afternoon to beat incoming weather. After a delayed start Thursday, all games got played.

"The tournament really ran smooth," Tournament Director Gayle Collins said.

Winners loved the green camouflage championship shirts, she added.

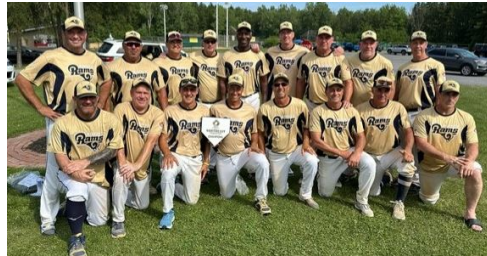
Overall, 12 teams earned berths to the 2025 Tournament of Champions in Polk County, Florida, by winning their divisions. Champions hailed from New York, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Ontario, Canada.

Results:

Men's 40+ Masters Platinum: Top-seeded Bob Johnson/Roc Nation of New York (photo below) capped a 5-0 tournament with a 36-28 title game victory over third-seeded First Capital of New York. Mugshotz of New York finished third in the six-team division.



Men's 50+ Major: Third-seeded Regeee's Rams of Ontario ([photo below](#)) won its five games by an average of eight runs, capped by a 22-16 title game victory over top-seeded Deluxe Bakery/Phoenix Tube of New Jersey. Sixth-seeded Gashouse of New York finished third in the eight-team bracket.



Men's 50+ AAA: Seeded last in a five-team bracket following pool games, Racehouse Tavern/Girad Club/Old Skool of Pennsylvania went unbeaten in bracket play and edged second-seeded That's 50's Show of Pennsylvania 23-22 for the title. Top-seeded Arooga's/MVP of Pennsylvania finished third.

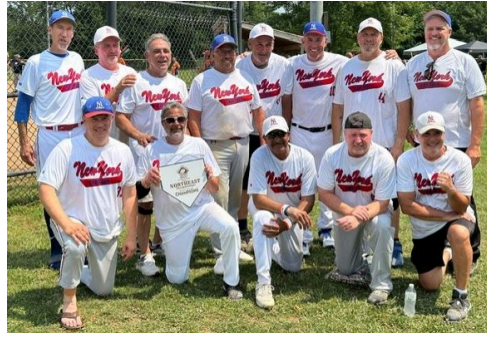
Men's 55+ Platinum: Unbeaten in five games, top-seeded BPA/Miken/Worth/Easton of Pennsylvania earned the 55+ Major Plus title and TOC berth by defeating Bob Johnson/Rizzo's of New York 20-5 for the title of the six-team division. Bob Johnson/Rizzo's earned the 55+ Major TOC berth. Finance of America from New Jersey finished third.

Men's 60+ Major: Second-seeded Building Innovation Group/TJ Plumbing of New York played mostly close games and won them all, including a 26-25 title game victory over the top-seeded Bandits of Ontario. Third-seeded Buell Fuel 60s of New York finished third in the five-team bracket.

Men's 60+ AAA: The top-seeded Hudson Valley Cyclones, ([photo below](#)), which went 5-1 overall, lost the first title game 18-12 then rebounded to nab the second 24-18 over second-seeded Anchor Mechanical of Maryland. Angry Rooster Deli of New York finished third in the seven-team division.



Men's 60+ AA: Playing a best-of-three format, the New York Capitals ([photo below](#)) swept a pair of close games, 17-16 and 16-14, against Pelley Stix of Ontario.



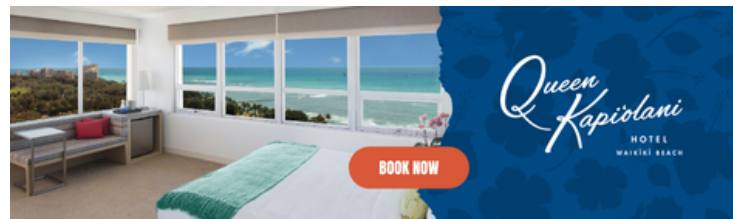
Men's 65+ Major: Second-seeded Action Auto Parts 65s of Rhode Island and fourth-seeded DEEP PURPLE of Massachusetts met three times in bracket play. Action Auto Parts won two of those contests, including an 8-5 "if needed" title game victory after losing the first title game 16-8. Top-seeded Talaga Construction of Connecticut finished third in the six-team bracket.

Men's 65/70+ Gold: Top-seeded Dinos of New Hampshire won three of its five games by double-digits – creating an average winning margin overall of nine runs – and captured the 65+ AAA title with a 22-15 title game victory over fifth-seeded Fat Nancy of New York. Spring Ford 65 of Pennsylvania finished third in the five-team division.

Men's 70+ AAA: Top-seeded Spring Ford 70 went 6-0 with an average winning margin of nine runs, capped by a 17-9 title game victory over third-seeded Upstate Xtreme/Boombah 70s of New York. The Syracuse Cyclones finished third in the three-team division.

Men's 75/80+ AAA: Playing a best-of-three format, the Syracuse Cyclones swept the NorEasters of New York 21-6 and 18-11.

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