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Teams wishing to play in either the World Championships have to play in a 2023 Qualifier. Teams that have played in multiple Qualifiers, need to select one Qualifying Roster as their base roster for the World Championships.

Please email: info@seniorsoftball.com with the Qualifying Roster you want to use as your base roster for the Worlds.

If we receive no notification from managers on their base roster, we will use the latest qualifying roster as the base roster.

As we approach the 2023 World Championships, all team ratings are frozen until after the tournament. No rating changes will be made at this time.

29 Teams Start Path Toward Triple Grand Slam at Eastern Nationals



**By Donna McGuire
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Six days of Senior Softball USA tournament ball in Virginia ended July 30 with 29 teams earning the right to play for a U.S. National Championship in Las Vegas later this year.

Those teams finished atop their respective age and ratings divisions at the 2023 Eastern National Championships played at five ballparks in Loudoun County.

Only four teams completed undefeated runs through pool and bracket play. Nearly half the brackets required an "if" championship to determine a winner.



Fear No One (MD) runner sides into base as the baseman catches the ball in the Women's 40+ AAA division, at Edgar Tillett Memorial Park. Photo by Clover Schultz.

Teams also battled extreme heat and a rain delay.

"Like much of the country, it was incredibly hot," said Tournament Director Tim McElroy, who noted that an ambulance was summoned for a heat-exhausted player Friday morning, well before the hottest part of the day.

Saturday morning, strong storms struck.

"We had tents blowing everywhere," said McElroy, who credited Loudoun County ground crews for getting fields ready within 90 minutes after the storm passed.

Games took place at Potomac Lakes in Sterling, Brambleton Regional Park in Ashburn, Phillip A. Bolen Memorial Park in Leesburg, Edgar Tillett Park in Ashburn, and at the new \$98 million, 257-acre Hal and Berni Hanson Park in Aldie.

Twenty-nine of the 115 participating teams earned the right to play the winners of the Western National Championships during pool play of the SSUSA World Championships set for September and October. Teams that win those games become U.S. National Champions. To earn the Triple Grand Slam title, a U.S. National Champion also must win its World Championship bracket. Last year, only seven teams succeeded.

At the 2023 Easterns, six teams successfully defended titles they won in 2022. Meanwhile, 25 teams earned berths to the 2024 Tournament of Champions set for Polk County, Florida, by winning their brackets.

Results:

All photos by Clover Schultz.

Women's 40+ Masters Major: Top-seeded and undefeated Redz/California Bat Company of North Carolina defeated Vintage of New Jersey 21-14 to win the three-team division. Allstate/ACS/K&G Softball of Ohio finished third.

Women's 40+ Masters AAA: The fourth-seeded Fireballs of Massachusetts lost their first bracket game by one run then won four games in a row, including 13-8 and 10-8 championship game victories over the top-seeded Lady Legends of Pennsylvania. Cherry Bomb of Maryland finished third in the four-team bracket.

Women's 50+ Gold: The top-seeded and defending champion 50 Shades Women's Team (50+ Major) of Indiana went 6-1 overall and double dipped High Octane/Miken Franchise of Indiana 9-4 and 16-6 in the title games. Team Works of Virginia finished third in the six-team bracket. Shots Fired of Rhode Island won a USA Game berth as the top-finishing 50+ AAA team.

Men's 40+ Masters Major Plus: Top-seeded Suncoast Adidas 40s of Florida edged Killman's/Lewis Lawn/DeMarini of South Carolina 22-21 to win the three-team division. HDI of Virginia finished third.

Men's 40+ Masters Major: Fourth-seeded Shin Biscuits/Potomac Sports of Maryland went 4-1 overall and defeated Certified Ground Breakers of Maryland 27-24 for the title. Pennsylvania Legends won three elimination games and finished third in the six-team division.

Men's 40+ Masters AAA: Fifth-seeded Prime 40s of Virginia went 5-1 overall and defeated Black Kings of Maryland 28-8 for the championship of the nine-team bracket. Barkley Heating & Air/O.P.P. of Delaware placed third.

Men's 50+ Major: PulseChain.com/Feet Heat Customs of Ohio earned the top seed, went undefeated, and won the title of the tournament's largest bracket with a 18-14 victory over Taylor Made Construction/BPA of Pennsylvania. Phoenix Tube/Dream Worn of Pennsylvania nabbed third in the 12-team bracket.

Men's 50+ AAA: All 10 teams finished pool play 1-1. The ninth-seeded and defending champion 4 Seasons/Evil team lost its first bracket game by one run before pulling off an incredible run through the elimination bracket. It rattled off eight wins in a row, including 15-14 and 25-10 title-game victories over third-seeded Warpath 50 of Maryland. BACKSIDE of Virginia placed third.

Men's 50/55+ Major Plus: The top two seeds faced off for the championship, which took two games. Second-seeded BPA/Rawlings 55 of Pennsylvania lost the first game 17-9 but captured the second 24-13 to earn the 55+ Major Plus TOC and USA Game berths. Runner-up Suncoast/Adidas 50s of Florida received the 50+ Major TOC and USA Game berths. Demolition/KPI/Midwest Titans of Indiana finished third in the five-team bracket.

Men's 50/55+ AA: Top-seeded Expert Ind. Supply of New Jersey ([photo below](#)) went 6-0 and won the four-team bracket with a 15-7 championship game victory over Flatline/Van Metre Homes of Virginia. That gave Expert Ind. the 50+ AA TOC and USA Game berths. Third-place finisher Longshoremen 55 of Virginia earned the 55+ AA TOC and USA Game berths.



Men's 55+ Major: Top-seeded .50 Core Sports & Apparel/Grit Hounds Softball of Virginia ([photo below](#)) edged Daytona Beach Boyz of Florida 21-20 in the title game to finish 6-0 overall. Bond 124/Caterborne Realty Group of Connecticut took third in the nine-team bracket.



Men's 55+ AAA: Top-seeded Xtreme Home Improvements & Restorations/New York Fitness Clubs/Fredrick's of Pennsylvania ([photo below](#)) lost the first title game 26-24 but won the second 25-16 to claim the three-team division. The Georgia Renegades finished second. Maryland Classics/Office Bar & Grill finished third.



Men's 60+ Major: The second-seeded Top Dawgs of Florida won three elimination games to reach the finals then dispatched the third-seeded Carolina A's of North Carolina 22-15 and 28-16 in the championship games. The Maryland Cougars finished third in the 10-team bracket.

Men's 60+ AAA: Defending champion Turn 2 Electric of North Carolina (photo below) won three elimination games to reach the finals, where it double dipped BJM Bomb Squad 60s of Indiana 20-13 and 12-11. Top-seeded Gaithersburg Rental/TC Backer of Maryland finished third in the five-team division.



Men's 65+ Major: Fifth-seeded Prime Time of Illinois (photo below) defeated third-seeded Empire Monroe of New York 18-11 for the championship of the eight-team division. Omega IT Services LLC of Maryland finished third.



Men's 65+ Silver: Defending champion Northern Virginia Force (65+ AAA) finished 5-1 overall and defeated Spring Ford 65 of Pennsylvania (photo below) 19-9 for the title. The Starboard of Delaware finished third in the four-team division. West Chester Wild of Pennsylvania earned the 65+ AA USA Game berth as the top finishing AA team.



Men's 70/75+ Platinum: Defending champion Venom 75s of Florida won the overall division and the 75+ Major Plus TOC and USA berths by defeating REI Nation of Tennessee ([photo below](#)) 12-8 in the "if" championship game. REI, which won the first title game 16-15, earned the 70+ Major TOC and USA berths. Pill & Pill of West Virginia finished third in the four-team division.



Men's 70/75+ Gold: Defending champion Northern Virginia Force (75+ Major - [photo below](#)) lost the first title game 20-5 but won the second 7-0 to win the three-team division. Runner-up Simmons-Day All-Stars of Maryland earned the 70+ AAA TOC and USA berths. JAG-ONE/Jersey Masters Red of New Jersey finished third.



Men's 75+ AAA: Playing a best-of-three format, JAG-ONE/Jersey Masters of New Jersey ([photo below](#)) swept the Syracuse Cyclones of New York 12-9 and 17-9 for the title.



Men's 80+ Gold: Defending champion NorEasters of New York (80+ AAA - [photo below](#)) defeated the Blazers of North Carolina 21-6 in the title game of the three-team division. Florida Investment Properties placed third and earned the USA Game berth for the 80+ Major Plus division.



Men's 80/85+ Gold: Playing a best-of-three format, Center For Sight of Florida (85+ Major - [photo below](#)) lost the first game 23-22 but won the next two by 7-0 scores. Runner-up New York Statesmen earned the 85+ AAA USA Game berth.



2023 Western Nationals Turn Up the Heat in Weather and Play



Batter from Last Call of Nevada, prepares to swing during the 2023 Western National Championships.

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Thirty-three teams captured the chance to play for a Senior Softball USA National Championship by winning their age and ratings division during the Western National Championships played Aug. 1-6 in the Sacramento area.

Teams that earned a berth in the East/West USA games will square off against the Eastern National Champions later this summer in Las Vegas. If a team wins the East/West game and also wins its bracket that week at the World Championships, it earns a Triple Grand Slam title. Those can be elusive. Only a handful of teams succeed each year.

Teams from California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado and Arizona nabbed titles at the Westerns, which featured 145 of the West's best teams playing at five ballparks across two three-day sessions.



“The level of play – and the media interest – were both exceptional at the Western Nationals this year,” said Terry Hennessy, SSUSA’s chief executive officer. “We deeply appreciate the strong support of the Western Nationals throughout the Northern California region by the Sacramento Sports Commission, Placer Valley Tourism and Explore Elk Grove!”

SSUSA stripped Fattboyz/Prestige/Elite of its 50+ Major Plus title and declared all the team’s games forfeited after Fattboyz/Prestige/Elite played an underage player. SSUSA suspended that player, Michael Whitfill, 49, for two years and placed the team’s manager on probation for one year.

Scrap Iron Havoc, which placed second in the 50+ Major Plus division, received the first-place tournament prizes and the division’s berth to the USA Championship game.

Winners at the Westerns also earned berths to the 2024 Tournament of Champions in Polk County, Florida.

The first few days of play, teams enjoyed pleasant weather. It didn’t last. As has been happening across much of the country this year, temperatures soared past 100 degrees for the final two days.

Results:

Women’s 40+ Masters Major: The top three seeds finished in the top three places, but not in the same order. Third-seeded TABU of California double dipped top-seeded Royal-T Real Estate/The LaFlamme Group of Washington in two thrillers, 20-19 and 7-6. Second seeded Still Grubbing of California finished third in the five-team division.

Women’s 40+ Masters AAA: In this division, the seeds matched the finishes. Top-seeded Dynasty Sisters of California capped a 6-0 tournament with a 12-8 championship victory over the second-seeded Utah Relics. Third-seeded B.O.O.B.s 40s of California placed third in the eight-team bracket.

Women’s 50/55+ Gold: Snap, Crackle, Pop of Washington ([photo below, top](#)) earned the 50+ Major TOC and USA berths by defeating Arizona Dream Team 55s ([photo below, bottom](#)), which earned the 55+ Major berths to both events, 14-6. Old Nasty Curves of California placed third in the three-team bracket and earned the USA game berth for the 50+ AAA division.



Men's 40+ Platinum: Sixth-seeded JK Inc. Easton/Miken of California earned the 40+ Major Plus USA and TOC berths after defeating fourth-seeded Cheap Suits/Republic Realty of California 30-14 in the first title game. The teams agreed not to play the "if" game, as Cheap Suits had earned the 40+ Major berths to the USA game and TOC event. Top-seeded Supreme 40s of California placed third in the 18-team bracket, the tournament's largest.

Men's 40+ Masters AAA: Top-seeded GTR of Oregon (photo below) went 5-0 and won all its bracket games by double-digits, including a 30-14 victory over Unloaded of California in the championship game. T.N.T. (Tacos & Tequila) of California took third in the five-team bracket.



Men's 50+ Major Plus: Though Fattboyz/Prestige/Elite compiled a 6-0 record, it lost all of its games to forfeit for playing an underage player. First place awards and the TOC and USA

game berths went to Scrap Iron Havoc of Colorado, which defeated Battleborn of Nevada in the third-place game to reach the championship game.

Men's 50+ Major: Second-seeded Gold Nation 50s of California ([photo below](#)) lost the first championship game 19-17 then won the second 23-12. Fourth-seeded Vicious Cycle Softball of California finished second. Fifth-seeded G.O. Softball/Mae Capital of California won three elimination games to place third in the six-team bracket.



Men's 50+ AAA: Top-seeded Rolfe & Company of California capped a 6-0 tournament with a 20-7 championship game victory. Twelfth-seeded Smokem of California finished second after winning five elimination games to reach the title bout. All-Quip/SOWC-North of Oregon placed third in the 13-team bracket.

Men's 55+ AAA: Third-seeded D'Amore Law of Washington also went 6-0, including a 14-10 championship victory over fifth-seeded Kamikaze 55 of California. Junkies/A-1 Pavement Marketing 55s of California finished third in the 13-team bracket.

Men's 55/60+ Platinum: Sixth-seeded Legacy Sports USA of Arizona ([photo below](#)) earned the 60+ Major Plus USA and TOC berths and the overall tournament title by defeating second-seeded CANVAZ Softball of California 15-14. CANVAZ earned the 55+ Major USA and TOC berths. ManCave of Texas finished third in the 11-team bracket.



Men's 55/60+ AA: California Coast Plumbers Inc. edged Tri City Legends/D-bats of Washington 24-23 for the title. California Coast earned the 55+ AA TOC and USA berths while Tri City nabbed the 60+ AA berths. Cut Loose 60s of California finished third in the three-team bracket.

Men's 60+ Major: Top-seeded California Energy, which won two of its bracket games by one run each, put up 30 runs in the title game to win by 18 over third-seeded Tradition Softball of California. The seventh-seeded Top Gun Warriors finished third in the 11-team bracket.

Men's 60+ AAA: Third-seeded Michael's Automotive Group of Washington ([photo below](#)) went 6-0, including an 18-3 championship victory of top-seeded Chelu of Oregon. Warriors of California finished third in the seven-team bracket.



Men's 65+ Platinum: Top-seeded New Dawn Awning of California (photo below) defeated second-seeded Incrediwear of California 13-3 to win the four-team bracket and the 65+ Major TOC and USA berths. The Oregon Crabs finished third. Fourth-place Cal Energy, which entered as an exhibition team and could not win in bracket play, earned the USA game berth for 65+ Major Plus.



Men's 65+ AAA: Trachsel Auto Body 65s of Oregon (photo below) went 6-0, including an 18-7 title game victory over Last Call 65 of Nevada. It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere of California finished third in the nine-team bracket.



Men's 65/70+ AA: The top-seeded Pastimers of Washington (photo below) defeated Spikes of Washington 22-13 for the title. Pastimers earned the 65+ AA berths, and Spikes nabbed the 70+ AA berths. Scrap Iron Diamonds 70s of Colorado finished third in the three-team bracket.



Men's 70+ AAA: No Dice/Costa Rica of California went 6-0, including an 8-1 championship victory over Nor-Cal 70s. The Sacramento Islanders placed third in the five-team bracket.

Men's 70/75+ Platinum: Second-seeded Timberworks/Suncoast of California defeated top-seeded Last Call 70 of Nevada 27-15 to win the title. Enviro-Vac Marauders of British Columbia, Canada, finished third in the five-team bracket. Fourth-place Omen of California received the 75+ Major Plus USA game berth.

Men's 75+ AAA: Top-seeded Last Call 75 (photo below) lost the winner's final but rebounded to double dip Please Don't Bug Me of California in two thrillers, 13-12 and 17-16. Solano Senior Enforcers of California placed third in the five-team bracket.



Men's 75+ AA: Playing a best-of-three format, the Mustangs of California (photo below) nipped California Oaks 10-9 and 16-15.



Men's 75/80+ Platinum: Second-seeded Valley Fog (photo below), a 75+ Major team from California, defeated Al's Sport Shop of California 15-11 for the title of the three-team

division. The San Francisco Seals finished third and received the 80+ Major Plus USA game berth.



Men's 80/85+ AAA: Top-seeded Gold Rush of California went 6-0, won five games by double-digits and defeated the Jaguars 7-0 for the title. Gold Rush earned the 80+ AAA berths to the TOC and USA game. The Jaguars nabbed the 85+AAA USA game berth. California Oaks 80s finished third in the three-team division. (**Jaguars and California Oaks photoed together, below**).



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