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More than 60 teams were re-rated based on their performance in the 2023 World Championships.

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## Softball News Report

As the\_new Senior Softball season begins, teams will need to register,



managers will be building their rosters and players will be renewing or registering for the first time.

The Senior Softball USA staff is ready to help, but much of registration and roster-building can be accomplished online.

#### **Player Registration:**

Returning players whose cards expire in 2024 may renew easily online. New players to SSUSA must complete registration form, submit a copy of their driver's license, then scan <u>and</u> email the documents to Register@seniorsoftball.com, or mail them to:

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## **Softball News Report**

Sixty-three of the 654 teams competing in 2023 World Championships were automatically raised to the next higher skill level. The winners in each of the Major, AAA and AA divisions will play at the next higher skill level for the 2024 season.

Other teams raised in the larger divisions have a right to appeal their rating after playing in three tournaments in 2024.

Here is the breakout of teams moved to the next higher skill level (**Senior Softball Rulebook, Page 66**):

Teams winning their division of the World Championships in the AA, AAA and Major Divisions will be raised in ratings to the next skill level and will not be eligible for appeal until the team plays at its new rating for one season.

Other teams in those divisions will be raised to the next skill level and will be eligible for appeal after competing in three (3) qualifying tournaments:

- \* 10 or fewer teams = Champion only moved.
- \* 11 to 20 teams = Finalist (two total teams).
- \* 21 to 30 teams = Finalist and 3rd Place (three total teams).
- \* 31 or more teams = Finalist, 3rd and 4th Place (four total teams).

Here are the teams that have been moved up based on their finish in the 2023 World Championships:

#### Women's 40+ AAA to Major:

Dynasty Sisters Mood Swings (CA)

## SSUSA Player Registration 9823 Old Winery Place, Suite 12 Sacramento CA 95827

Snowbirds must register annually and only need the Snowbird card to play. Snowbirds who are not registered yet will need to add their email, date of birth and copy of driver's license.

NOTE: Players competing in a tournament without registering have 10 days after completion of tournament to register OR be SUSPENDED from future tournaments.

#### **Team Registration:**

Managers register their teams ONLINE at the beginning of every season (after World Championships or before their first tournament) and pay a fee (\$50).

After a team is registered, the manager can go to his/her team page and create master roster for the new year.

NEW TEAMs must complete a team registration form and submit the \$50 fee before being given a password to compete their roster.

#### **Rosters Rules:**

After they register the team for the year, the manager creates his/her 2024 master roster online via the SSUSA website. The roster auto-populates the players for the team's first tournament.

Managers MUST update the roster for each tournament, making any changes online, or calling the SSUSA office if they need assistance.

Every player must update his/her Player Registration if it has expired. Snowbird and "out-of-region" players need to be added by the SSUSA office for each tournament.

Teams with last-minute changes to the tournament roster, will be emailed the updated roster and will need to present that roster to the Director at check-in.

## **Special Tournament Rosters:**

Not Today (NV) Pro Moves 40 (CA)

#### Women's 40+ AA to AAA:

FIGO Islanders (Guam)

#### Women's 50+ AAA to Major:

Straight Pride 50s (CA)

## Women's 55+ AAA to Major:

Arizona Dream Team 55s

#### Men's 40+ Major to Major Plus:

Blue Pill Mafia/QOS Networks (AZ)

First Capital (NY)

Legends Sports (NV)

Smash It Sports Northwest 40 (WA)

## Men's 40+ AAA to Major:

G2G (CA)

Gigantes O.C. 40s (MD)

GTR (OR)

#### Men's 50+ Major to Major Plus:

Crawford Contracting (MI)

G.O. Softball/Mae Capital (CA)

PulseChain.com & Feet Heat Customs (OH)

Team Shadow (NV)

#### Men's 50+ AAA to Major:

MC Improvements (WI)

Reds Boys (KY)

SSC/Persuaders (KS)

Team Express/Living Legends (T.E.L.L.) (AL)

#### Men's 50+ AA to AAA:

Expert Ind. Supply (NJ)

#### Men's 55+ Major to Major Plus:

.50 Core Sports & Apparel/Grit Hounds Softball (VA)

Acme (CA)

Regeee's Rams (ON, Can.)

Vectra International/Big Biscuit (KS)

#### Men's 55+ AAA to Major:

D'Amore Law (WA)

Junkies/A-1 Pavement Markings 55s (CA)

Lowe Legends 55 (OH)

Xtreme Home Improvements and Restorations/New York Fitness Clubs/Fredrick's (PA)

#### Men's 55+ AA to AAA:

So Cal Riptide 55/RMK Trucking

#### Men's 60+ Major to Major Plus:

Dirty Birds 60s (CA)

Dudley Lightning 60s (MO)

Sonoma County Crush (CA)

Top Dawgs (FL)

## Men's 60+ AAA to Major:

Avalanche (MI)

Crossfire (TX)

Diminished Skills 60s (CA)

Texas Threat 60s

## Men's 60+ AA to AAA:

Road Warriors (AZ)

Spin Tees (WA)

To play in the Western Nationals, Eastern Nationals and the World Championship, teams need to play in a qualifier to enter.

If a team has played in more than one qualifying tournament, the manager must select only one tournament roster to submit.

If teams fall below a minimum number of players, they can add players to the qualifying roster:

- Men's teams 40-60 and women's 40 teams may add the same age and skill level players to get to 15 players.
- Men's teams 65-80 and women's 50 and older teams may add the same age and skill level players to get to 16 players.
- Players who have played on other same age-same skill level teams during the season must be released.

For the Tournament of Champions, managers must use the tournament roster which qualified the team for the TOC.

Short-handed teams may add players to the TOC roster according to the same rules as teams adding players for the Westerns, Easterns and Worlds.

#### **Player Ratings:**

A player's rating is determined by his/her team ratings over the past two (2) years. (For players in the 70 and older divisions, the rating is determined upon the past one (1) year of play.

If a player misses a year or two of playing, SSUSA reverts to the last two years of playing.

**Aging up:** A player rating follows the person as he/she ages up. For example, a 40 Major-Plus player aging up to 50s would be considered 50 Major-Plus.

#### Playing down an AGE division:

When a person plays down an AGE division, he/she drops a "skill" level. For example, a 65 Major-Plus player = 60 Major player. Please refer to the SSUSA website, TEAM RATING INDEX.

#### Men's 65+ Major to Major Plus:

Omega IT Services LLC (MD) Prime Time (IL)

#### Men's 65+ AAA to Major:

Peak Softball/Scrap Iron 65s (CO) Tex/Ark Legends (TX) Trachsel Auto Body 65s (OR)

#### Men's 65+ AA to AAA:

Pastimers (WA)
Texas Tornados 65s

#### Men's 70+ Major to Major Plus:

Enviro-Vac Marauders (BC, Can.) Over The Edge (CA)

#### Men's 70+ AAA to Major:

D & K Softball (CA) Rezults Realty (NV)

#### Men's 70+ AA to AAA:

Git-R-Done 70 (CA) Top Gun Olde Dawgs (CA)

#### Men's 75+ Major to Major Plus:

75 Scrap Iron Diamonds (CO)

#### Men's 75+ AAA to Major:

KC Kids 75 (MO)

#### Men's 75+ AA to AAA:

San Antonio Legends (TX)

## Men's 80+ Major to Major Plus:

Scrap Iron 80s (CO)

## Men's 80+ AAA to Major:

Gold Rush (CA)

#### Men's 85+ AAA to Major:

Jaguars (CA)

## Appealing a player Rating: -

Appeals must be submitted with appropriate paperwork requesting one of two reason(s) as to the player's rating.

- Medical appeal -there is a 120-day waiting period.
- 2. History/Skill appeal– there is a 30 -to 120-day waiting period.

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