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2022 Western and Eastern National Championships' Logos

## World Championships Deadlines Approach



Attention managers, players, and teams:

The World Championships are approaching, which means the deadline for your team to enter and pay for the tournament is also nearing.

Different age divisions might have different deadline dates. This is because different age divisions have different dates of play. Please be aware of your age division's deadline.

**Deadlines:** Entry fee payment and completed online roster must be received by:

Men's 40	Aug. 26, 2022
Men's 50	Sept. 1, 2022
Men's 55	Aug. 18, 2022
Men's 60	Aug. 18, 2022
Men's 65	Aug. 22, 2022
Men's 70	Aug. 22, 2022
Men's 75	Aug. 22, 2022
Men's 80	Aug. 22, 2022
Men's 85	Aug. 22, 2022
Women's 40	Aug. 26, 2022
Women's 50	Sept. 1, 2022
Women's 55	Sept. 1, 2022
Women's 60	Sept. 1, 2022
Women's 65	Sept. 1, 2022
Women's 70	Sept. 1, 2022
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## East vs. West: 57 Teams Earn Berths to USA National Championships at Worlds

By Donna McGuire

Fifty-seven teams have earned the right to play for a U.S. National Championship and the coveted Triple Grand Slam when the 2022 Senior Softball USA World Championships occur later this year in Las Vegas.

Those 57 teams won titles in either the Eastern National Championships which were played at three Virginia ballparks in Loudoun County, or the Western National Championships, which took place at five California ballparks in the Sacramento area.

In Las Vegas, the East champs will play the West champs during pool play of the World Championships set for September and October. Those winners will be crowned U.S. National Champions.

To earn the Triple Grand Slam title, a U.S. National Champion also must win its World Championship bracket. That often proves difficult. Last year, only seven teams succeeded.

The Eastern National Championships drew 119 teams for games played July 26 to Aug. 7. The Western National Championships drew 157 teams for games played July 26 to 31.

"Both the Eastern and Western Nationals drew record numbers of teams this year, which is an excellent sign that our sport is healthy and growing after two years of a pandemic," SSUSA Chief Executive Officer Terry Hennessey said.

Some champions enjoyed undefeated runs through pool and bracket play. Others stayed off elimination multiple times before winning titles by double-dipping their final opponents. A few teams earned U.S. National Championship berths as the highest finishing team in their age and rating level even though they did not win their overall bracket.

### The results:

**Women's 40+ Masters Major:** TABU of California (photo below) compiled a 6-0 record as it won the four-team Westerns bracket. It defeated Still Grubbing of California 23-8 in the finale. In the East, no teams entered.

Team lists will be published on the tournament page: <https://seniorsoftball.com/?event=1690>. Please check that list if you mailed your entry because of the delays in mail delivery.

## Only 3 out of 77 Teams Go Undefeated in 2022 Jim Sherman Memorial/Northwest Championships

Only three of 77 teams that entered the 2022 Jim Sherman Memorial Northwest Championships this July pulled off an undefeated run through pool and bracket play.

CornerStone out of Oregon won six games without a loss in the 60+ Major division.

The Northwest Yeahoos of Washington pulled off the same feat in the 60+ AAA division.

And Cascade Thunder of Oregon compiled a 5-0 mark to win the 65+ AA division.

All other teams lost at least one game during the tournament.

Except for two days when temperatures climbed into the 90s, teams enjoyed nice weather during the July 12-17 event played at two parks in the Salem, Oregon, area.

Tournament directors received great feedback on the Wallace Marine Park fields in Salem. Park staff kept the place so clean it looked new every day, said Director Brian Pryor. The second complex, Bryant Park in Albany, proved to be an upgrade from previous years, Pryor said.

Though doubling hotel prices kept some teams away, the tournament still grew by three teams from the previous record year of 74 entrants in 2021.

"We hope to get more reasonable prices from the hotels next year," Pryor said.

The first session featured teams in the 65+ and older age brackets.

In the four-team **65+ AAA** men's division, the top-seeded Gamers from Idaho ([photo below](#)) lost their first bracket game 10-8 and had to win their way through the elimination bracket to face Stor-A-Way/Grey Sox of Washington for the title. Gamers double dipped the Grey Sox 13-7 and 12-7. Last Call 65s of Nevada finished third.



Three teams vied for the **65/70+ Platinum** title won by top-seeded Oregon Crabs 65s, which defeated Timberworks/Suncoast of California 16-13 in the finale. REH Second Wind of Washington placed third.

The Oregon Crabs 70s also nabbed a title by defeating Enviro-Vac Marauders of British Columbia 15-8 in the championship of the three-team **70/75+ Platinum** division. Omen 75 of California finished third.

In the three-team **65+ AA** division, the Cascade Thunder capped an unbeaten tournament with a 20-5 victory over runner-up VAN USA-Wooly's of Washington. Northwest Silver of Washington placed third.

In the four-team **70+ AAA** division, Last Call of Nevada defeated Scrap Iron 5280' of Colorado 12-9 to win the championship. Seattle 70 of Washington took third.

Seven teams formed a combined **70/75/80+ Gold** division. The Scrap Iron Diamonds of Colorado won the title by edging Mr. Plywood of Oregon 9-8 in the finale. W.E. Ruth Realty 75s of Washington finished third.

The younger teams arrived for weekend play, with two women's divisions joining the fun on the diamonds.

Stayin' Alive of Washington won the three-team **Women's 40+ Masters** division by defeating Vintage 208 of Idaho 22-16 in the finale. Idaho Spirit placed third.

Snap Crackle Pop of Washington won the three-team **women's 50+ AAA** title with a 14-5 championship game victory over Bend Blockbuster of Oregon. The Northwest Lady Warriors of Washington took third.

In men's play, eight teams battled in the **40+ Masters/50+ Platinum** division. The Northwest Legends 40s of Washington lost both of its pool game but then ran unbeaten through the bracket, capped by a 23-17 title game victory over Smash It Sports Northwest 40s of Washington. The Northwest Legends scored at least 23 runs in each of the team's four bracket games. Cody Staffing/A3, a 40+ Major-Plus team from Washington, finished third.

The Rough Necks of Washington ([photo below](#)) won the six-team men's **40+ Masters AAA** division by defeating Style/Integrity/Sutton of Oregon 16-14 in the title game. GTR of Oregon finished third.



**Women's 40+ Masters AAA:** Golden Girls Softball of Maryland won the Easterns by defeating Firestyx of New Jersey 16-12 in the title game of a six-team bracket. Not Today won the Westerns by beating Nemesis of California in the finale of a seven-team bracket.

**Women's 50+ Major:** Unbeaten in six games, the 50 Shades Women of Indiana ([photo below](#)) won the Easterns by edging Kryptonite of Florida 18-17 in the finale of a four-team bracket. In the West, no teams entered.



**Women's 50+ AAA:** In the West, the undefeated Snap, Crackle, Pop team from Washington beat the Northwest Lady Warriors of Washington 13-2 to win its four-team bracket. In the East, Unfazed of Virginia earned a U.S. Championship berth by being the highest finishing AAA team in a joint bracket with Major teams.

**Men's 40+ Masters Major Plus:** In the East, Killman's/Lewis/Rockhill of South Carolina defeated Suncoast/Adidas of Florida 22-18 to win its three team bracket. In the West, JK Inc. of California compiled a 6-0 record and ousted Cody Staffing/A3 of Washington 30-15 in the finals of a four-team bracket.

**Men's 40+ Masters Major:** The Westerns title game featured the top two seeds, both from California, in a 14-team bracket. Cheap Suits/Republic Realty/Express Athletics ([photo below](#)) double-dipped Vicious Cycle, the team that beat it earlier in bracket play, 19-15 and 21-20 to win that crown. Another top seed prevailed in the Easterns. The Riddlers of New York won all six of their games by an average margin of nine runs and defeated the Pennsylvania Legends 18-7 in the finale of a nine-team bracket.





Assured Products Group of California won the three-team men's **50/55+ Platinum** division. After surviving two one-run games earlier in bracket play, Assured defeated the Easton Reds of Washington 28-16 for the title. Cody Staffing/SIS/A3 of Washington placed third.

A best-of-three format decided the two-team **55+ Major** division. The Wolfpack/Washington Legends defeated Oregon Elite 24-16 in the first game, lost the second game 21-20, and won the rubber game 25-24.

In the seven-team **50+ AAA** division, second-seeded Northwest Jokers of Washington ([first photo](#)) defeated All-Quip/SOWC of Oregon ([second photo, along with NW Jokers](#)) in the championship game 23-16. Pro Vision/Café Elite of Washington finished third.



Top-seeded VAN Connection of Washington won the four-team **50/55+ Silver** division with a 21-8 title game victory over Stars & Stripes 55 of Oregon. VAN's only loss was a one-run defeat in pool play. Third place went to Alaska 49ers/Residential Mortgage.

Top-seeded CornerStone of Oregon won its games by an average of 12 runs until reaching the championship of the eight-team **60+ Major** division, where the Washington Legends gave them a fight. CornerStone won that game 12-11. The Tri-State Kings of Alaska finished third.



**Men's 40+ Masters AAA:** Both tournaments needed 'if' games to determine a winner. In the seven-team Easterns bracket, the Rough Rider of Maryland ([photo below](#)) defeated Autism Pride of Maryland 18-9 after losing the first title game 16-13. In the four-team Westerns bracket, GTR c Oregon double-dipped NFL2G of California 24-6 and 19-8.



**Men's 50+ Major Plus:** Top-seeded Fattboyz/Prestige/Elite of California ([photo below](#)) double-dipped Bay Equity/Hara's/SIS of Washington 21-7 and 28-14 to win the four-team Westerns bracket. In the two-team Easterns, Suncoast/Adidas of Florida beat Deluxe Bakery of New Jersey 16-10 and 21-8 in a best-of-three format.



**Men's 50+ Major:** Steve' Sports/AJS of Connecticut went unbeaten and won the 11-team Easterns bracket with a 27-14 victory over Walkoff 50 of Maryland. Junkies/Onyx/NVS of California went unbeaten in the nine-team Westerns, where it won its title game 23-14 over Battleborn NV 50.

**Men's 50+ AAA:** After starting as the ninth seed in a 14-team bracket, Damage of Nevada rattled off five consecutive victories to win the Westerns. It defeated Rolfe & Company of California 14-11 in the finale. In the 10-team Easterns bracket, unbeaten and second-seeded Fat Chops/4 Seasons of Massachusetts defeated FFE of Maryland 25-16 to win the title.

**Men's 50+ AA:** Top-seeded and undefeated BACKSIDE of Virginia won the four-team Easterns 50/55+ AA combined bracket by defeating Flatline 50s of Virginia 20-5. In the Westerns, no 50+ AA teams entered.



The Northwest Yeahoos defeated Chelu of Oregon 21-12 for the title of the four-team **60+ AAA** division. Haulin' N Ballin' 60 of Washington placed third.

The Spin Tees of Washington won the three-team **60+ AA** division by double dipping Tri City/TimeShare of Washington 11-9 and 19-11. Mike's Bar & Grill of Washington finished third.

## Updated 2023 TOC Invite List

The qualified team list for the 2023 Tournament of Champions in Polk County, Florida, February 1-5, has been updated and will continued to be updated as more TOC Tournament results come in.



### Senior Softball USA 2023 Tournament of Champions February 1-5, 2023 Polk County, Florida Qualified and Invited Teams



Teams qualify for an invitation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual 2023 Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Polk County, FL, by winning their division in one or more of these SSUSA Championships during the 2022 SSUSA Tournament season:

- Winter National Championships [WNC]: November 9-14, 2021 (2022 season) – Ft. Myers & Naples, FL
- Winter World Championships: [WWC] November 16-21, 2021 (2022 season) – Phoenix, AZ
- Spring National Championships: [SNC] March 18-20, 2022 – Polk County, FL
- Spring World Championships: [SWC] March 18-27, 2022 – Mesquite, NV & St. George, UT
- Tidewater Classic: [TC] March 23-27, 2022 – Virginia Beach, VA
- Southwest Championships: [SC] April 19-24, 2022 – Las Vegas, NV
- Texas State Championships: [TSC] April 26-May 1, 2022 – Grapevine, TX
- Atlantic Coast Championships: [ACC] May 10-15, 2022 – Raleigh, NC
- Rock 'N Reno Challenge Cup: [RNR] May 27-June 5, 2022 – Reno, NV
- SSUSA/CAN-Sirs Northern California State Championships: [NCSC] June 10-12, 2022 – Sacramento & Placer Counties, CA
- Southern California State Championships: [SCSC] June 21-26, 2022 – Hemet & Cathedral City, CA
- Northeast Championships: [NEC] July 8-13, 2022 – Syracuse, NY
- Midwest Championships: [MC] July 8-13, 2022 – St. Charles, MO
- Jim Sherman Memorial/Northwest Championships: [JS/NC] July 12-17, 2022 – Salem, OR
- ISA Senior World Series: [ISA] July 21-24, 2022 – Columbus, IN
- Western National Championships: [WNNC] July 26-31, 2022 – Sacramento & Placer Counties, CA

Congratulations to all the teams invited!

Highlighted TOC Tournaments have been added to the list. Click [here](#) or click the screenshot above to see the list.

We will post the USA National Game invited teams list in our Fall Newspaper, coming early September before the World Championships.

If you have any questions or concerns about the list, contact us via email: [nic@seniorsoftball.com](mailto:nic@seniorsoftball.com) or by calling: 916-326-5303.

## Never Know Who You'll Meet at the Tournaments

You never know who you're going to run into at a Senior Softball tournament...

Jeffrey Tuggay, one of our great umpires from Arizona and formerly California, was umpiring a game in the Western Nationals at Elk Grove's Bartholomew Park to be specific. While talking with the players, he discovered that one of the players was his junior high school woodshop teacher, Virgil Dahl.

**Men's 55+ Major Plus:** In the three-team Easterns bracket, FBI 55s/Worth/Miken/DeMarini/Blue Mountain of Florida ([photo below](#)) double-dipped Suncoast/Adidas 55s of Florida 26-11 and 7-0. No team entered the Westerns.



**Men's 55+ Major:** After starting as the seventh seed in an 11-team Westerns bracket, L.A.F. 55 of California won five games in a row, including a 23-9 title-game victory over Thunderstruck 55s of Arizona. In the 11-team Easterns division, Ohio Elite went undefeated in pool and bracket play. It bested the Northeast Merchants of Maryland 19-17 in a title game that featured the division's top two seeds.

**Men's 55+ AAA:** Infoquest.com of Pennsylvania ([photo below](#)) won the three-team Easterns bracket by defeating the Steel City A's of Pennsylvania 20-12 in the championship game. In an 11-team Westerns bracket, SMASH 55 of California revenged a 18-17 loss in the first title game by pounding the North Valley Seniors of California 20-1 in the 'if' game.



**Men's 55+ AA:** The Longshoremen of Virginia received the U.S. game berth by finishing as the top 55+ AA team in a combined 50/55+ bracket in the Easterns. No teams entered 55+ AA in the Westerns.

**Men's 60+ Major Plus:** Legacy Sports USA of Arizona won the three-team Westerns bracket by beating LPC 60s of California 20-16 in the finale. No teams entered the Easterns.

**Men's 60+ Major:** The Bank of Delaware lost its first bracket game before reeling off six victories in a row, including five on the final day, in the seven-team Easterns bracket. It double-dipped Razor's Edge of Indiana 19-18 and 24-17 for the crown. In the eight-team Westerns bracket, top-seeded CornerStone of Oregon went undefeated and beat Vegas Elite of Utah 19-9 for the title.

**Men's 60+ AAA:** A nine-team Westerns bracket needed two championship games to declare a winner. Wilson Motors 60s of Idaho got revenge for an earlier bracket loss to the Northwest Yeahoos of Washington by winning the title games 9-7 and 12-8. In the eight-team Easterns bracket, Levin Ameriprise II of Florida ([photo below](#)) lost its first bracket game before winning seven in a row, including 16-10 and 12-5 victories over the High Street Bucs of Maryland in the championship games.



(Jeffrey Tuggay (left) and Virgil Dahl, at Bartholomew Park, 2022 Western Nationals)

"Mr. Dahl was one of my favorite teachers along with a few others at Junction Avenue Junior High in Livermore, CA.," says Tuggay. "I've always wondered how he was doing because I knew back then he played fast pitch softball."

Virgil plays for Lincoln Hills Coyotes 80 and has been with Senior Softball USA since 2010.

Thank you to Jeffrey and Virgil for sharing this story and being a part of SSUSA.



**Men's 60+ AA:** Spin Tees of Washington defeated the Pastimers of Washington 22-9 and 16-14 in a best-of-three format in the two-team Westerns bracket. The Beltway Bandits of Virginia earned the Easterns U.S. game berth as the top-finishing AA team in a multi-division bracket.

**Men's 65+ Major Plus:** California Energy (photo below) won the three-team Westerns bracket by double dipping Timberworks/Suncoast of California 19-12 and 22-10. No teams entered in the Easterns.



**Men's 65+ Major:** After being seeded fifth in a six-team bracket, Dan Smith/FAI/Dudley of North Carolina won the Easterns title by edging Promotion/Phoenix Tube of New Jersey 12-11 in the "if" game. Promotion won the first title game 14-6. In the two-team Westerns, the Oregon Crabs defeated the Nor Cal Reds 10-9 and 16-5 in a best-of-three format.

**Men's 65+ AAA:** The Gamers of Idaho won the 12-team Westerns bracket by defeating Cut Loose 65s of California 17-7 in the finale. The Northern Virginia Force won the three-team Easterns by beating Starboard/OTS of Delaware 15-10 in the finale.

**Men's 65+ AA:** In a two-team Easterns bracket, the Hudson Valley Cyclones of New York (photo below) defeated the West Chester Wild of Pennsylvania 15-7 and 15-4 in a best-of-three format. The Cascade Thunder of Oregon won the Westerns U.S. game berth as the highest finishing AA team in a multi-division bracket.



**Men's 70+ Major Plus:** Timberworks/Suncoast won the Westerns U.S. berth as the highest finishing 70+ Major Plus team in a multi-division bracket. No teams entered in the Easterns.

**Men's 70+ Major:** The Animals of California won the three-team 70/75+ Platinum division in the Westerns by beating R&R of California 11-7 in the "if" game after losing the first championship game 17-7. In the Easterns, the New Jersey Hitmen (photo below) won the U.S. game berth as the highest finishing 70+ Major team in the four-team 70/75+ Platinum divisor





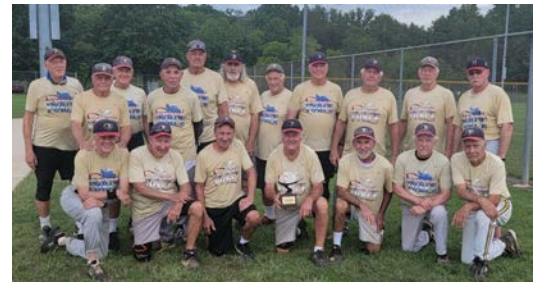
**Men's 70+ AAA:** Last Call of Nevada won five games in a row to claim the nine-team 70+ Silver division crown in the Westerns. Last Call beat Nor-Cal 70s in the finale. In the Easterns, JAG-ONE/Jersey Red defeated the Northern Virginia Force 17-7 to win a three-team AAA bracket.

**Men's 70+ AA:** Brunette/Spikes of Washington earned the Westerns U.S. game berth as the highest finishing AA team in a multi-division bracket. No AA teams entered the Easterns.

**Men's 75+ Major Plus:** Venom of Florida won the four-team Easterns 70/75+ Platinum bracket by defeating the New Jersey Hitmen 17-8 in the title game. In the Westerns, Omen finished as the top 75+ Major Plus team in a multi-division bracket.

**Men's 75+ Major:** Valley Fog of California won the two-team Westerns bracket by beating the Sidewinders of Arizona 21-5 and 22-8 in a best-of-three format. No teams entered in the Easterns.

**Men's 75+ AAA:** Top-seeded Al's Sport Shop of California swept away the competition to win the five-team Westerns bracket. It defeated Last Call of Nevada 11-5 in the title game. The undefeated Northern Virginia Force (photo below) won the three-team 75/80+ Gold bracket in the Easterns by besting the Delaware Legends 15-7 in the finale.



**Men's 75+ AA:** Triple Play of California defeated the California Oaks 12-6 and 25-7 in a best-of-three format to win the Westerns. No teams entered in the Easterns.

**Men's 80+ Major Plus:** In the Easterns, Florida Investment Properties won the U.S. game berth as the highest finishing 80+ Major Plus team. No team entered in the Westerns.

**Men's 80+ Major:** The San Francisco Seals defeated General Equipment of Oregon 19-10 to win the three-team 80/85+ Major division in the Westerns. No team entered in the Easterns.

**Men's 80+ AAA:** Top-seeded Scrap Iron Grey Berets Base Force won the five-team 80/85+ Westerns bracket by beating Gold Rush of California 14-0. The Noreasters 80 of New York (photo below) won the three-team 80+ AAA bracket in the Easterns by edging Peach Tree Restaurant of Pennsylvania 5-4 in the title game.



**Men's 85+ Major:** Top Gun Blue Angels of California won the Westerns U.S. game berth as the top finishing 85+ Major team in a multi-division bracket. No teams entered in the Easterns.

**Men's 85+ AAA:** The Jaguars of California won the Westerns U.S. game berth as the top finishing 85+ AAA team in a multi-division bracket. No team entered in the Easterns.

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