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Elite Sports USA has your official 2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championship merchandise. Visit <https://www.elitesportsusa.net/> for more information.

East Bests West, 8-4, in U.S. National Championship Games

Twelve U.S. National Championship Games were held in the first three sessions of the 2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships.

The U.S. National Championship Game is the second leg of the Triple Grand Slam and takes place during

Men's & Women's 40s Showcase Session 3 of 2020 WMC



KINGMAN, Ariz. – After seven straight days (Sept. 17 – 23) in St. George, Utah, the 2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships moved 230 miles south here, where the Men's and Women's 40's Divisions got their turn at bat beginning on Sept. 25.

Session III had a total of 85 teams, representing 16 states, playing across five divisions on two complexes over a three-day span.

Two U.S. National Championship Games highlighted the opening day of the third

seeding play, pitting the winners of the Eastern National Championships and Western National Championships.

The Triple Grand Slam consists of winning the Eastern/Western National Championship, the U.S. National Championship Game, and the World Masters Championship.

Because the U.S. National Game is a guaranteed seven-inning game, the winner earns the top seed in bracket play, while the loser takes the second seed.

Overall, teams from the East held an 8-4 advantage in the games.

U.S. National Championship Game Results

Session 1

Men's 55 Major Plus
San Antonio Softball Club (TX) def. Ohio Elite/R Sports, 37-32

Men's 55 Major
Ameriprise Florida Legends def. WPI/Wilson Auto (ID), 16-15

Men's 55 AAA
Michael's Automotive Group (WA) def. Old Stars (IN), 19-8

Men's 60 Major Plus
LPC/Dudley (CA) def. Omega IT Services, LLC (VA), 24-8

session.

Men's 40 Major Plus (11 teams)



LB/Spirits West/SMC (MD) pitcher leads team to the Triple Grand Slam

In the 11-team Men's 40 Major Division, LB/Spirits West/SMC (MD) outdueled LCP/Prestige Softball (CA) 37-35 in the U.S. National Championship game.

After winning the Eastern National Championships and U.S. National Championship Game, LB/Spirits West/SMC concluded the 2020 campaign with the elusive Triple Grand Slam, going 4-0 in bracket play, including a 33-28 win over Prestige/Elite Sports Orange County (CA) in the championship game to capture the World Masters title.

Suncoast Adidas (FL) finished in third place, while LCP/Prestige Softball rounded out the top four finishers.

Quick Roofing/Homeworks (TX) and Front Row/Powerhouse Sports (TX) tied for fifth place, while Fattboyz/Elite (CA) and Firehouse Pub/Game Apparel/Tarz Nation (MI) each advanced to Championship Sunday as well.

Men's 40 Major (36 teams)

Men's 60 Major
Chicago Prime (IL) def.
Vegas Elite (NV), 16-11

Men's 60 AAA
Vecter Scorpions (FL)
def. Sidewinders (AZ),
20-19

Men's 60 AA
Full Throttle (AZ) def.
NoVa Storm (VA), 27-
21

Session 2

Men's 65 Major
New Jersey Hitmen
def. Top Gun Elite
(CA), 21-20

Men's 70 Major Plus
Venom (FL) def.
OMEN (CA), 17-13

Men's 75 Major
Venom (FL) def.
Tharaldson's (NV), 21-
17

Session 3

Men's 40 Major Plus
LB/Spirits West/SMC
(MD) def. LCP/Prestige
Softball (CA), 37-35

Women's 40 AAA
Firestyx (NJ) def. Hafta
Play (CA), 10-9

Final Standings - 2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships

Below are the final
standings (top 4) from
Sessions 1-3 (Men's
40, 55 - 85, Women's
40) of the World
Masters
Championships.



K&B Beverage/AG Painting/D Bat (AZ) batter swings for the fences.

The largest division of the third session was the 36-team Men's 40 Major Division.

Following seeding play, bracket play was split into two 18-team pods – American and National.

K&B Beverage/AG Painting/D Bat (AZ), the No. 7 seed in the National pod, posted a perfect 5-0 record to advance into the championship game.

Blue Pill Mafia/QOS Networks (AZ), the No. 5 seed in the National pod, won its first three games, before falling to K&B Beverage/AG Painting/D Bat, 25-23, to drop down in the elimination side of the bracket in the American pod.

Blue Pill Mafia/QOS Networks would not go down lightly, as the team rebounded with three straight elimination games to punch its ticket to the championship game.

In the championship game, K&G Painting/AG Painting/D Bat once again got the better of Blue Pill Mafia/QOS Networks, pulling out a thrilling 22-21 victory.

Midwest Stars/Rhino Roofing (MO), the No. 7 seed in the American pod, posted a 4-2 record in bracket play to finish in third place.

Team F1rst (CA), the default U.S. National Champion, rounded out the top four finishers, as the No. 4 seed in the American pod went 4-2 in bracket play.

Of the 36 teams, eight teams advanced to the final day of play.

Cheap Suits/Republic Realty/Express Athletics (CA), TABU (CA), L3S/Glory Days (TX), and NorthWest Legends (WA) were the other teams to play on Championship Sunday.

NorthWest Legends made a grueling run through the elimination side of the bracket, winning five straight games to get to Sunday.

Men's 40 AAA (16 teams)

Congratulations to all winners!

SESSION 1

Men's 55 Major Plus (9 teams)

1. **Sommerville Softball (CA) - TOC**
2. **San Antonio Softball Club (TX) – U.S. National Champ**
3. Kelleher Firm/LeMay/Blue Mountain (FL)
4. Ohio Elite/R Sports

Men's 55 Major (25 teams)

1. **Scrap Iron/Rocky Mountain Thunder (CO) – TOC**
2. Pope Transport (WI)
3. Vandals (CA)
4. Bad Seed (CA)
- ***Ameriprise FL Legends - U.S. National Champ**

Men's 55 AAA (31 teams)

1. **Michael's Automotive Group – TOC / Triple Grand Slam**
2. Bond 1234/OSS/Phil's Painting (MA)
3. Trachsel Auto Body (OR)
4. Old Stars (IN)

Men's 55 AA (4 teams)

1. **So Cal Riptide (CA) – TOC**
2. Arizona Blaze
3. **Spin Tees (WA) - U.S. National Champ (default)**
4. Morris Clark Roofing & Siding (WA)

Men's 60 Major Plus (4 teams)

1. **LPC/Dudley (CA) – TOC / Triple Grand Slam**
2. Omega IT Services,



Above & Beyond Plumbing (CA) on the offensive in the championship game.

In the 16-team Men's 40 AAA Division, Above & Beyond Plumbing (CA) registered a perfect weekend, going 2-0 in seeding and 5-0 in bracket play, including a 32-24 win over Gigantes O.C. (MD) in the championship game.

Potomac Sports (MD) finished in third place after running off four straight elimination games, while Rough Ryders (MD) rounded out the top four finishers.

Eight teams advanced to the final day of play, as CBD/True North Remodeling (MD), the default U.S. National Champion, and Good Time Rolling (OR) tied for fifth place. Sicarios (CA) and Whatever (AZ) were the other two.

[CLICK HERE](#) for game-by-game scores for the Men's 40 Division (make sure to refresh your page).

Women's 40 Major (6 teams)



Players from TABU (CA) rounding the bases in the championship game.

In the six-team Women's 40 Major Division, Kryptonite Miken/Worth (FL), the default

- LLC (VA)
 3. Texas Crush Sixties
 4. Samurai (CA)

Men's 60 Major (20 teams)

1. **Minnesota Merchants – TOC**
2. **Chicago Prime (IL) – U.S. National Champ**
3. Scrap Iron/Rocky Mountain Thunder (CO)
4. Arizona Elite

Men's 60 AAA (27 teams)

1. **50 Caliber Silver St. Louis (MO) – TOC**
2. Weekend Warriors (CA)
3. Scrap Iron Heavy Metal (CO)
4. **Vecter Scorpions (FL) – U.S. National Champ**

Men's 60 AA (16 teams)

1. **Texas Legends – TOC**
2. **Full Throttle (AZ) – U.S. National Champ**
3. Buck Run Farms (NE)
4. MN Lumberjacks

SESSION 2

Men's 65 Major Plus (3 teams)

1. **Timberworks/Adidas (CA) – TOC / Triple Grand Slam**
2. Minnesota Masters/Ancell
3. Arizona Ancient

Men's 65 Major (18 teams)

1. **Top Gun Elite (CA) – TOC**
2. BlueSpeed AV (MO)
3. Ted Todd Insurance

U.S. National Champion, posted a perfect 3-0 record in bracket play, including a 25-17 win over TABU (CA) in the championship game.

TABU had previously won four straight games to escape the elimination side of the bracket en route to their runner-up finish.

Top seed Broken Dollz (CA) finished in third place, while Fun Bunch (CA) rounded out the top four finishers.

Women's 40 AAA (16 teams)



Tharaldson Softball (NV) up at bat in the championship game.

In the 16-team Women's 40 AAA division, Firestyx (NJ) edged out a hard-fought 10-9 win over Hafta Play (CA) in the U.S. National Championship Game.

Entering bracket play as the top seed, Firestyx would be unable to complete the Triple Grand Slam, going 1-2 in bracket play.

The runner-up in the U.S. National Game would also earn a runner-up finish in the tournament, as Hafta Play posted a 4-2 record.

Tharaldson Softball (NV) cruised to a 5-0 record in bracket play, including a 14-9 win over Hafta Play in the championship game, to take the crown.

Firestarter Oldies (WA) won four straight elimination games en route to their third-place finish, while Saints (AZ) rounded out the top four finishers.

TST (CA), S.O.AZ, Pro Moves (CA), and Straight Pride (CA) were the other teams to advance to the final day of play.

[CLICK HERE](#) for game-by-game scores for the Women's 40 Division (make sure to refresh your page).

To read the recaps from the first two sessions of the World Masters Championships, which appeared in last week's newsletter, please click on the links below.

SESSION 1 (Men's 55 & 60)

(FL)

4. KC Kids (MO)

***New Jersey Hitmen**
– U.S. National
Champ

Men's 65 AAA (17 teams)

1. North Idaho Softball Club (MT) – TOC

2. Team Texas San Antonio

3. Chicago Prime (IL)

4. Cut Loose (CA) – U.S. National Champ (Default)

Men's 65 AA (8 teams)

1. Bags Softball (IA) – TOC

2. Oklahoma Street Outlaws

3. Scrap Iron Diamonds (CO) – U.S. National Champ (Default)

4. Duke City Dynamite (NM)

Men's 70 Major Plus (2 teams)

1. OMEN (CA) – TOC

2. Venom (FL) – U.S. National Champ

Men's 70 Major (8 teams)

1. Animals (CA) – TOC

2. Sidewinders (AZ) – U.S. National Champ (Default)

3. So Cal Guys

4. San Antonio Silver Streaks (TX)

Men's 70 AAA (11 teams)

1. Codgers/BCT (ID) – TOC

2. USA Patriots (OK)

3. Scrap Iron 5280 (CO) – U.S. National Champ (Default)

4. Relentless (TX)

SESSION 2 (Men's 65 - 85)

Session 4

The fourth and final session (Men's & Women's 50) of the **2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships** is scheduled for October 29 - November 1 in Mesa and Glendale, AZ. **Entry deadline is Oct. 8.**

The Men's 50 Major and AAA Divisions will play in Mesa October 29 - November 1; while the Men's 50 Major Plus and AA, and Women's Divisions will play in Glendale October 30 - November 1.

You can view the current team list for the Men's and Women's 50 Divisions on the tournament page for the WMC.

If your team name is not listed, please contact the SSUSA office to enter your team.

2020 WMC COVID-19 Update

SACRAMENTO – Seventeen people on seven different teams have reported positive COVID-19 tests in the first session (55/60 men) of the 2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships (WMC).

Two cases have been reported in the second session (65-85 men) and no cases in the third session (40 Masters men and women). Only one of the cases has required hospitalization.

The first three sessions of the WMC attracted 315 teams and almost 10,000 players and their families.

The cases reported include:

- Two players and a friend from a 60AA Colorado team.
- Coach of a 60 AA Oklahoma team.
- A pitcher from a 60AA team from Nevada.
- A player from a 60 Major team from Minnesota.
- A player, his wife, and daughter from a 55AAA Southern California team.
- Seven players and the coach of a 55 and 60 Major-Plus teams from Texas. The initial player became ill on the second day of play. That player is being hospitalized with pneumonia.
- A player from a 65 Major team from Nevada.
- A player from a 65 Major-Plus team from California.

SSUSA officials said they were going to poll all managers next week from the first three sessions of the WMC to find out if there are any additional cases. In addition, we will be checking the condition of the reported cases. That updated report will appear in next week's Newsletter.

All of the hotels in which the players stayed have been notified.

Correction from Session 1 of the WMC

SSUSA mistakenly had an error in the final four standings in the Men's 60 Major

Men's 70 AA (5 teams)

- 1. Valley Fog (CA) – TOC**
- 2. Franklin Loan Center (CA) – U.S. National Champ (Default)**
3. STL Vision (MO)
4. California Oaks

Men's 75 Major Plus (2 teams)

- 1. OMEN (CA) – TOC / Triple Grand Slam**
2. Sidewinders (AZ)

Men's 75 Major (5 teams)

- 1. Venom (FL) – TOC / Triple Grand Slam**
2. Tharaldon's (NV)
3. Tri-State Diamondbacks (NM)
4. Las Vegas Coyotes (NV)

Men's 75 Silver (7 teams)

- 1. St. George Raptors (UT) – TOC**
2. Minnesota Masters
- 3. Arizona Outlaws – U.S. National Champion (Default)**
4. Chicago Gray Sox (IL)

Men's 80/85 Gold (6 teams)

- 1. Git-R-Done 80 (CA) – Triple Grand Slam**
2. ProHealth Care 80 (WI)
3. ProHealth Care 85 (MN)
4. Redwood City Gold Rush (CA)

Men's 80 Platinum (2 teams)

- 1. Top Gun 80 Gold (CA)**
2. Scrap Iron Gray Berets (CO)

Division in last week's newsletter.

Dudley Lightning Midwest (MO) was listed as the fourth-place finisher; however, Arizona Elite defeated Dudley Lightning Midwest, 17-13, to advance to the fourth-place game.

Arizona Elite won three straight elimination games, before falling to Scrap Iron/Rocky Mountain Thunder (CO) in the fourth-place game.

2021 Rule Change Reminder: Out-of-Region Players Approved for AA, AAA, & Major Teams

Reminder to all teams, for the 2021 season, AA, AAA, and Major teams will be allowed two (2) out-of-region players.

The rule change was announced back in April.

**By Donna McGuire
SSUSA National Rules Chair**

SACRAMENTO - The vast majority of Senior Softball USA teams will be able to add two out-of-area players to their rosters starting with the 2021 season under a new rule approved this month by the SSUSA National Rules Committee.

AA, AAA and Major teams that are **NOT** based in five (5) player-rich states will be allowed to add two players from any state located on the same side of the Mississippi River as the team's home state, as long as those players meet all other roster eligibility rules.

The new rule does not apply to Major Plus teams, which already have unique roster composition rules - four (4) out-of-region players, same side of the river.

Also excluded are teams based in California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon or Hawaii. Under "neighboring state" eligibility rules, those five states already have the nation's largest pools of available players. The new rule is designed to help teams in areas where fewer players live.

The change was prompted by a variety of manager requests. Some had asked for the ability to retain players who moved away from their area but had played on their team for years. Others requested adjustments to neighboring states rules, especially in areas with player shortages.

The National Rules Committee discussed the issue at the national SSUSA conference in December but tabled action until staff could gather data and survey managers.

The committee reconvened in a telephone conference call April 7. After discussing the data and requests, committee members approved the new rule as the most sensible solution available that also addressed as many of the issues as possible.

The rule change takes effect when the 2021 season officially begins in November.

SESSION 3

*Men's 40 Major Plus
(11 teams)*

1. **LB/Spirits West/SMC (MD) – TOC / Triple Grand Slam**
2. **Prestige Elite/Orange Co. (CA)**
3. **Suncoast Adidas 40's (FL)**
4. **LCP/Prestige Softball (CA)**

Men's 40 Major (36 teams)

1. **K&B Beverage/AG Painting (AZ) – TOC**
2. **Blue Pill Mafia/QOS Networks (AZ)**
3. **Midwest Stars/Rhino Roofing (KS)**
4. **TEAM F1RST (CA) – U.S. National Champion (Default)**

Men's 40 AAA (16 teams)

1. **Above & Beyond Plumbing (CA) – TOC**
2. **Gigantes O.C. 40 (MD)**
3. **Potomac Sports 40 (MD)**
4. **Rough Ryders/Miken (MD)**
- * **CBD/True North Remodeling (MD) – U.S. National Champion (Default)**

Women's 40 Major (6 teams)

1. **Kryptonite Miken/Worth (FL) – TOC / U.S. National Champion (Default)**
2. **TABU 40's (CA)**
3. **Broken Dollz (CA)**
4. **Fun Bunch 40's (CA)**

Women's 40 AAA (16 teams)

1. **Tharaldson Softball (NV) – TOC**
2. **Hafta Play (CA)**

2020 World Masters Championship Gear!



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3. Firestarter Oldies (WA)
4. Saints (CA)
- * Firestyx (NJ) – TOC
– U.S. National Champion

Upcoming SSUSA Tournaments (Oct. / Nov. / Dec. / Jan.)

Oktoberfest Classic -

NEW EVENT

Polk County, FL

October 24-25, 2020

Deadline October 9

LVSSA/SSUSA

WORLD MASTERS

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Session 4 (Men's & Women's 50)

October 29 -

November 1, 2020

Deadline October 8

12th Annual LVSSA

Bullhead City Fall

Classic (Recreation Tournament)

Bullhead City, AZ

October 30 -

November 4 (Men)

November 7-8
(Women)

WINTER NATIONAL

CHAMPIONSHIPS

(2021 Roster)

Ft. Myers, FL

November 10-15, 2020

Deadline October 20

WINTER WORLD

CHAMPIONSHIPS

(2021 Roster)

Phoenix, AZ
November 17-22, 2020
Deadline October 27

SSUSA Holiday
Classic (2021 Roster)
- NEW EVENT
St. George, UT
December 12-13, 2020
Deadline November
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TOURNAMENT OF
CHAMPIONS
Polk County, FL
January 20 – 24, 2021
Deadline December
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