



2009 Senior Olympic Softball Team Tournament!



**Welcome to the 2009 New Mexico Senior Olympic
Softball Team Tournament – September 11-13, 2009**

**Softball Games will be played at 2 complexes –
Rio Rancho Sports Complex and Eagle Ridge Middle School Fields**

Athlete Check In:

- Athlete Check in will be at Rio Rancho Sport Complex, 3501 High Resort Blvd
- Tournament Headquarters will be at the Rio Rancho Sports Complex, 3501 High Resort Blvd
- Check-In Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon
- Teams may have up to 5 out of state players per team
- Captains may make up to three changes to their roster prior to team's first game of the tournament as long as changes do not affect age division. Only exceptions for changes on roster that impact age division must first be approved by the Arbitration committee. A change is a deletion or an addition, each constitutes as a change.
- All athletes are required to check in with Photo ID with DOB (such as driver's license) and must sign in for Liability Waiver acceptance prior to participating. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Game Shirts and credentials will be distributed at Check In to individual team players
- **Wrist bands must be worn at all times during Tournament**

Athlete Social/Mixer:

The social/mixer will take place at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening at Santa Ana Casino. The social/mixer is casual and "come as you are". The Social/Mixer will feature appetizers, drinks, DJ music, and door prizes. Social/mixer is free to registered athletes and \$8.00 for all guests. Guests must purchase tickets during Athlete Check In before 6:00 p.m. Friday and present ticket. No refunds.

2009 Tournament Format/House Rules for Softball

- Tournament Coordinator: Art Perez, 505-220-7571 (cell)
- A mandatory Captain's meeting will be held at the Rio Rancho Sports Complex on Saturday, September 12 @ 7 a.m. at Field 2. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative
- All athletes are required to check in with Photo ID with DOB (such as driver's license) and must sign in for Liability Waiver acceptance prior to participating. NO EXCEPTIONS
- **Wristband must be worn ON WRIST as credentials during all play throughout tournament. Players not wearing wristband will not be allowed to participate.**
- Teams must be of one gender
- Pitching screens will be used for all games – men and women
- Men and Women's Pool Play begins Saturday morning - See schedule
- One official will be utilized for all Pool play; two officials for all Bracket play
- **Players MUST participate in one game in pool play to participate in bracket play**
- All teams need to be at their respective fields with sufficient time to start play on time. All pool play and bracket play may be continuous.
- Line-Up cards must be presented to the opposing manager and scorekeeper 10 minutes prior to EACH game time. Tournament line-up cards will be furnished to all teams by NMSO.
- **Game time is forfeit time.**
- No infield practice will be allowed between games
- Team clothing must be of like design and color and jersey must have a number on the back
- Teams must supply their own bats, gloves and practice balls. NMSO will provide game balls
- NMSO officials reserve the right to reschedule, modify or cancel any portion of tournament due to inclement weather, team numbers or unplayable conditions
- Equalizer Rule will apply when playing different age divisions or higher caliber team. Runs will be added in the second inning with a max of 5 runs.
- When teams of different categories play each other, Home Run rule for the lower category team will be followed
- All Team Tournaments will adhere to the New Mexico Senior Olympics, Inc. official rulebook. This will include but is not limited to Code of Conduct, Protests, Appeal Process, and scheduling procedures
- All game inquiries must be addressed by the Captain and presented to the Sport Coordinator prior to start of games
- Tournament evaluations are requested and recommended by NMSO for 2009

SPORT RULES

All games will be conducted in accordance with the Softball Players Association (SPA) and National Senior Games Association (NSGA) rules except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, please see:

Softball Players Association (SPA)	www.softballspa.com
National Senior Games Association (NSGA)	www.nsga.com
New Mexico Senior Olympics, Inc. (NMSO)	www.nmseniorolympics.org