



**Game Schedule – Saturday, September 26 – Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex, Leesburg, FL**

**Field 1**

- 9:00 a.m.** Men: Stone Crest 60 v Village Hit Squad 65  
**10:45 a.m.** Women: TM Force 50 v SoCo Battitudes 55  
**12:15 p.m.** Men: Stone Crest 60 v Bradenton Storm 60  
**1:30 p.m.** Women: Golden Players 55 v SoCo Battitudes 55 (Gold/Silver Game)  
**2:45 p.m.** Women: Red Devils 60 v Stretch Zone 60

**Field 2**

- 9:00 a.m.** Men: Bradenton Storm 60 v SGO Sports 60  
**10:45 a.m.** Women: Red Devils 60 v Making Waves 60  
**12:15 p.m.** Men: SGO Sports 65 v Village Hit Squad 65  
**1:30 p.m.** Women: Making Waves 60 v Stretch Zone 60  
**2:45 p.m.** Women: Silver Diamonds 65 v Blue Sunshine 50

**Field 3**

- 9:00 a.m.** Women: Golden Diamonds 55 v Silver Diamonds 65  
**10:45 a.m.** Women: Stone Creek Bombers 50 v Pitch Please 55  
**12:15 p.m.** Women: Blue Sunshine 50 v Stone Creek Bombers 50 (Gold/Silver Game)  
**1:30 p.m.** Women: Pitch Please 55 v Golden Diamonds 55 (Gold/Silver Game)

**Field 4**

- 9:00 a.m.** Women: Golden Players 55 v Vipers 50  
**10:45 a.m.** Women: Golden Players 65 v Sluggers 65 (Gold/Silver Game)  
**12:15 p.m.** Women: Diamond Cutters 60 v Sluggers 65  
**1:30 p.m.** Women: TM Force 50 v Vipers 50 (Gold/Silver Game)  
**2:45 p.m.** Women: Diamond Cutters 60 v G Players 65

**Field 5**

- 9:00 a.m.** Women: Orange Blazers 70 v Golden Players A 70  
**10:45 a.m.** Women: Orange Blazers 70 v Blue Pioneers 70 (Gold/Silver Game)

**Field 6**

- 9:00 a.m.** Blue Pioneers 70 v Golden Players B 70  
**10:45 a.m.** Golden Players A 70 v Golden Players B 70 (Gold/Silver Game)

# Florida State Senior Games Softball Championships



## Game Day information

September 26, 2026

Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex

2775 Hollow Lane, Leesburg

Black Bear Concession will be serving Breakfast sandwiches and concessions throughout the day. Concession will have water and other sport drinks to buy. Concession staff will be available to assist players and spectators with orders on F5 and F6.

- Water coolers will be in the dugouts on all 6 fields. Players bring their own water containers.
- Warm up fields are on 7 and 8 (top right fields in diagram) for the teams on 1 through 4.
- Teams will share the infield, Batting cages are located at the two fields.
- Teams playing on 5 and 6 batting cages next to the playing field
- Parking for fields 5 and 6 will be on your left as you come into the complex.
- Parking for fields 1 – 4 straight ahead, past the Pavilion on your left.
- Please do not park vehicles in the Handicap spaces.
- Fields 7 and 8 will be on your left just past the Pavilion.
- Parking with gear for warm-ups is available.
- Do Not get on the infield on your playing fields to practice you may use the outfield area.
- Practice fields 7 and 8 infield can be used for warm-ups: first team listed will get 20 minutes while the opponent team is in the batting cage - then both teams will switch.
- Teams bring your own warm up balls.

At 8:52 a.m. managers meet at home plate for coin toss home and away, followed by the National Anthem,. All games first pitch 9:00 a.m.

For Games in rounds 2 thru 5 the umpire/manager meeting will be 5 minutes before game time. Umpires will check your team bats. Please place them outside of the dugout. SSUSA logo or the 1.21 BPF.

**Player Team check in** will open at 7:50 a.m. for those with 9:00 a.m. game times. Second round games may check in starting at 9:30. A Team Player Waiver must be turned in at check in if not before. Also the registration of \$225, check made out to Florida Sports Foundation with team name on the check will be collected at team check in.

May have on site: a device for credit card swipe during check in.

Managers meeting at the Pavilion for round one games (9:00 a.m.) will meet at 8:10 a.m. and second round game managers meet at 9:40 a.m.

## SSUSA Rules

- Pitchers must wear a face mask, infielders is recommended.
- 1 – 1 count with a courtesy foul ball.
- 5 run limit per inning
- Pool play: 65 minutes plus the next open inning. Gold and Silver Games will be 70 minutes with next inning open.

- Younger teams will give 5 runs for equalizer.
- Courtesy runner can run from any base and only one time per inning. Any player may be a courtesy runner. Make sure all players are listed on the batting team lineup.
- Please mark players on the lineup card who would be a CR courtesy runner.
- 70 + teams have unlimited courtesy runners and may over run second and third base.
- Mercy Rule: 15 run differential after 5 innings, 10 after 6 innings.
- Team batting line ups: one to the umpire and one to the Scorekeeper behind home plate. Managers must sign the umpire sheet after the game is completed.

There will be an Athletic Trainer on site. Injury ice will be available at the concession area and at the lower fields in the area between fields.

Managers will need to bring plastic bags for your ice when needed.

Fields 1 and 2 will have both men and women teams playing games.

F 3 and F 4 will have women teams only

F 5 and F 6 will be women teams 70+ age groups

Full Schedule will be posted at [www.floridaseniorgames.com/softball](http://www.floridaseniorgames.com/softball).

Fields 1-4 will have 5 rounds of games with start times between 9:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.

Fields 5-6 will have 3 rounds

Game times are scheduled for:

9:00

10:45

12:15

1:30

2:45

This tournament is a qualifier for the 2027 National Senior Games, to be held June 30-July 11, 2027 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. All first-, second-, and third-place winners will qualify for the 2027 National Senior Games.

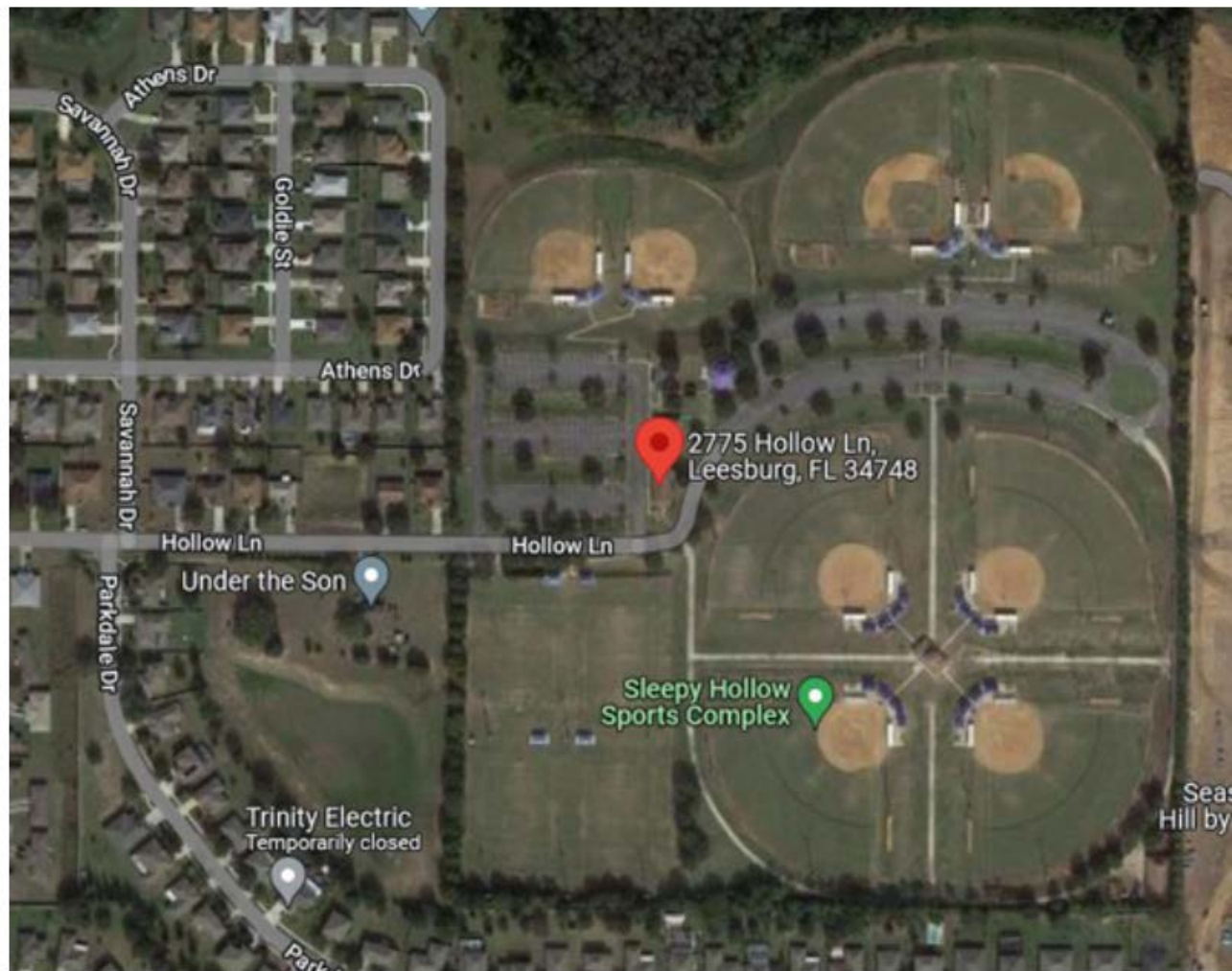
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## Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex



# SOFTBALL

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## EVENTS

Team Softball

## QUALIFYING RULES

1. All first-, second-, and third-place winners at a 2026 NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2027 National Senior Games.
2. States that divide men's competition into three skill categories may qualify three men's teams in each skill category. States that divide women's competition into three skill categories may qualify three women's teams in each skill category.

## ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. Teams must supply current team rating, tournament history and all other names used or played under during the period of one year. Failure to provide or falsification of information given to the NSGA will result in the team automatically be placed in the highest skill division (Division 1) in the tournament.
2. Teams must provide their own bats, gloves and practice balls.
3. Teams must be all one gender.
4. Team rosters shall be limited to 22 persons, including non-playing coaches, non-playing captains and non-playing bench personnel. No more than 20 of these persons may be players. No players will be added to the roster during the tournament. This includes non-players moving to player status due to an injured team member.
5. Teams are not limited to the number of out-of-state players on their rosters; however, roster changes shall be allowed only as permitted under Rule F. It is the captain's responsibility to declare team residency subject to NSGA approval, at the time of registration. Team roster participants who are unable to compete may be replaced after the official registration deadline for valid medical reasons only. Determining valid change requests are at the discretion of the NSGA and may be made after the advertised registration deadline. The new team member or partner must have participated in the sport they wish to enter, at a qualifying state game.
6. Teams that add two or more players from a higher rated team may be subject to reclassification.
7. All registration and team rules apply to non-playing coaches, non-playing captains and non-playing bench personnel.
8. At the National Senior Games athletes may compete on up to two teams per sport providing that the teams are in different age divisions that are scheduled to play in completely separate sessions.
9. Age divisions for all team competition will be determined by the age of the youngest team player as of December 31, 2027.

## FORMAT

1. Tournament format will be pool play or round robin, with as many teams as possible advancing to a double elimination championship bracket. Every effort will be made to provide teams a minimum of 5 games.
2. Awards will be presented for 1st through 4th place within each age/skill division.

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3. Men's and women's teams may be divided into a maximum of three skill divisions - Division I (highest level), Division II and Division III (Recreational) based on the number of teams in each division and pool play results. Skill divisions will be utilized as needed as determined by tournament officials. Current national senior softball ratings may be considered. **Note: In an effort to standardize skill categories in all NSGA team sports, the softball skill divisions have been renamed. NSGA skill divisions may not reflect the actual team rating as determined by the National Senior Softball Summit Ratings Committee.**
4. Seeding for double elimination play will be determined based on pool play results in the following order:
  - a. Won/loss Record (Strength of teams played may be considered)
  - b. Head-to-Head results – only when all teams play each other
  - c. Total runs allowed
  - d. Run differential
  - e. Total runs scored
  - f. Coin Toss
5. The NSGA reserves the right to change the tournament format for any age division based on entry numbers, space restrictions, skill levels or other circumstance.

## SPORT RULES

1. This tournament will be conducted in accordance with Senior Softball USA (SSUSA) Rules, except as modified herein. For a copy of these rules, please visit the SSUSA website <https://seniorsoftball.com> or call:

Senior Softball USA (SSUSA)  
9823 Old Winery PI #12  
Sacramento, CA 95827  
(916) 326-5303
2. **Strike Zone Mat:** A Strike Zone Mat will be used in all games to determine balls, strikes, and outs at home plate. The top of the mat will be placed at the top of home plate. The mat will measure twenty-one (21) inches wide and thirty-five (35) inches long with a white home plate centered at the front of the mat measuring seventeen (17) inches across the front, 8 1/2 inches down each side, and 12 inches diagonally to a point nearest the catcher. A legal pitch not swung at that strikes any part of the strike zone mat or home plate shall be called a strike by the umpire.
3. **Pitcher's Plate/Box:** A pitcher's box consisting of the area from the front of the pitcher's plate, 50 feet from home plate, and extending back ten feet (10 ft.) and twenty-four (24) inches wide perpendicular to the pitcher's plate shall be used. The pitcher must release the ball after coming to a complete stop with one foot or both feet in contact with the pitcher's plate or within the pitcher's box. One foot must remain in contact with the plate/box when the pitch is released with an underhand motion. A step simultaneous with the release of the ball may be taken in any direction with the free foot. The pitcher must be facing the batter when delivering the pitch. The catcher must remain within the lines of the catcher's box until the pitched ball is batted, touches the ground or home plate, or reaches the catcher's box. This area should be chalked off.
4. **Players and substitutes:** SSUSA rules for re-entry and extra player (EP) will apply. Extra players may play defense at any time provided the total number of defensive players on the field at any time does not exceed the total allowed for that age division.
  - a. Men in age divisions 50+, 55+ and 60+: Ten defensive players shall constitute a team.
  - b. Men in age divisions 65+ 70+ and 75+: Eleven (11) defensive players shall constitute a team
  - c. Women in all age divisions 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+ and 80+: Eleven (11) defensive players shall constitute a team.

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5. **Line-up cards**: Official line-up cards must be presented to the opposing manager and scorekeeper 10 minutes prior to game time. Tournament line-up cards will be furnished to all team managers. Name of player, number and position must be indicated on line-up card.
6. **Scorekeeping**: Score will be kept by official umpires on a game card. At the completion of each game, both coaches will be required to sign the game card.
7. **Batting Line Up**: A Team can bat the allowed number of players or the ability to bat any number of players that are available. This must be declared prior to the beginning of the game and indicated on the line-up card.
8. **Runs per inning**: For all pool play there shall be a five (5) run per inning rule, with unlimited runs allowed in the seventh or final inning. For double elimination play in skill divisions III and II there shall be a five (5) run per inning rule, with unlimited runs allowed in the seventh or final inning. For double elimination play in the Div. I skill division there shall be a seven (7) run per inning rule, with unlimited runs allowed in the seventh or final inning.
9. **Mercy rule**: A mercy rule will be in effect for all games. The rule shall be 20 runs after four innings and 15 runs after five innings, or any time a team may not mathematically score enough runs to stay in the game, ending the game.
10. **Homerun rule**: The homerun rule will be based on skill division and shall be utilized in pool play (round robin) and double elimination play. The first ball hit over the fence will count as a home run. Subsequent balls hit over the fence by the same team will count as singles until the opposing team has hit a ball over the fence (homerun). Base runners may only advance one base per single over the fence. This rule shall continue throughout the entire game. During pool play, all teams, regardless of skill division, will only be allowed 3 home runs, after which, all home runs will be an out. During bracket play, teams will be allowed the following number of home runs based on their skill division before subsequent home runs are considered an out:
  - a. Division 1: 6 home runs
  - b. Division 2: 3 home runs
  - c. Division 3: 1 home run
11. **Time Limit**: The length of a game will be seven innings or 65 minutes for pool play (round robin) and double elimination games. After 65 minutes, the umpire shall announce that teams will finish the current inning and play one more. The last inning shall be played with unlimited runs. This rule is designed to allow 1 hour and 10 minutes for a game, which is ample time to play 7 innings. The time limit for championship / medal games will be 70 minutes. Tie games after seven innings or at the end of regulation time will continue until one team is ahead after the completion of any subsequent inning using the International tie-breaker rule.
12. **Base Overrun**: Women age divisions 70+ and 75+ and 80+ can run through 2nd and 3rd base without the possibility of being tagged out unless an attempt is made or a turn toward the next base is indicated.
13. **Courtesy runner**: An unlimited number of courtesy runners may be used per inning. A player may only be used as a courtesy runner once per inning (except Women 70+, 75+ and 80+ which a player can be a courtesy runner as many times as needed per inning). A courtesy runner may not be replaced by another courtesy runner except for injury causing removal of the original courtesy runner permanently from the game. A courtesy runner on base when it is his/her turn at bat will be declared out as the runner. Another courtesy runner may not be used to circumvent this rule.
14. **Team clothing**: Must be of like design and color. An Arabic whole number (0-99) of contrasting color, or outlined in contrasting color, at least 6 inches high must be visible on the back of uniform shirts. No players on the same team may wear identical numbers. Sponsors may be added to jersey but cannot interfere with number placement. Uniforms shall be free of inappropriate symbols or wording.
15. **Pitching Mask**: All pitchers are encouraged to wear a defensive face mask while pitching in all games. Pitching masks may become mandatory under the advisement of NSGA and SSUSA.

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16. **Legal Pitching Height:** The ball must be delivered with perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6' (feet) from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum height of 12' (feet) from the ground.
17. **Official Softball:** The men's divisions will play 12-inch slow pitch (.44 core and a compression rating of no more than 375 psi). The women's divisions will play 11-inch slow pitch (.47 core and a compression rating of no more than 525 psi).
18. **Bat Rules:** All bats with a BPF of 1.21 or less will be legal for play. All bats used in play must be stamped with a BPF of 1.21 or less, and must have either a manufacturer installed non-slip grip surface, or a minimum of one wrap of tape. Bats without the BPF stamped on the bat will be considered illegal. All bats models approved for senior play by ISA, ISSA, SPA and SS-USA will be allowed for tournament play in NSGA.
19. **Field Dimensions:** State qualifying games and the 2027 National Senior Games will utilize a double first base, second home plate, 30-foot commitment line between third base and home plate and a 6-foot pitching box. Base paths will be 70 feet for men's age divisions 50 to 65+; 65 feet for men's 70+ and women's 50-70+ age divisions; and 60 feet for women's 75+ age divisions. The outfield fence distance will be 300' for all men's age divisions and women's age divisions 50-69, and will be 225' for all women's age divisions 70+. NSGA reserves the right to adjust fields and base paths based on entry numbers, facility restrictions, skill levels or other circumstances.