



SENIOR WOMEN'S SOFTBALL PROGRAM AND IT'S PROGRESSION

By Connie Stewart, SSWC Women's Coordinator

Sitting here watching the Little League World Series I am amazed to think about the changes the sport of baseball/softball has taken over the years. We have transitioned from having the sport being dominated by males to actually seeing little girls on teams in the Little League World Series. Our society has finally transitioned to the point that we now have 70-year-old ladies on the field playing softball!

Not just one or two ladies but entire teams of ladies!

What amazing me the most is the amount of women softball teams expressing interest in the sport. As the Senior Softball World Championship (SSWC) Women's Coordinator I receive daily emails and phone calls from team managers and players that had **NO** idea Senior Softball existed for women.

"YES LADIES" we do exist!

Currently across the United States and Canada we have approximately 170 – 200 Senior Women's teams, ranging in 5-year increments from our 50 division teams up to our 70 year old divisions. With at least 5 senior organizations/associations, there are at least 2-3 tournaments a month that these teams can participate in.

Don't let the words "Senior Softball" fool you either. These ladies are playing extremely competitive softball while at the same time getting great exercise, which allows them to continue to live a long and more productive life. They travel with their teams from state-to-state enjoying meeting new friends and the camaraderie of their already found friends and their senior softball family.

The biggest growth we are experiencing is the new developed "Masters" division. This is a division for 40-year-old ladies not yet willing to give up playing, but not wanting to continue to play with the younger group of gals. These ladies are our future seniors. They now have the opportunity to continue to play together as a team throughout their Golden Years!

Raised in a family with three brothers, my mother, to this day, continues to tell me that women aren't supposed to play "boy sports". Call me the Rebel, but in my position as the SSWC Women's Coordinator one of my main goals is the continuous growth of the women's program. If you are interested in our Senior Program or would like to start a team, please call me or email me. I will be happy to help you in any way possible.

Support the Senior Women's Softball Program.....who knows maybe someday little Katie Reyes off the Canada Little League team will be playing Senior Softball Too!

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