

The International Senior Softball Association (ISSA) is a not-for-profit corporation organized in 1994 by experienced softball administrators to provide the senior players a voice in the sport and the opportunity to participate in and experience the highest quality world-class tournaments. The ISSA is an Allied Member of USA Softball, the National Governing Body for the sport of softball. ISSA Executive Director, RB Thomas, Jr. is also the Director of Senior Softball for the World Baseball Softball Confederation and has annually conducted the WBSC Senior World Cup since 2002. Today the ISSA conducts over twenty senior softball tournaments throughout the United States and seeks to partner with new jurisdictions to expand their tournament program to new and exciting venues that meet the expectations of the players and other participants.. The mission of the ISSA is to:

- 1. establish national and international goals for senior softball activities and encourage the attainment of those goals;
- 2. coordinate and develop amateur senior softball activity to foster productive working relationships among other senior softball organizations;
- 3. promote and encourage physical fitness and public participation in senior athletic activities;
- 4. assist organizations and persons concerned with senior sports in the development of amateur athletic programs and other events that foster the special comradery among seniors;
- 5. provide for swift resolutions of conflicts and disputes involving amateur athletes, and protect the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in senior amateur athletic competition;
- 6. foster the development of amateur athletic facilities for use by amateur athletes and assist in making existing amateur athletic facilities available for use by senior softball.
  - 7. provide and coordinate technical information on physical training, equipment design,

coaching, and performance analysis;

- 8. encourage and support research, development, and dissemination of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety.
  - 9. encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletic activities for senior women;
  - 10. provide world class competition for senior softball.

If we can be of assistance to you concerning senior softball issues, please do not hesitate to let us help.

The ISSA Tournament Program promises to provide exciting events again this year. Our staff is busy working on our expanded tournament program in order to address player requests and bring more ISSA events for the teams who have experienced our tournaments over the years. Our staff is available to assist you with any details and our new website will provide updated news about senior softball. Best wishes for a great season and we look forward to seeing all in the coming months.

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